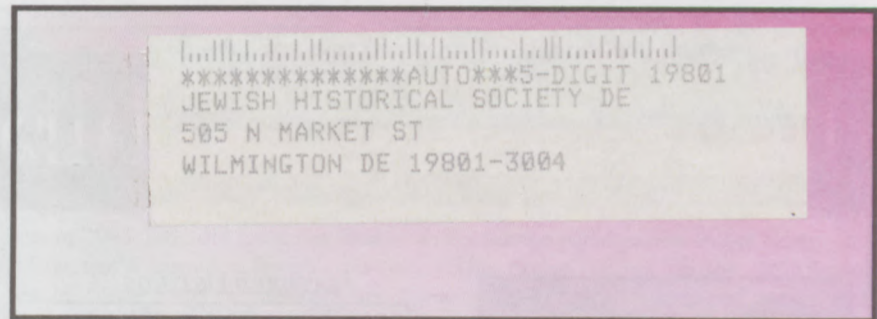


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## CELEBRATE TU B'SHEVAT

### ...PLANT A TREE, CONDUCT A SEDER, AND CONNECT WITH ISRAELI CULTURE

Tu B'Shevat, the New Year for Trees, begins Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. It falls on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the Hebrew month of Shevat, a time when trees start drinking the New Year's rainwater and the sun renews itself. In recent years, Jewish environmentalists have adopted this holiday as a "Jewish Earth Day", expressing a Jewish commitment to caring for nature and sharing the planet with all living creatures.

It's the ideal time to connect with the land and people of Israel by participating in a Tu B'Shevat seder with family and friends. Learn the blessings and partake of the seven species of Israeli fruits and grains—wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. Information on Tu B'Shevat seders is available on-line at [www.jewish.com/holidays/tby](http://www.jewish.com/holidays/tby), [www.torah.org](http://www.torah.org), [www.virtual-jerusalem.org/holidays](http://www.virtual-jerusalem.org/holidays) or at [jnf.org](http://jnf.org), the web address for Jewish National Fund.

Jewish National Fund is commemorating the one-year anniversary of the death of Israel's first astronaut, Colonel Ilan Ramon by issuing special Ilan Ramon tree certificates to be used for JNF's Tu B'Shevat program. Prior to his death aboard the Columbia Space Shuttle, Colonel Ramon expressed his vision of 13

million new trees blooming in Israel. By purchasing an \$18 Ilan Ramon Tree Certificate for themselves, students may designate a second certificate for an honoree.

"...Over the past 100 years, Jews have come together to plant over 240 million trees through Jewish National Fund, providing luscious belts of green covering over 250,000 acres of land in Israel," said, Bob Levine, JNF's National Vice President for Education. These trees improve air quality, prevent soil erosion and protect areas that feed into water sources.

Locally, Longwood Gardens is staging its very first Tu B'Shevat celebration on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> with a full-day of family activities including klezmer concerts, Israeli dance workshops and a self-guided fruit hunt. Sample Israeli cuisine in the Terrace Restaurant and pot a plant to take home as a living souvenir.

Longwood's Tu B'Shevat celebration kicks-off the organization's *Discovery Days* series of special programs that introduce visitors to different world cultures. Longwood Gardens is the perfect place to celebrate the new year for trees as Pierre du Pont originally bought the land in 1906 to save centuries-old trees from falling to lumber mills.

Learn about the holiday with a presentation by Eco-Jewish educator and consultant **Margaret**

**Presley**, who describes its history and present-day significance during two lectures at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in Longwood's Visitor Center Auditorium. Presley, the volunteer chairperson for the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL), is also the Director for Informal and Family Education at Main Line Reform Temple in suburban Philadelphia.

This *Discovery Day* offers opportunities for visitors to participate in a variety of activities relating to both Tu B'Shevat and the Israeli culture in general. **Don Schillinger** of Rak-Dan Israeli Dancing will lead two dance workshops at 1 and 3 p.m. in Longwood's Special Events Pavilion. Based in Philadelphia, Schillinger has been teaching weekly Israeli dance classes at various locales across the United States since 1993. After the dance workshop, stay in the Pavilion for a klezmer concert with the Philadelphia-based group **Klignon Klez**, a seven-member ensemble that blends jazz, funk and Dixieland music with the traditional sounds of Jewish klezmer music, a 500-year-old tradition that fuses many styles, including Greek, Balkans and Gypsy music.

