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## ISRAEL STRIKES BACK

By Dan Baron, JTF

This week's Israeli airstrike on an alleged Islamic Jihad training camp near Damascus, which followed the group's deadly suicide bombing in Haifa, was a sign to the Arab world that Israel will not be constrained by borders when it comes to the war on terrorism.

Israel's attack came hours before the 30th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War, when the Jewish state was blindsided by Syria and Egypt.

Combined with Israel's anti-terror operations in the West Bank and Gaza and the construction of the security fence, the strike against terrorist camps in Syria appears to show that Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is not willing to restrict Israel's military operations to reap the benefits of diplomatic restraint.

Sunday's strike was also a message to Syria, which has offered support to Palestinian terrorist groups and is on the U.S. State Department's list of terrorist-sponsoring nations.

The strike, Sharon spokesman Ra'anana Gissin said, "was a very clear, focused message" to Syria to "start dismantling the terror organizations that operate from its territory," Reuters reported.

Saturday's bombing that prompted the strike killed 19 people in Haifa, including several children, and wounded 45.

In an echo of President Bush's warning to state supporters of terrorists following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States, Israeli government spokesman Avi Pazner said, "Any country who harbors terrorism, who trains, supports and encourages them, will be responsible to answer for their actions," Ha'aretz reported.

In his reaction to the airstrike, Bush appeared to agree with that message.

In a telephone call with Sharon,

the president said, "I made it very clear to the prime minister, like I have consistently done, that Israel's got a right to defend herself, that Israel must not feel constrained in defending the homeland."

Bush reiterated those sentiments in a news conference on Tuesday, saying he also told Sharon to consider the consequences of Israel's actions and to avoid taking actions that could escalate tensions in the region.

Elsewhere in the world, responses to Israel's action were less understanding.

Syria called the first Israeli attack deep inside its territory in almost three decades a "grave escalation."

The country's foreign minister, Farouk al-Sharaa, said Syria would not respond militarily to the attack. Instead, Syria introduced a draft U.N. Security Council resolution condemning the air raid as a violation of international law.

The Arab world echoed Syria's sentiments, warning that Israel's strike could widen the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and roil the Arab world.

European members of the U.N. Security Council also condemned Israel's strike as illegal or unnecessary; many of them also denounced Saturday's suicide bombing in Haifa.

In an apparent effort to minimize the affront to Syrian President Bashar Assad, Israeli government spokesmen emphasized that the target inside Syrian territory was Palestinian and came strictly to "send a message" following Islamic Jihad's suicide bombing a Haifa restaurant.

The relative small number of casualties resulting from the strike — and total lack of deaths — were likely to temper any negative diplomatic consequences of the attack.

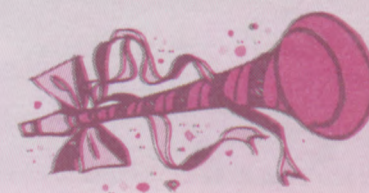
Jerusalem probably will not suffer too much diplomatic fallout as a result of its strike in Syria.

## WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY KICK-OFF A SUCCESS

Arna Poupko Fisher, a noted lecturer and faculty member for the Wexner Heritage Foundation/Wexner Graduate Fellows program, encouraged the audience of over 75 people to "live every moment as if we have the capacity

to change reality" during the recent Women's Philanthropy Kick-off event at the Doubletree Hotel. Ms. Fisher discussed Jewish women's unique vision over history and addressed ways that women can make a difference in

the community. Guest speaker Gail Norry, National Young Leadership Co-Chair and past Women's Division Campaign Chair from Philadelphia, discussed how "all Jews are responsible each for the other" (*Talmud, Shavuot*).



In recent months, the U.S. State Department has stepped up pressure on Assad to curtail the activities of terrorist groups operating inside Syria and

headquartered in Damascus, but to no avail. Washington also is unlikely to be impressed with Islamic Jihad's denial that Israel's target was one of its training camps.

The United States indicated it would veto any U.N. resolution condemning Israel's raid of the camp.

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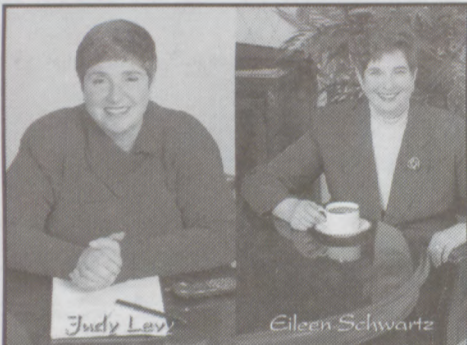
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# EDITORIAL

## Women of Valor

*Woman of Valor, Who Can Find? She is worth far more than rubies ... she opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy ... give her the reward she has earned and let her words bring her praise ...* — Proverbs 31

The Delaware Jewish community truly is blessed to have many Women of Valor in key leadership roles. In this edition of the Jewish Voice we profile many women who have distinguished themselves for their accomplishments in the fields of communal service, education, business and the arts.

Often, these women juggle a myriad of commitments to home, family, community and professions with enviable grace and style. In this, our first edition of the Jewish new Year, we begin a series of profiles of area women who are making a difference in our community. We hope you'll enjoy the premiere piece in this series which appears on page 8.

Throughout 5764 resolve to say *Todah Rabah* to the following female staff and lay leadership of our Federation agencies: Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Head of School at Albert

Einstein Academy; Principal Marlene Milunsky and President Dr. Robin Karol-Eng at Delaware Gratz; Dory Zatuchni, Executive Director and Jill Flambaum, President of Jewish Family Service; Miriam Edell, Esq., President and Karen Friedman, Executive Director of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home and Susan Detwiler, Executive Director of Hillel at the University of Delaware. At the Jewish Community Center and the Newark Jewish Community Campus, women are at the forefront of innovative programming initiatives.

Yasher Koach to the many women who devote time, talent and energies to area synagogues and communal organizations. Your contributions have made this community a vibrant center of Jewish life!

Shabbat Shalom,

*Lynn B. Edelman*

Lynn B. Edelman

## Photo Of The Week



**Yossi Ludmir, left, sorts etrogs with Israeli Arab workers from Baka al-Garbiyeh for Sukkot on one of his orchards near Kfar Saba. Ludmir enterprises exports 100,000 etrogs to the United States each year for Sukkot.**

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## PARSHA PLACE

Week of October 11

Sukkot

Leviticus 23:33

BY NESANEL SAFRAN

Some people may be better at some things than others but it doesn't make them better people. Only all of us together can make the Jewish people complete.

One of the important lessons of Sukkot is tolerance — that it takes all of kinds of Jews to make a complete nation of Israel.

On Sukkot we celebrate how, after God rescued us from slavery in Egypt, He protected us in the harsh desert with special clouds. We remember this miracle by building beautifully-decorated huts, where for one whole week we eat our meals and even sleep (weather permitting).

Also we put together and wave special bundles made from four specific types of trees. Three of these — the *etrog* (citron), *lulav* (date-palm), and *hadass* (myrtle) — come from trees that produce either a sweet smell, a delicious fruit, or both. These represent those Jews who study the Torah, do good deeds, or both.

But the fourth branch is from the *aravah* (willow tree), which has neither a pleasant fragrance nor a fruit. This branch stands for the Jew who neither does good deeds nor studies Torah. Yet if we leave this branch out, the bundle is considered incomplete and we can't fulfill the mitzvah of shaking it.