**Klignon Klez** performs in the Special Events Pavilion at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., following each dance workshop. The band is composed of Cantor Jack Kessler on vocals and bass; Bob Butryn on clarinet,



Tour Longwood's Mediterranean Garden for Tu B'Shevat

flute and tenor sax; Stan Slotter on trumpet and flute; Josef Kessler on a five-string electric violin; Dave Posmontier on keyboard; and Jim Babb and Tom Cohen on percussion. Jack Kessler, the band's music director, was a Hazzan (cantor) for 20 years before he decided that he prefers performing with a back-up band. He also directs ATZILUT, a ten-member ensemble that performs *Concerts for Peace*, a duet format with both Jewish and Arab musicians.

Other Tu B'Shevat activities include a Mediterranean plant walk, a fruit hunt and a pot-a-plant to take home activity. The Terrace Restaurant will feature Israeli food

selections at each cafeteria station, including a variety of nuts, grain salads, assorted olives and fruit salad, in keeping with the holiday. Food vouchers are available for children and adults, as is a kosher voucher option.

Gardens admission is required for all activities. An additional \$3 ticket is good for admission to both the dance workshop and Klezmer concert. For more information and to order tickets, please call 610-388-1000 x100. Group rates are available by calling 610-388-1000 x512. More information is available on Longwood's website: [www.longwoodgardens.org](http://www.longwoodgardens.org).

## INTERNATIONAL TORAH COMMENTATOR TO KEYNOTE BETH SHALOM SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE EDUCATION WEEKEND

Rabbi Benjamin Hollander, professor of Jewish studies at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, Machon Schechter, and the Hebrew University for Overseas Students will serve as the 2004 Rabbi Jacob Kraft Scholar-in-Residence at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington, Delaware. The community is invited to participate in a broad-range of thought-provoking programs on the theme of "From Egypt to Sinai to Jerusalem-The Ongoing Jewish Journey to be a Free People" during the weekend of February 6 through February 8.

He has served as the weekly Torah

commentator on English Kol Yisrael radio, and as the questioner and commentator for Torah Aura's cyberspace weekly Torah discussions. He presently teaches from Israel to four American cities via videoconferencing for the Siegel (Cleveland) College of Jewish Studies.

Ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi Hollander is a graduate of Bucknell University; he holds advanced degrees in English literature and education from NYU and the Hebrew University, respectively. He has twice been a fellow at Jerusalem's Shalom Hartman Institute and at the

Hebrew University's Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies summer seminar.

On Friday, February 6, Rabbi Hollander will join the Congregation for a family dinner beginning at 6:00 pm followed by Friday Evening Services at 8:00. His topic will be "Let My People Go: The Shaping of the Jewish Nationhood From Oppression to Freedom." The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Reservations are required for the dinner by January 30.

On Saturday morning, February 7, the Rabbi will present a D'var Torah entitled: "From Amalek

to Yitro -Then and Now - Israel Among the Nations". Following the service will be a combined tish and Tu-B'Shevat Seder. Reservations are required but there is no charge to attend the event.

The weekend concludes with a Sunday program at 10:00 am for middle and high school students and their parents at the Wilmington JCC. The topic will be "Isaac and Ishmael: A Biblical Perspective on the Middle East Conflict and Hopes for its Resolution."

Rabbi Hollander and his wife, Judy, have four children. Their daughter lives in the Negev development town of Yeroham with her husband and six children. Of Rabbi Hollander's sons, one is married and studying in the founding class of the yeshivat hesder in Nahariya, one is serving in the infantry of Tzahal, and one is currently in advanced training for an elite unit.

For further information call the synagogue office at: (302) 654-4462.

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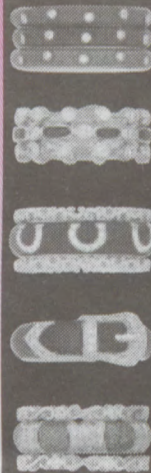


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# EDITORIAL

## Make a difference on Feb. 3rd!

If you are a registered Democratic in the state of Delaware you have an important obligation on February 3rd. Vote for the candidate that you would like to see go up against President George W. Bush in November. Every vote counts as evidenced by Tuesday's Iowa Caucuses, which whittled the slate of hopefuls down by one. Representative Richard Gephardt tearfully dropped out of the field after finishing 4th in a race where he was initially considered to be a favorite.