This teaches us that God wants the Jewish people to "bundle" themselves together and all get along. Even those among us who seem, like the willow, to have nothing going for them, are important and beloved by God. And while some people may be better at some things than others, it doesn't make them better people. Only all of us together can make the Jewish people complete.

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## Myths and Facts

**MYTH:** "The Arab states have always welcomed the Palestinians and done their best to resettle them."

**FACT:** Jordan was the only Arab country to welcome the Palestinians and grant them citizenship (to this day Jordan is the only Arab country where Palestinians as a group can become citizens). King Abdullah considered the Palestinian Arabs and Jordanians one people. By 1950, he annexed the West Bank and forbade the use of the term Palestine in official documents (Speech to Parliament, April 24, 1950, King Abdullah, My Memoirs Completed, London: Longman Group, Ltd., 1978, p. 13; Aaron Miller, The Arab States and the Palestine Question, DC: Center for Strategic and International Studies, 1986, p. 29).

Although demographic figures indicated ample room for settlement existed in Syria, Damascus refused to consider accepting any refugees, except those who might refuse repatriation. Syria also declined to resettle 85,000 refugees in 1952-54, though it had been offered international funds to pay for the project. Iraq was also expected to accept a large number of refugees, but proved unwilling. Lebanon insisted it had no room for the Palestinians. In 1950, the UN tried to resettle 150,000 refugees from Gaza in Libya, but was rebuffed by Egypt.

After the 1948 war, Egypt controlled the Gaza Strip and its more than 200,000 inhabitants, but refused to allow the Palestinians into Egypt or permit them to move elsewhere. Egypt's handling of Palestinians in Gaza was so bad Saudi Arabian radio compared Nasser regime in Gaza to Hitler's rule in occupied Europe in World War II (Isi Liebler, The Case For Israel, Australia: The Globe Press, 1972, p. 43).

In 1952, the UNWRA set up a fund of \$200 million to provide homes and jobs for the refugees, but it went untouched.

Little has changed in succeeding years. Arab governments have frequently offered jobs, housing, land and other benefits to Arabs and non-Arabs, excluding Palestinians. For example, Saudi Arabia chose not to use unemployed Palestinian refugees to alleviate its labor shortage in the late 1970's and early 1980's. Instead, thousands of South Koreans and other Asians were recruited to fill jobs.

"The Arab States do not want to solve the refugee problem. They want to keep it as an open sore, as an affront to the United Nations and as a weapon against Israel. Arab leaders don't give a damn whether the refugees live or die."

Source: Myths & Facts Online — A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict by Mitchell G. Bard, <http://www.JewishVirtualLibrary.org>. This column is presented as a public service by the Hasbara Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Jewish Voice.

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## FEDERATION FOCUS

# Israel advocate to staff key Federation initiative



**Jack Zigon**

Jack Zigon joined Jewish Federation of Delaware as Director of Jewish Community Relations and Planning on October 1st. Jack has spent all of his volunteer time for the past 12 years serving the Jewish community, but recently decided to make it his full-time career.

When he wasn't volunteering, he

ran his own management consulting and publishing business for 17 years which specialized in methods for gauging the performance of hard-to-measure employees like research scientists, design engineers and graphic artists. This led to three published books, several national awards and dozens of Fortune-1000 clients. Despite his demonstrated success over two decades in business, he wanted to change tracks and find a more meaningful career challenge.

The Board of Directors for Congregation Ohev Shalom in nearby Wallingford, PA afforded him one outlet for his desire to serve others. After serving as Chair of the Conservative synagogue's Fundraising Committee, he was asked to become an officer – a 10 year commitment working his way through two-year terms in three levels of Vice Presidents, President and finally Immediate Past President. He's in the last year of that progression and continues as a member of the

Executive Committee. In addition he serves as designer and webmaster for the Conservative synagogue's website at <http://ohev.net>.

Jack and his wife, Sherry are no strangers to the dynamics of a community Federation. The couple co-chaired the Delaware County (Pennsylvania) Super Sunday fundraising effort for two-years.

However Jack's true passion is Israel and her fight for survival and peace in the Middle East. He founded an Israel Advocacy forum for his congregation which scans both local media as well as online newspapers looking for anti-Israel bias. They coordinate their letter writing campaigns with a worldwide network of members from CAMERA (The Committee for Accuracy in Mid-East Reporting) to help educate the media and lobby for an unbiased presentation of Israel's viewpoints.

He helped lead a delegation to last April's Israel Solidarity Rally in

Washington, DC. Being a part of the 100,000-strong group was one of the highlights of his Israel Advocacy efforts.

If a journey truly begins with a single step, then Jack's circuitous path towards a career in Jewish communal service began with a 1991 Federation Mission to Israel. He was overwhelmed by the emotional connections he made with Eretz Israel during this visit. The view of Jerusalem at sunset as the bus rolled to a stop brought tears of joy to his eyes and fueled a desire to work for her future strength and security.

This November he will renew his ties to the land and people of Israel as a participant on the mission from Delaware and Southern New Jersey. In addition to visiting Arad, Delaware's Partnership 2000 community, he'll be attending the General Assembly in Jerusalem with thousands of other Jews committed to community service from all over the globe.

Jack hopes to contribute to Community Relations at Delaware Federation by strengthening its Hasbara Committee's work in both media monitoring as well as outreach through a Speaker's Bureau. He'll also be continuing JCRC efforts to help change Delaware's Primary voting date from Shabbat to Tuesday.

His responsibilities also will include working with the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee and the Community Planning efforts to increase Delaware Educators' awareness of the Holocaust. He also hopes to explore ways to utilize Federation programming and resources to better serve the area's Jewish Community.

Jack looks forward to meeting the community and wants to hear any ideas and suggestions from Jewish Voice readers. You can reach him by phone at (302) 427-2100 X 30 or by email at [jack.zigon@shalomdel.org](mailto:jack.zigon@shalomdel.org).

## JFD Endowment awards college scholarships

Over the last two months, the Jewish Fund for the Future, the Jewish Federation of Delaware's endowment fund, awarded \$26,982 in scholarships to 20 students. The funds, made possible through the Joseph and Marion Greenbaum Scholarship Fund, were awarded to college students studying in the United States and Israel. The Greenbaum Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for Delaware area students that meet the program's guidelines. Students studying in Israel may be eligible for a scholarship of \$1,250 a semester/maximum \$2,500 for a full year. College students pursuing undergraduate course work in Jewish Studies may be eligible for \$83 per credit hour. Students that have completed 80 credits at Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School or completed a full-day Jewish high school, such as Akiba Hebrew Academy may be eligible for \$625 a year. The next scholarship application deadline is December 1, 2003 for the Spring/Summer Semester. Applications and guidelines are available from the Jewish Fund for the Future; please contact Jennifer Young, Endowment Director, at 302-427-2100 x 19.

### Esther Sherman McDonald Fund for Israel Awards Three Grants

The Esther Sherman McDonald Fund for Israel, an endowment fund of the Jewish Fund for the Future, awarded grants to support three projects benefiting immigrant children in Israel. This year the fund will support two important projects in Arad/Tamar, our Partnership 2000 area: a summer camp for Ethiopian children and a supplemental educational program for Ethiopian children in grades 3-6.

"The Federation's contribution

towards Midreshet Bet Shemesh's summer camp for Ethiopian youth enabled the camp to provide a varied and enriching program, including a number of trips each week to various sites around the country or to a nearby pool. The 65 children who participated this summer would not have been able to visit these places otherwise," commented Ilan Geal-Dor, Chairman, Midreshet Bet Shemesh, The Center for Jewish Values. The Esther Sherman McDonald Fund provided grants to the summer camp in summer 2002 and 2003.