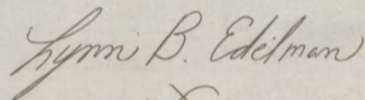
We know you're busy. That's why the polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. allowing ample time before or after work to make your voice heard. We've even taken the guess work out of deciding which candidate best represents your views on Israel and other issues of concern to the Jewish community. Each Democratic hope-

ful (with the exception of Reverend Al Sharpton) has prepared a personal essay for Jewish Telegraphic Agency addressing these critical issues. They appear on Pages 7 and 10 of this edition of the Jewish Voice.

This year, it is particularly important for Delaware Jews to have a strong turnout at the polls. Federation's Jewish Community Relations Committee is actively engaged in working to change the date for future Delaware primaries from Saturday to a weekday.

Help us to fight the good fight by voting on February 3rd.

Shabbat Shalom,



Lynn B. Edelman

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Feinson family says thanks!

When my husband and I moved to Wilmington in 1994, little did we know that nine years later, the Wilmington Jewish community would come forth in full-force to support our family in a time of need. The January 11th bone marrow drive, run by Jewish Family Service and the Gift of Life Foundation, was prompted by my sister's urgent need for a bone marrow transplant.

In mid-December, just days after expressing my personal plans to organize a bone marrow drive, Lisa Driban, Coordinator of the Jewish Volunteer Network of Jewish Family Service, and friends Jodi Frank, Robin Saran and Marci Aeronson launched a fast and furious campaign, determined to hold a large and successful drive in less than three weeks! In the days that followed, every local Jewish organization joined the effort to spread the

word through emails, phone calls and flyers, to encourage participation in the drive.

The tireless efforts of the Wilmington Jewish community culminated in an outstanding drive where nearly 250 individuals joined the Gift of Life Registry, thanks to the participation of over 50 volunteers and numerous financial supporters. Thank you to Jewish Family Service and all of you (bone marrow registrants, volunteers and supporters) who made this drive a reality. I have been touched by the responsiveness and generosity of this community, of which I am so proud to be a part.

How incredible it would be if one of us turned out to be the match for my sister, or could save the life of another person in need.

Judi Feinson  
Wilmington

## Gratz says 'Todah Rabah' to Sneiderman family

Gratz Hebrew High School had their first Shabbaton this December at the JCC in Newark and at Chabad. I am writing to publicly thank Rabbi and Mrs Sneiderman for their help and support during the Shabbaton. Roni Sneiderman took the responsibility of feeding our nine teens and staff for most of the weekend. She went above and beyond expectations when she delivered hot scrambled eggs and coffee on Sunday morning to the JCC. She shopped for most of our food, cooked and served it and all with a wonderful smile.

Rabbi Sneiderman participated in the programs and led services on Shabbat. He was wonderful teaching and interacting with our students.

The Sneiderman children also helped out

by serving food, participating in prayers, and interacting with all.

This Shabbaton was a wonderful experience for all that attended. It is the first of what Gratz hopes will be an ongoing event. The next Shabbaton will take place in the Poconos (Hemlock Farms, Hawley, PA) on March 12-14, 2004. will focus on pluralism in Judaism. Student Rabbi Brian Eng and Rabbi Sneiderman will both participate. The students will attend services at the Jewish Fellowship of Hemlock Farms.

I want to thank the Sneiderman family for their help and continued support of the Gratz Shabbaton.

Sincerely,  
Robin Karol-Eng, Ph. D.  
President Gratz Hebrew H.S.