The Lev "to succeed and

more" program for Ethiopian children in Arad, improves scholastic achievements of children of ethnic Ethiopian families, provides enriching activities on Jewish culture and heritage, develops children's personal capabilities, and increases social and scholastic integration of Ethiopian children and veteran Israeli students. Funding from the McDonald Fund will provide a supplementary class targeting 65-70 students in grades 3-6. The program starts this fall.

The McDonald Fund also made a grant to the Afternoon Clubhouse for New Immigrants from Ethiopia and the Former

Soviet Union, a project of ALON. The clubhouse's goal is to socially and educationally assist children from very underprivileged families. The clubhouse provides the children with much-needed support and enables both parents to work, thus raising the level of their income. ALON is a social involvement organization, which is committed to narrowing the socioeconomic gaps in Israel's multi-cultural society. ALON currently implements educational projects in 20 locations throughout Israel, through which it significantly assists approximately 5,000 children and youth.



### Jewish Fund for the Future

The Esther Sherman McDonald Fund designates that grants fund projects for children of immigrant families. If you would like more information about funding any of the projects above, or would like to explore establishing an endowment fund to support areas of your interest, please call Jennifer Young at 302-427-2100 ext. 19. A gift to the Jewish Fund for the Future continues your philanthropic intent in perpetuity.

## Moving from Taxation to Tzedakah



**Todd Polikoff**  
Campaign Director

As a child I remember my parents taking me to Shabbat services. My father would point out the Tzedakah box that sat in a distant corner of the lobby. He told me that I should give Tzedakah anonymously and that it was a great Mitzvah. He also said that it was an investment. As a child I could not understand why someone

would put money in a box and not expect to get anything in return. At least a pack of baseball cards! I felt that I was being force to pay some sort of tax for being Jewish.

As a teen I went on to participate in my local youth group and loved spending countless Super Sundays running with pledge cards and drinks for volunteers. In college I served on my Hillel board and always had a place to go for high-holiday services. After graduation I traveled and eventually lived in Israel. Many of my greatest memories have come from my involvement with the Jewish Community.

Now that I am a bit older and have some perspective I understand the lesson that my father was teaching me. The money that I was placing in the Tzedakah box was an investment in my future and the future of my community. Many of my life experiences have been a result of my and other people's commitment to Tzedakah. I was not being taxed; I was being given the opportunity to ensure a

Jewish life for myself.

Some view the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign as I once viewed my father's concept of Tzedakah... as taxation. Unlike taxes, the Federation does not annual asses members of the community or penalizes you for not giving a portion of your earnings. Instead the Federation will remind you of the experiences that you have had in your life and identify the ones that have come as a result

of your connection to the Jewish Community. We will offer you the opportunity that my father offered me, to make an investment in the future. In the coming year I hope that you will choose to invest in our community.

Please contact Todd S. Polikoff (302)427-2100 ext. 16 or [todd@shalomdel.org](mailto:todd@shalomdel.org) for further information on the Jewish Federation of Delaware Annual Campaign.

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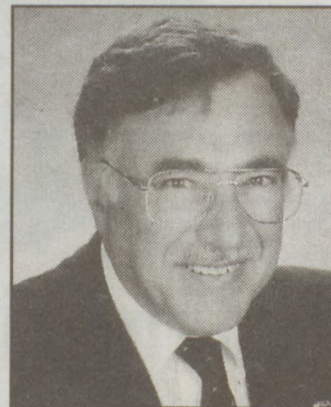


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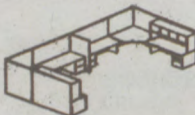
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## INSIDE DELAWARE

# Beth Shalom to honor Gladys Ariff and Martin Karel

By Marvin S. Cytron

On Sunday, October 19th, Congregation Beth Shalom, as part of the *Simhat Torah* celebration, will honor two members as *hattan* (groom) and *kallah* (bride) of the *Torah*. For a number of years the congregation has used this festival to honor members that have made significant personal commitment to the synagogue and community.

**Gladys Ariff (nee Roda)** was born in Philadelphia, attended the Mikveh Israel Hebrew School, Gratz Hebrew High School and is a graduate of Simon Gratz High School and the Drexel Institute of Technology where she majored in Library Science. She has been married to native Delawarean, Morris Ariff, for 51 years and last year celebrated their *Golden Anniversary* at Beth Shalom.

Morris is the noted Wilmington photographer and Gladys worked with Morris in their studio for many years. Three children and seven grandchildren living across the country keep the Ariffs traveling. Louis Ariff, a retired U.S. Army Lt. Colonel, residing in Atlanta. Michael Ariff a decontamination expert residing in California and Michele Rudnick a successful mother of four. All of the children attended Beth Shalom Hebrew School and were confirmed at the synagogue. Gladys is an avid golfer, and serves as a leader of *Weight Watchers* to round out a busy and rewarding life. Her Beth Shalom and community activities include service on the Board of Directors and numerous committees. She is Past President of the *Shalom* group of Hadassah and is also a member of B'nai

B'rith. One of her many admirers often remark that "Gladys' trademark is the fashionable hats she wears to services."

**Martin Karel** was born in Baltimore and grew up in the Maryland suburbs of Washington D.C.. He is an Associate Professor of Mathematics at the Camden campus of Rutgers University. He and his wife, Karin, have lived in Wilmington since 1980 and have been members of Beth Shalom since 1987. They have three children: Irene (23), Alex (20) and Ben (16). All of their children attended the Beth Shalom Hebrew School and celebrated their Bar/Bat Mitzvot at Beth Shalom. This past June, Marty and Karin celebrated 31 years of marriage with renewal of their vows at Beth Shalom. Marty has served on the board and executive board of the

Albert Einstein Academy and as Secretary of the Beth Shalom Board. Karin currently serves as Secretary of the synagogue Board of Directors. Karin and Marty coordinated the Rabbi's *tish* on *Shabbat* mornings for the past three years, during which Marty presented the *D'var Torah* on several occasions. Marty serves as *gabbai*, and often chants *Torah* and *Haftarah* on both *Shabbat* and *Yom Tov*.

"Gladys is truly a delightful congregant and a devoted long time member of Beth Shalom. She cheerfully accepts responsibility, going beyond what is expected to complete a task. Gladys' High Holy Day and Festival "signature" for many years have been the lovely floral arrangements for our sanctuary. Marty has not only been a faithful attendee of *Shabbat*

morning services but regularly enhances the services with his chanting of much of the liturgy. "We owe both he and Karin a debt of gratitude for the planning and organization of the popular Rabbi's *Tish* these past years" said Dr. Steven Klein, Beth Shalom President.

In his book, *The Jewish Way, Living the Holidays*, Rabbi Irving Greenberg describes the special *aliyyot* (honor) for the *hattan* and *kallah* as one that "evokes the classical symbols of marriage and covenant to extol the faithfulness of the Jews to the *Torah*". Gladys and Marty will be escorted to the *bimah* under a *chuppah* and will be honored at a *kiddush*/luncheon following the 9:30 am services. The community is cordially invited to join the congregation in honoring Gladys and Marty.

## Annual Jewish Women's Gathering planned



Anita Jacobs

The Jewish Community Center will once again host the Ninth Annual Jewish Women's Gathering to be held on Thursday, November

6. There will be an organization information session held at 6:45 p.m., followed by a dairy buffet dinner and the program at 7:00 p.m.

The year's event will feature Anita Jacobs, Ph.D., who serves as, President of the National Center for Effective Speaking, Melton Senior Educator Fellow, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Internet radio and talk show host. She will be discussing her book "Portraits of Passion", Visions and Values of American-Israeli Women. It is an inspiring story of 21 women who pursued their dreams, emigrating from America to Israel, transforming themselves and the people and society around them in the process. Coming from diverse walks of life, these apparently ordinary women chose to leave the comfort of

America to embrace the challenges of living in the Middle East's only democracy.

The cost for the buffet dinner and program is \$14 per person or you can become an event patron at the cost of \$22 per person. Registration received after October 31 is subject to space availability

and the cost is \$20 per person.

This program is being sponsored by Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth, Albert Einstein Academy, Congregation Beth Emeth, Congregation Beth Shalom, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Hillel at the University of Delaware, JCC Wilmington and

Newark, Jewish Family Service of Delaware, Jewish Federation of Delaware, The Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, National Council for Jewish Women, Temple Beth El, Wilmington Hadassah and Women's American ORT. For more information, contact Ivy Harlev at (302) 478-5660.

## Hosansky keynotes author series at the JCC



Anne Hosansky

Anne Hosansky will present her book, "Turning Toward Tomorrow," *Victories Over Loss*,

on Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center in North Wilmington.

When Anne Hosansky's husband, Mel, died just weeks before their 40th Wedding Anniversary, she was gripped by grief and loneliness. That was 13 years ago and she has never quite gotten over her grief. But today, she has learned to face her new life as a single woman with a sense of humor and independence that she never imagined possible in the months after her husband's death.

In "Turning Toward Tomorrow," she reveals the experiences of others who have done the same. The book includes the stories of young children who have lost a parent, gay and lesbian lovers who have lost partners and the grief and

guilt felt by the unmarried or divorced as well as those widowed after a long traditional marriage. Although "Turning Toward Tomorrow" is not a how-to-book, it explores the ways in which survivors of loss work through their feelings and move onto make new lives for themselves, and even in many cases form new relationships.

Admission is only \$5.00 per person. Refreshments will be served. Reservations are required at the JCC Front Desk no later than November 10.

This program is being co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service of Delaware and the Jewish Great Books Discussion Group. For more information, contact Ivy Harlev at (302) 478-5660.

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For more information contact Mark Wagman at 475-8351.

## Begleiter comes to Beth Shalom

Professor Ralph Begleiter, former CNN World Affairs Correspondent and current Rosenberg Professor of Communication and Journalism in Residence at the University of Delaware will kick off the new speaker series at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington. Professor Begleiter's topic for the Sunday, November 2nd brunch program is

"The U.S. and the Middle East: Where Do We Go From Here?"

Professor Begleiter, who also serves as director of the University of Delaware's Global Agenda speaker series, brings more than 30 years of broadcast journalism experience to classrooms for students who are interested in international affairs and broadcast journalism. During his distinguished career, he has trav-

eled almost two million miles to 91 nations in the company of United States Presidents and Secretaries of State.

Prior to the 10a.m. brunch program, Beth Shalom will rededicate the Kane Chapel. For additional information, please call the synagogue office at 654-4462. Reservations are suggested by October 27th.



# WOMEN LEAD THE WAY

## Meet Ginger Weiss

By Lynn B. Edelman, Editor

Brooklyn, New York native Ginger Weiss loves being a part of the Delaware Jewish community. She cherishes the close friendships she has made and the many concrete skills she has acquired in her work with such organizations as B'nai B'rith, Hadassah and National Council of Jewish



Ginger Weiss

Women. Involvement in these groups helped her to become connected to the community she moved to with her former husband, Dan Weiss in 1968.

Fresh from her student teaching experience in New York's Spanish Harlem, she accepted a position as an elementary school teacher in the Wilmington Public School system. She worked there for three years until the birth of the couple's eldest child, a son, Douglas.

Two daughters, Wendy and Debbie, joined the family in short order, putting Ginger's professional life on temporary hold.

During her hiatus from teaching, she found fulfillment in managing Dan Weiss's successful campaigns for the State Senate. "I discovered that I had a real talent for motivating people and rallying them to our cause," she said. The experience broadened her circle of friends and gave her the confidence to expand her career horizons.

A few of her colleagues from NCJW decided to parlay their skills in planning programs into a new business venture. They formed The Planners, and provided meeting planning services to non-profit organizations. The business was successful for three years until the illness of one of the founding partners forced its dissolution.

As her children grew older, Ginger decided that the time was right to get back on track with her career. She sought a position that would combine her teaching talents with the people skills she honed in her work with Jewish communal organizations. A blind ad in the classified section of the News Journal caught her attention—"Stymied and looking for flexible hours?" Her initial interview with the Human Resource manager at Rockwell Associates, a firm that focuses on life insurance and disability planning, has led to a rewarding career that has spanned more than two decades.

Despite her career demands, Ginger finds time to serve on the board of directors of the Jewish Fund for the Future, the endowment arm of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. She is currently working with Endowment Director Jennifer Young on programming for Lion of Judah, a group of women who make a minimum gift of \$5,000 to the Federation Annual Campaign.

Ginger vows that she will never become too busy to volunteer her time to Jewish organizations. "Being a part of the Jewish community is very important to me," she concluded.

*Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles profiling women who are making a difference in our Delaware Jewish community.*