## SHABBAT Candle Lighting

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## Dry Bones



## PARSHA PLACE

Week of January 24

Vayetzei

Genesis 18:1-22:24

SEEING OUR WAY TO REDEMPTION

Shirley Idelson

Vayeira begins with a visit of angels, or messengers, to Abraham and Sarah and the subsequent birth of Isaac; the Akeidah tale concludes the parashah. The stories bracketed in between—those of Sodom and Gomorrah, and the expulsion of Ishmael—portray characters with vastly different ways of seeing. The men of Sodom and Gomorrah, for example, attempt to rape Lot's visitors, revealing their refusal to see any aspect of the Divine in their human guests. They are subsequently cast with a blindness that leaves them helpless to find their way, and they are ultimately consumed in the destruction of the two cities. Hagar, too, in very different circumstances, initially declines to see. Instead she averts her eyes from her dying child Ishmael, perhaps hoping that if she refuses to see God in her suffering child, then she and the child both might be spared. But unlike the men of Sodom and Gomorrah, Hagar is anything but blind, and ultimately she is compelled to turn toward her son with open eyes. And when she does look toward her dying child, she sees a way to alter his tragic fate. She spots a well, and she acts; giving the boy water, she saves his life and enables him and his descendants to become a people. Hagar, by seeing, transforms the course of human destiny.

Later in the text, Abraham too seems initially unable to see; so caught up is he in fastening his son to the altar that he nearly misses the signal God sends to prevent him from slaughtering his son. Yet, he does manage to look. And when he does, he sees the ram that will replace his son on the altar. Seeing, Abraham is able to fashion for himself a way out of the "bind" he has created. Through Hagar's actions and those of Abraham as well, the message of Vayeira is one of hope: God is manifest in all things, and we need only allow ourselves to look. Unlike the men of Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham and Hagar (and elsewhere in the parashah, Lot and Sarah) actively cast their eyes about and see God in their surroundings: in strangers walking down the road, in the deepest well and the highest mountaintop, and in the struggle of a tiny ram trying to extricate its curled horns from a thicket. And they act with urgency, moving desperately to ensure their own survival. At the start of Vayeira, Abraham hastens to perform the mitzvah of hachnasat orchim, hospitality; Hagar gives the boy water to drink; Abraham and Isaac ascend the mountain; and finally, Abraham offers the ram in place of his son. In each case, the act of seeing enables our characters to steer away from impending doom and move toward salvation instead.

Courtesy of "Torah Talk"-a service of UAHC

The Jewish Federation of Delaware's Women's Philanthropy department invites you to join us for the Hadassah Lieberman lecture on the evening of March 18, 2004 at West Chester University. We reserved a block of orchestra tickets for this WCU lecture. Join the Women's Philanthropy dept. for a pre-lecture reception, and then car-pool with us from Wilmington. Please contact Jennifer or Gina at 302-427-2100 to purchase tickets in advance (\$20). Space is limited.

## FEDERATION FOCUS

### Endowing the Future

## High-schoolers to benefit from Jerusalem study fund

By Lynn B. Edelman, Editor

The Pevars' love affair with Israel began with their 1969 honeymoon adventure. "My parents gave Susan and I the money to travel throughout the Jewish homeland as a wedding present," said Marc, who recalls backpacking throughout the Jewish State and visiting friends on a Kibbutz in the Negev as the highlights of their journey. "It was truly amazing to walk through the streets of Jerusalem just a couple of years after the city was reopened to Jews," said Marc, who hopes to repay his parents' generosity by making the Israel experience more accessible and affordable to Delaware young people ages 16 and older.

"Susan and I believe that travel to Israel is essential to building a strong Jewish identity," said Marc, owner of the Pevar Company, a construction business that specializes in building custom homes. The couple are the proud parents of three adult sons, Jeremy, Daniel and Noah—all of whom share their parents' passion for Eretz Y'Israel. In fact, it was Daniel and Noah's enthusiasm about their experiences as participants in a Birthright Israel summer program that cemented the couple's decision to create the Jerusalem Study Fund with the Jewish Fund for the Future, the endowment arm of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. This Fund, established in December, 2003, will award grants



to subsidize students studying Hebrew and/or other subjects of Jewish interest in Jerusalem. "This Endowment truly meets a critical community need, providing sup-

port for high school students who want to celebrate their Jewish heritage by studying in their ancestral homeland," said Jennifer Young, Federation's Endowment and Women's Philanthropy Director. She invites those who are interested in making a donation to the Fund or applying for a grant from the Fund to call her at 302-427-2100, ext. 19 or email her at [jennifer.young@shalomdel.org](mailto:jennifer.young@shalomdel.org).

In the more than three decades since they became husband and wife, Marc and Susan have traveled to Israel six times. Their participation in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth congregational mission led by Rabbi Sanford Dresin in June of 2002 was made particularly memorable by their visit with Rabbi

Avram Goldstein, the son of the founder of the Diaspora Yeshiva on Mt. Zion. "I saw him in action, working with high school and college students of varied levels of Jewish knowledge, to generate excitement about their Jewish heritage and build a strong connection with the land and people of Israel," said Pevar, who encourages Jerusalem Study Fund recipients to visit the Yeshiva, located right next to the Zion Gate, during their Jerusalem experience.

"We are truly blessed that we are in a financial position to help create this Fund and share our love of Israel with area young people," said Pevar, who encourages other members of the Delaware Jewish community to help the Fund grow.

## Experience the building of the Seaside Jewish community



Todd Polikoff  
Campaign Director

About a month ago I took a drive down to Rehoboth to meet with members of the Seaside Jewish community. The purpose of my visit was

to explain the role of the Jewish Federation of Delaware in meeting Jewish community needs throughout the entire state of Delaware, in Israel and around the world.

While I was tremendously excited at the opportunity to help this growing community become connected to our Federation network of programs and services, I was also a bit curious. I had never been to Rehoboth, in or out of season, and did not know what to expect.

Upon my arrival and after speaking with those in attendance, I was impressed to say the least. There is no established synagogue, no full time Rabbi, no community center or agencies. What is there is a group of dedicated individuals who want to connect with their fellow Jews and establish a vibrant, vital community—

just as Jews have done around the world for generations.

The Seaside community reminded me of the people I met while living on a Kibbutz in Israel. Just as kibbutzim embody the pioneering spirit that helped to establish the state of Israel, the Seaside community embodies the dedication and resourcefulness that helped to establish many North American Jewish communities.

The Seaside community is working to establish their own infrastructure including their own building. Currently they have quality programs that span the social, educational and religious spheres of the community. Their president, Jay Hawtoff, is diligent in sending out the Seaside e-mail newsletter, which is also sent in print form to individuals on their mailing

list. The Seaside community also has the daunting task of offering services to a population that doubles or triples in the summer months.

The members of the Seaside community have the same desires and needs as other Jewish Delawareans. They are concerned about services for an aging population, Jewish camping for their children and education for the community as a whole. Those concerns are coupled with an intense need to be connected to the larger community throughout our state.

Much of my "talk" during my visit was intended to remind the people of the Seaside community that they are just as much a part of the Delaware Jewish Community any affiliated family in North Wilmington, Newark or Dover. As I have said in this column numerous times in the

past, membership in the Jewish community has nothing to do with proximity to the centers of any one community. In fact, membership in the Jewish community transcends the boundaries imposed by county borders, tollbooths or bridges.

If you are one of the many people who visit Rehoboth or the other beach communities in the summer months, I encourage you to become part of the Seaside Jewish community. It is a passionate, evolving community that welcomes new members.

If you would like more information regarding the Seaside Jewish Community, please send correspondence to; Seaside Jewish Community; P.O. Box P.O. Box 1472, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

## Jewish Historical Society hosts Rabbi Geffen

Rabbi David Geffen one of the "founding fathers" of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware spoke about the William Topkis family—one of the first groups of Jewish Delawareans to travel to Palestine — to an audience at the Wilmington Jewish Community Center in November. Rabbi Geffen, the spiritual leader of Temple Israel in Scranton, Pennsylvania, was the final speaker in the Society's series of forums on "Delaware Jews and the Land of Israel".

William Topkis, whose family distinguished themselves in the disparate fields of movie-making and manufacturing underwear, was a passionate Zionist who served as treasurer of the Zionist Organization of America. His financial prowess attracted the attention of the DuPont family who asked him to become a board member of Wilmington Trust and partnered with him on some of the early productions of film legend Samuel Goldwyn. Topkis piqued Goldwyn's interest in filming a bib-

lical saga in Palestine, but the movie never made it to the silver screen.

He convinced his wife, Vi and daughter, Esther to travel with him to Palestine, embarking on a long and arduous journey by boat. The family spent 3 1/2 months there, engaged in such philanthropic pursuits as helping to finance teacher's salaries in Haifa and raising funds for a facility for the blind.