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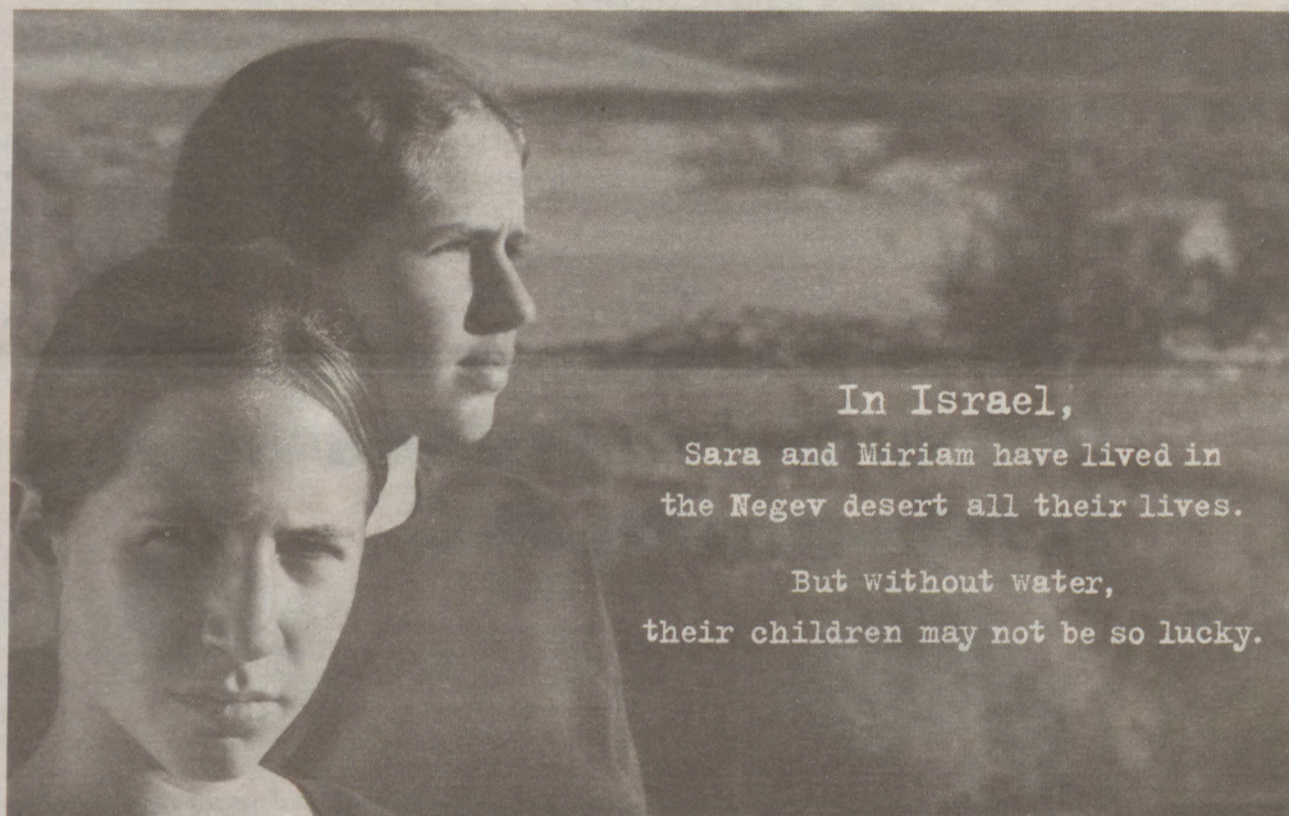
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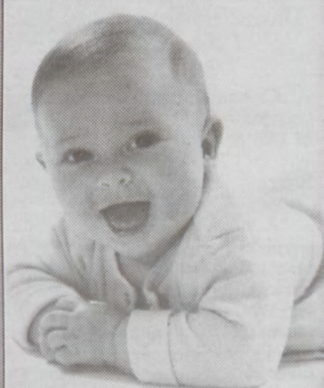


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## AROUND OUR JEWISH WORLD

### Prague shul reopens after floods

By Magnus Bennett, JTA

Prague's world famous Pinkas synagogue has reopened following one of the most arduous and complex renovation projects ever undertaken by the city's Jewish community.

The synagogue, which is one of the best-preserved sites in Prague's former Jewish town, was seriously damaged in August 2002 when water surged through underground channels from the nearby Vltava River during extensive flooding in the Czech Republic.

Local Jewish officials found the entranceway of the shul flooded with contaminated ground water and mud, with water levels reaching more than 4 feet above the ground floor.

The water also destroyed electric underfloor heating and thermal insulation and damaged artificial marble around the shul's bimah and ark.

The Jewish Museum, which administers the shul, was particularly worried about the structural integrity of the building and the fate of nearly 80,000 names of

Czech Holocaust victims hand-painted on the building's walls.

Museum officials decided to form a team of specialists — including a climatologist, microbiologist, chemist, structural engineer, paint restorer, hydro-geologist and stone restorer — to examine and restore the building.

"It was complicated work because of the geology of the area around the synagogue," Jewish museum historian Arno Parik said, adding that underground springs had damaged the building's structure over time.

Museum staff carried out initial restoration work immediately after the floodwaters drained away, cleaning the building with special chemical solutions to prevent mold.

The team of experts then strengthened the shul's structure with prestressed steel rods, treating individual structural cracks while gradually reducing dampness in the synagogue through artificial condensation. The team also had to maintain constant air circulation and a stable temperature to limit further deterioration.

Despite all efforts to protect the inscribed names, however, experts found that about 1,500 names were beyond repair. Work on reinscribing them will start in October and should be completed by next April.

The \$285,000 bill for all the renovation work was covered largely by insurance and donations from a number of Czech and foreign institutions, and from international Jewish and non-Jewish organizations.

"The synagogue is symbolic because there are 350 years of Prague's history here," said Parik during a press briefing at the synagogue, which reopened Tuesday. "The reopening of the Pinkas synagogue is important for those young people who are descendants of those who died in the Holocaust and for the many people from around the world who want to come and see the names."

Michaela Hajkova, curator of the Jewish Museum's Visual Art Collection, welcomed the reopening of the shul but said the worst was not necessarily over.

"We will still have to monitor



The interior of Prague's restored Pinkas synagogue, Monday, September 29, 2003. Credit: Magnus Bennett/JTA

the situation," she said. "We don't know what climatic changes will take place in the winter when it starts to freeze. We will have to watch whether the cold causes cracking in the walls."

Also on Tuesday, a permanent exhibition, "Children's Drawings

from Terezin, 1942-44," was returned to the Pinkas synagogue from the Jewish Museum collections. The exhibition features hundreds of original drawings by the thousands of children under 15 who were held in the Terezin ghetto during the World War II.

## Celebrating Rosh Hashanah in Saddam's palace

By Joe Berkofsky, JTA

When Rabbi Mitchell Ackerson blew the shofar this past Rosh Hashanah, it reverberated throughout one of Saddam Hussein's former palaces.

More than 100 Jewish members of the U.S. forces stationed in Iraq attended the High Holiday services at the former Iraqi dictator's Baghdad compound.

They seemed shocked and awed, not least by the echo.

"It was a 25-foot ceiling, so it really goes," Ackerson said, describing the shofar's blast in a telephone interview from Baghdad on Monday.

Many of the young Jews also "kept looking at all the marble, the gold, the fancy chairs," the rabbi said. "It was rather magnificent."

Then under a late afternoon sun, the group performed the customary Tashlich ceremony outside the palace, casting pieces of bread representing sins into a private lake once owned by the Iraqi dictator's sons, Uday and Qusay.

"It was a gorgeous setting," said Ackerson, who is from Baltimore. "It tells me we can actually put these places to good use."

For Jews serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, the High Holidays began on a sweetly ironic note: They made history by celebrating a new year in unusually elegant fashion, in the heart of Saddam's turf, which now serves as a U.S. military base.

As the senior rabbinic chaplain for the U.S. operation in Iraq, Ackerson said he wanted this High Holiday season to start with a spiritual bang for the estimated 500 Jews among the 130,000 U.S. troops in Iraq and Kuwait.

It seems to have worked.

"One sergeant told me it was the most meaningful Rosh Hashanah he's had in 20 years," Ackerson said of the palace services.

There were also services for Jewish service personnel in Tikrit, north of Baghdad, which drew some 50 people, and two services in Kuwait, where U.S. forces also are stationed.

American donors enhanced the holiday celebrations for the Jews serving in the Gulf.

Four American synagogues — three from New York, one from Maryland — donated four Torah scrolls, each insured for \$10,000, for the holiday events, which will include Yom Kippur and Sukkot services.

The Torahs capped a months-long civilian grass-roots effort dubbed "Operation Apples and Honey" by the Jewish Educators Network of New York.

The group also sent 1,200 kosher dinners and 800 bagel-and-lox lunches to the troops to complement their usual ready-to-eat meals, along with prayer books, books on Judaism and ritual objects such as kiddush cups.

Meredith Weiss, president of the Jewish Educators Network, said she decided to organize the aid effort after corresponding by e-mail with a Jewish Marine and was shocked to discover how many Jews serve in the U.S. armed forces.

"I decided that we need to take care of them," said Weiss, of Nanuet, N.Y.

Armed with the blessings of the Jewish Welfare Board's Jewish Chaplains Council, which oversees the military's rabbinic chaplaincy, Weiss began corresponding with Jewish troops, chaplains, U.S. pulpit rabbis and others.

One key request kept surfacing:

real Torahs rather than the standard-issue paper version.

"We had real sifrei Torah to use, and that had a tremendous impact on the soldiers," Ackerson said, using the Hebrew term for Torah scrolls.

"Many had never seen a real Torah scroll and they couldn't believe people would ship Torahs to Iraq for them to use."

After the Baghdad service, Ackerson said one soldier "asked me to send a note to his mother, saying he went to Baghdad for Rosh Hashanah — and he had an aliyah," the honor of being called up to recite the blessing before the Torah reading.

Rabbi Jacob Goldstein, chief chaplain of the New York National Guard, carried one of the Torahs along with Sukkot supplies with him to Kuwait, where he led services at Central Command in Doha, Qatar.

Other military chaplains leading services during the High Holidays include Rabbis Carlos Huerta, a former West Point chaplain, and David Goldstrom, based in Fort Hood, Texas.

Others pitched in. A Chabad center in Millburn, N.J., donated candlesticks and Stars of David chains. Children from an Orthodox synagogue in Palm Beach, Fla., sent cards and Sukkah decorations.

"No one said no to me," Weiss said.

Maj. David Rosner, a U.S. Marine who served in the first Gulf War in addition to the current conflict, said Jewish troops deeply appreciate such efforts.

Rosner, whose tour of duty ended in time for him to make it home for Rosh Hashanah, remembers attending Passover seders in Kuwait in April, which featured "the bare minimum of supplies: matzah, gefilte fish, and tuna

fish."

He called Weiss "a mitzvah meidele."

When the Jewish troops weren't attending discussion groups and reading books such as "The Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Survival Kit," Ackerson said they slept relatively comfortably in Saddam's former house.

But not all Jewish armed personnel made it to the holiday services. One Jewish GI who had planned to attend the Baghdad service on Rosh Hashanah was Spc. Matthew Boyer, 24, a member of the field artillery unit of the Army's 101st Airborne Division, 3rd Brigade, which is guarding oil fields north of the city.

But Boyer — who participated in the mission that hunted down Uday and Qusay — was called to a special mission instead. During that mission, a friend was fatally shot in the neck.

"Other than give him CPR and try to save him, there was nothing he could do," his mother, Judy Ledger of Atlanta, told JTA. "He's pretty distraught."

Ledger said her son, who managed to attend a recent Shabbat service by hitching a helicopter ride from his position, was unable to divulge many details of the raid on Saddam's sons.

"He was driving a Humvee, trying to duck low, with attack helicopters overhead and shooting all over the place," she said. "He said he was never so terrified in his life."

Others Jewish servicemen were able to come home, at least briefly, for the High Holidays.

Kayitz Finley, 21, a marine corporal from Los Angeles, is at home on 30 days' leave.

The son of ex-Marine Rabbi Mordecai Finley of Congregation

Ohr HaTorah in Los Angeles, the young Finley said he has encountered all kinds of hostilities in Iraq.

In his first of many firefights during the war, Finley recalled lying in a ditch and watching a rocket-propelled grenade fly over his head "so close you could see the engravings on it. But I wiped away all the fear, picked up my rifle and just went to work."

After the war, Finley was stationed in Hilal, 40 miles south of Baghdad, where he helped train police, repair basic services and visit schools.

Generally Iraqis welcomed the U.S. forces, he said, and he made a point of telling many of them he was a Jew who "put my life on the line to free their country."

Typically, he said, that declaration met a "sour" reception, with many Iraqis blanching and walking away or asking him to leave a house where he had been welcomed moments before.

Finley, who last April had held an impromptu seder in the former Iraqi secret police headquarters in Baghdad, said he asked one 35-year-old school teacher how he felt about Jews before divulging his identity. The teacher told him that the Koran taught him to kill Jews.

"So I showed him my dog tags," which identified him as Jewish, "and said, 'Here's my knife, do your mission, kill me! I was ready,'" Finley said, "but he couldn't."

Finley told the teacher that life is too short for such bigotry, before the man walked away. The teacher returned the next day, Finley said, and told the Jewish soldier "life's too short to hate."

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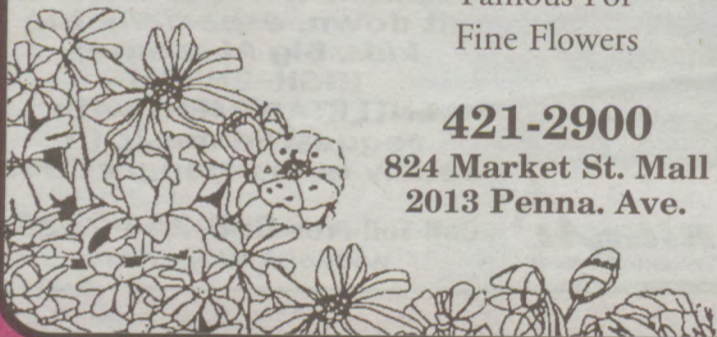
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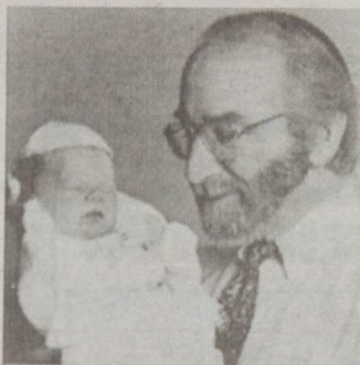
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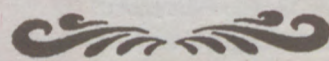


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# MATTER OF OPINION

## Striking Syria

By David Bedein

While the people of Israel were in the midst of preparations for the solemn fast of Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, this year's observance of Yom Kippur has been overshadowed by nostalgic memories of the Yom Kippur War. The Yom Kippur War occurred exactly thirty years ago, when Yom Kippur also fell on October 6th.

In the midst of the nostalgic strategic discussions from thirty years ago, Arab terrorists struck at a Haifa restaurant, while Arab terror groups based in Syria, funded by Saudi Arabia, took to the airwaves to take credit for the murder of 19 more Israeli citizens - five of whom were Israeli Arabs. In Israel, it is as if the Yom Kippur War occurred yesterday.

Debate continues to rage in the Israeli media as to whether Israel did the right thing by not abiding by the Moshe Dayan doctrine of carrying out a pre-emptive strike against enemy positions in the Arab countries, a policy that had been effect since the genesis of 1967 War. Who can forget the Israeli air strikes in 1967 that broke the Egyptian blockade of the Straits of Tiran? Or the air strikes against PLO training camps that followed the Munich Olympic massacre in

1972? Or the Israeli intelligence pursuit of Arab terrorists all over the world after the Munich attack?

This time, after a hiatus of 20 years, the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) invoked the dormant Dayan doctrine, as the Israeli Air Force struck the Ain Saheb Arab terror training base, 15 kilometers northwest of Damascus in Syria, on early Sunday, less than 24 hours after the Haifa attack.

The Canada-based *Middle East News Line* confirmed with Western intelligence sources that the Ain Saheb base has been used by Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine for training of their members.

It would seem that this is the first stage of the renewal of the dormant Dayan doctrine, which was in effect between 1967 and 1973: To hit Arab terrorists at the source of their support: in the neighboring Arab states who remain in a state of war with Israel since 1948.

Syria is the first target to be hit, and Saudi Arabia may be next in line.

Over the past two months, IDF intelligence has been declassifying and publicizing an unprecedented amount of data concerning the current conventional and non-conven-

tional military threat now being mounted by Saudi Arabia against the Jewish state.

Last week, the Israel Ministry of Public Security disclosed sensitive documents seized at the Palestinian Authority's Orient House two years ago that showed Saudi Arabia was officially offering financial incentives for the families of Palestinian Arab suicide bombers. The Saudi government gave \$25,000 to each family from special allocations distributed by the Palestinian Authority at the Orient House. Israel informed the U.S. government about the Saudi government's support for Palestinian terror groups back in April of 2002. However, at the request of the U.S. State Department, Israel had waited until now to disclose the documents to the public at large.

In terms of IDF Commander-in-Chief Moshe Ya'alon's shared data with the media, it contends that al-Qaeda tried to recruit Saudi pilots for attacks in Israel [from nearby Tabuk]. Israel has complained to the U.S. that the presence of the American-supplied jets at Tabuk contravene promises America has made over the years about how they would be deployed at the time that they were sold by the USA to the Saudis. The Saudis

have now said they will deploy the planes as they wish and America has so far opted to remain silent.

Ya'alon asserted that the al-Qaeda terrorist network tried to recruit Saudi Arabian Air Force pilots to carry out a suicide attack in Israel, similar to those carried out in the United States on September 11, 2001, using either F-15 jets or civilian aircraft. Speaking at a conference at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya, Ya'alon said, "Leadership, whether it's in Damascus or Hezbollah and Revolutionary Guard garrisons in Lebanon who support Palestinian terror cells here...should be held accountable. Ya'alon also stated that since the U.S.-led war in Iraq, "We are concerned by the deployment of Saudi planes in Tabuk, and from the information on al-Qaeda, and demand that the matter be investigated."

The Saudis confirmed Yaalon's assertion. "We do not have F-16s, but rather F-15s, stationed in Tabuk, and we will keep them there because they are deployed inside our territory," Prince Khaled said to the Saudi based Arab News Agency.

The U.S. intelligence community has made similar discoveries concerning Saudi Arabia's terror

involvement.

*Middle East News Line*, relying on CIA reports, noted that the Saudis have been named as a leading financier of the Sunni insurgency in Iraq. A CIA report on threats in Iraq has identified Iran, Saudi Arabia and Syria as the leading supporters of the Sunni insurgency against the U.S. military. The report asserted that the three countries have contributed insurgents and funding to a range of groups, including al-Qaeda and Hizbullah. The report was disclosed by Kurdish sources in Iraq to the London-based *Al Hayat* daily. *Al Hayat*, owned by members of the Saudi royal family, reported in August that the CIA report cites the activities of major Islamic insurgency groups in Iraq and their state sponsors. The CIA report marked the first time that Saudi Arabia was specifically identified as a supporter of the Sunni insurgency in Iraq.

It's about time that Israel took action against Syria. If Saudi Arabia continues its present course of action, military action may be necessary there next.

David Bedein is the Bureau Chief for the Israel Resource News Agency. This article originally appeared in the October 6th edition of *FrontPageMagazine.com*.

## Guests in Our Sukkah

By Carl Alpert

Sukkot is a family holiday, and it comes as light relief following the emotionally more demanding Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Those of us who are fortunate enough to be able to erect a sukkah and partake of our meals under the palm fronds, have the opportunity of additional experiences. According to a tradition known as "Ushpizin", we symbolically welcome major Biblical characters to join us in the sukkah. Thus, the names of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, and David are uttered in the welcoming prayer, but of course no one expects them to appear.

In our family, however, we have for many years made it a practice to extend the list to include other interesting personalities. These, too, may not be able to appear in person, but we can imagine interesting conversations with interesting people. This year, in addition to family, friends and neighbors, when we utter the traditional invitation, "Enter, exalted, holy guests," we shall include a number of others whom we have long wanted to meet.

Since the original Biblical septet are all males, we have always included one or more women in our list. And first, this year, will be Sonia Peres. Since her husband, Shimon, will undoubtedly be politically active on that evening, we offer her our hospitality. She has been distinguished by her

complete dissociation from her husband's public life, unlike the wives of other public figures. She did not even attend the gigantic party marking Shimon's 80th birthday, which drew personalities from all over the world. We should like to ask her: Does Shimon talk politics at home? Does he seek her advice? She is said to be a pleasant person, and we hope she will open up in the intimacy of our sukkah.

On another night of the holiday we plan to call on the spirit of Moshe Dayan. In recent weeks the country has been disturbed by what is supposed to be an expose of what went wrong with Israel's defenses when Egypt sprang the Yom Kippur War on us. Dayan was in the thick of things. What can he tell us? Were there warnings that were ignored? Did Golda Meir, then Prime Minister, respond as she should have? What does he have to say about charges that in order to avoid blame for acts and decisions that were his responsibility, he allowed the blame to be shifted on to others? The whole country is asking these and many similar questions. For the next night, another woman, but this time the wife of Yasser Arafat. While he is under a state of siege imposed by the Israeli army on the shattered buildings in Ramallah, she and their child are said to be living in comfort in Paris. Does she hear from him often? Does he ask about the child? There is talk that Israel may expel him and send

him abroad. Would she look forward to his joining her? Theirs was never considered a great romance. Perhaps she'll confide in us. We shall not ask her what she thinks of Israel. Her views are well known.

For a change of atmosphere, we plan to invite the orchestra conductor, Zubin Mehta, a native of India. He was first invited to fill in as guest conductor of the Israel Philharmonic in 1961 when the scheduled conductor became ill.

That began an association which has continued to this day, culminating in his designation as Musical Director for life. What does he think of the state of music in Israel? What are his views on the playing of Wagner in Israel, considering the feelings of many Holocaust survivors on the subject?

The country certainly needs advice, so why should we not invite our traditional wise man,

Solomon? He reigned over this country almost a thousand years before Christ and built an empire that extended from Egypt to the Euphrates River. With it all, he enjoyed friendly relations with all the neighboring states. Does he have any advice for our present government?

These are going to be busy and interesting evenings in our sukkah. We shall be stimulated as we give our imagination full rein.

## Markell named Toll Fellow



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gram's goal is to develop future generations of leaders from all three branches of state government.

Markell, 42, is a native of Newark, DE and is an active member of the Delaware Jewish community. He was reelected to a second term as State Treasurer in November, 2002.

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## In Memoriam

### COHEN

Joseph Cohen of Potomac, MD, formerly of Wilmington, passed away on September 15th. A native of Philadelphia, he met and married the former Beatrice Bell of Newark and celebrated 60 years of wedding bliss until her death in 1997. A respected businessman who worked in the poultry industry, as a welder and as the owner of an antique/used furniture shop, he is perhaps best known as the founder of Cohen

Brothers, Delaware's oldest furniture company. During his long career with the company, he served as president, CEO and chairman of the board.

He was a 32 degree Mason of Oriental Lodge #271 AF & AM.

A devoted family man, he is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Leighton and Geri Cohen and their sons, Jarret and Jeffrey; his daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Barry Helfand and their children, daughter, Debra

Bolog and her husband, Eric. The Bologs are the parents of three of Mr. Cohen's great-grandchildren, Chandler, Tyler and Brett. The Helfands are also the proud parents of son, David and his wife, Wendy and their children, Alyssa and Sydney. Mr. Cohen's oldest son, Stephen Cohen and his wife, Donna are the parents of Shawn, Michael and Larissa.

He also is survived by granddaughters, Lena, Tracy Wolford, her husband, Tom and their chil-

dren, Brittany, Joshua and Lillian; Kimberly Bowmaster, her husband, Jim and their children, Paige and Ashley and Michele Dick, married to Shawn Dick. The Dicks are the parents of Devon and Brandon, children and grandchildren of Arthur and Donna.

Graveside services were held on September 17 in Lombardi Cemetery in Wilmington. Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to the Children's Hospital Fund, Gregory Mark Taubin Memorial Fund, 111 Michigan Avenue, NW, Suite 2700, Washington, D.C.

### GABY

Elaine Gaby-(nee Benjamin), died September 28, 2003. She was the beloved wife of Dr. Samuel Gaby. Survivors also include her children, Dr. Alan Gaby and Joan Forman; her sister Ruth Siegel and her husband Bernard; her brother, William Benjamin and his wife, Miriam; and her grandchildren, Rachel Tand and Daniel Gaby. The family requests that contributions in her memory be directed to either Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802 or Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803

### LEVY

Ruth Levy died Wednesday, October 1st in her sleep after an acute illness. A native of Newark, NJ, Mrs. Levy moved to Wilmington after her marriage to the late Dr. Charles Levy.

Her involvement in the Jewish community includes support of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home and Congregation Beth Shalom. A founding member of the Brandywine Country Club, she was also involved in the Junior Board of Wilmington Hospital.

She is survived by her loving children and their spouses, Stuart and Cecile, Jay and Sharon and Ellen and Mario; and her six grandchildren, Ricardo, Eduardo, Jennifer, Regina, Suzanne, Arthur and Walter.

Burial was private. Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Blvd.,

Wilmington, DE 19802 or to the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

### PAUL

Ronald B. Paul, 64, of Bear, died September 22nd. He was involved in the field of automobile sales for more than 30 years. Mr. Paul is survived by his wife, Gerri; his children, Bonni and her husband, Eric Van and Mitch Paul and his wife, Terri; his brother, Norman and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on September 25th from Schoenberg Memorial Chapel with interment in Beth Emeth Memorial Park.

The family would appreciate that donations in his memory be directed to the Kidney Foundation, 325 Chestnut Street, Suite 725, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

### TWER

Beatrice H. Twier, nee Goldberg, died September 20th at the age of 84. She was born and raised in Rockland, DE until her 1941 marriage to Charles Twier of Philadelphia. Recently, Mrs. Twier authored a collection of memories of growing up in Rockland where her father ran a country store. This document is now on file at the Hagley Museum and in the Jewish Historical Society.

She was an active member of Congregation Beth Shalom where she worked as a secretary for 27 years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her sons, Daniel and Doran; her sisters, Libby Newman Feldman and Deborah Silver; and her grandchildren, Kevin, Ethan, Nathaniel and Aden.

Graveside services were held on September 23rd in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. The family requests that contributions in her memory be directed to either the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 100 West 10th Street, Suite 301, Wilmington, DE 19801; Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802 or the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

The **Honorable Roxana Cannon Arsht**, a First State native who, at the age of 56 became the first woman to hold a judicial position in the State of Delaware, died October 3rd in Christiana Hospital. She was 88 years old.

A resident of Greenville, Judge Arsht was born and raised in Wilmington. Her brilliance shone during her early years at Wilmington public schools, during her college days at Goucher where she majored in chemistry and minored in mathematics and throughout her studies at the University of Pennsylvania Law School from which she graduated in 1939.

However, academic excellence could not surmount the two strikes against her finding employment in her chosen field—her gender and her Jewish faith. She received no offers from the many Wilmington area law firms she applied to after passing the Delaware bar in 1941.

For the next two decades, she focused on the responsibilities of marriage to S. Samuel Arsht, who died of cancer in 1999, and motherhood to daughters, Adrienne, who followed in her mother's footsteps and became the 11th woman admitted to the Delaware bar, and the late Allison.

In 1962, Roxana Cannon Arsht resumed her love affair with the field of law. She began working as a volunteer master in the Family Court, serving without pay for nine years. Her tremendous contributions were noted by then Delaware Governor Russell W. Peterson, who appointed her as a judge of the Family Court in 1971. This was truly an historic occasion as, at the age of 56, she became the first woman to hold a judicial position in Delaware.

She served on the bench for 12 years before retiring in 1983. She immediately threw her time, talent and energies into a new career—that of philanthropist. Her generosity has benefited many organizations including Planned Parenthood, First Stage at Tower Hill School, and the new exhibition building at the Winterthur Museum. She was a founding member of the Cancer Care Connection and, with her late husband, helped foster the development of the Academy of Lifelong Learning near the Goodstay Campus of the University of Delaware. Arsht Hall is named in the couples' honor. The Roxana Cannon Arsht Surgicenter at 12th and Jefferson streets in Wilmington is a testament to her many years of service as a Christiana Care trustee.

Judge Arsht was the recipient of numerous awards including the Trailblazer Award, the University of Delaware Medal of Distinction, the First State Distinguished Service Award, the Josiah Marvel Cup, and the annual award of recognition from the National Conference for Community and Justice. She was inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women in 1986.

She is survived by her daughter Adrienne Arsht of Miami, Florida, nephew Eric S. Cannon of Newark, Delaware, niece Claudia Rash of Wayne, Pennsylvania, and nephew Dr. Robert Cannon of Graham, North Carolina. A public memorial service will be held on Wednesday, October 29th, 3 p.m. at the University of Delaware's Arsht Hall, 2700 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilmington.

The family requests contributions to the Sam and Roxana Arsht Memorial Fund that is being established in their honor at the Academy of Lifelong Learning, 115 Arsht Hall, 2700 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilmington DE 19806, or to The Arsht-Cannon Fund at The Delaware Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1636, Wilmington, Delaware 19899, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Ms. Klagsbrun writes with impressive scholarship, grace, warmth and wit. Her most recent book, *The Fourth Commandment: Remember the Sabbath Day*, was just published in September. This book presents a gentle introduction for anyone who, like Klagsbrun, desires a weekly mini-vacation from the "infinite cacophony, competition and commotion of the world

around us." Her column, "Thinking Aloud," appears monthly in the *Jewish Week*. She has contributed articles to such national publications as the *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *The Boston Globe* and *Newsday*. Ms. Klagsbrun holds the honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

The program is free of charge and open to the public.

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The program for the Adult Institute has been expanded, with the specification of courses from visiting UD professors. If you have

already registered, you may change your selection on the first evening, when you arrive. Here is the update:

Class #7: Evening with University of Delaware Professors, 7:15-8:15 p.m. Vivian Z. Klaff, Department of Sociology & Jewish Studies Program, Oct. 22: Key Results of the National Jewish Population Survey (NJPS 2000)

Marian Palley, Department of Political Science & Women's Studies Program, October 29: Current Issues in American-Israeli

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David Silver, Philosophy Department, November 5: Current Issues in Jewish Philosophy

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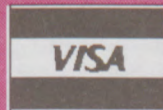
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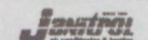
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**AGE 5**

**Danielle Shefi was in her bed asleep when terrorist burst in to her home and shot her dead.**

**Danielle's mother and her two brothers also were injured in the attack, and three of their neighbors were murdered.**



**AGE 56 AGE 14 MONTHS**

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