In Jerusalem, they were escorted by Arab guides, with little knowledge or interest in showing visitors sites of Jewish interest. Topkis established the American Information Bureau to help Jewish tour guides establish themselves in the market and encourage Diaspora Jews to travel to Jerusalem.

While in Israel, he was approached by Jewish National Fund to write and direct a new film promoting aliyah. The film was an important marketing tool for the organization.

Topkis had returned to the United States in what was to be a brief visit in preparation for aliyah. His early death in 1925 prevented



Members of the Topkis family: Leah Fisher and William Topkis Potts, (the children of Esther Topkis Potts), Ephraim and Debbie Potts, Bill Topkis, a former president of JFD who lives in Delaware, Ralph Goldman, Jay Barnett, Wilma Saltzman, Doris Kane, Connie Wahl, Harriet Topkis join Rabbi David Geffen at the JCC.

the fulfillment of this dream.

Like William Topkis, Rabbi Geffen has strong Wilmington roots. He served as spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom from

1970-1977 at which time he made aliyah with his family. He lived for a decade in the Jewish State, where he distinguished himself in a number of positions including that of

staff writer for the *Jerusalem Post*. In his adopted homeland of Scranton, he has written more than 50 Op-Ed pieces for the *Scranton Times-Tribune*.

## DELAWARE SPOTLIGHT

### Provocative Holocaust course at U of D Academy

RUN to the Academy of Life Long Learning offices in Arshat Hall, 2700 Pennsylvania Avenue in Wilmington on February 2nd, to grab one of the few remaining slots in the popular "Holocaust" course taught by John P. (Jack) McGough and Vincent Pro. This talented team of "righteous gentiles" puts a unique and thought-provoking spin on how Christian anti-Semitism, German nationalism, Nazi racism

and American deceit led up to perhaps the darkest chapter in contemporary Jewish history.

McGough, a member of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, once thought of becoming a priest. A product of parochial schools, he never knew about the Holocaust until he enlisted in the military and saw footage of Nazi war crimes. He

was outraged at the Church's silence in the face of these atrocities and immersed himself in Holocaust studies. A former President and CEO of J.E. Rhoads and Sons in Newark, McGough did his undergraduate and graduate studies in the field of psychology.

Vincent Pro is a passionate history buff who is committed to Holocaust education. He is a retired employee of the

Brandywine School District, where he served as Social Studies Department chairperson for Brandywine High School.

This popular course meets on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. beginning the week of February 9th and continuing through May. The cost for the spring semester is just \$165 and includes participation in up to five courses per Academy semester.

Membership in the Academy, which was founded in 1980 by the University of Delaware to provide opportunities for intellectual stimulation and cultural exploration for retirees, is open to men and women 50 years of age and older.

For additional information about the upcoming semester, call 302-573-4417, or visit on-line at [www.continuingstudies.udel.edu/academy](http://www.continuingstudies.udel.edu/academy).

## PEOPLE AND PLACES



Leila Herron and Scott Rappaport

### Herron, Rappaport engaged

Joyce Herron and Thomas Herron of Bear, Delaware are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Leila Stephanie Herron to Scott Alan Rappaport. Scott is the son of Sherry Rappaport and Richard Rappaport of Syracuse, New York.

Leila is a graduate of the Tatnall School and a 2001 graduate of Ithaca College with a major in corporate

communications. She currently is employed at MBNA America.

Scott is a graduate of Fayetteville-Manlius High School in Syracuse, NY, and a 1999 graduate of Ithaca College with a major in speech communications. He currently is pursuing a masters degree at the University of Delaware.

The couple will marry in Spring, 2005.

### A New Son of Israel is born



Louise and Michael Bank announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Avram Bank, Hebrew name-Binyamin Helem-on Monday, November 4 at 11:43 a.m.

Benjamin was 8 lbs, 4 ozs. and 19.5 inches. Proud grandparents are Alan and Nancy Bank of Bensalem, PA, Michele Greene of Claymont, DE and David Kudish of Newark, DE.

Avram is for Louise's maternal grandfather, Abraham, and Helem is for Michael's paternal grandmother, Helen.

To announce your lifecycle event, submit to  
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In the crucial election you, the nation needs a Democratic candidate who can win, a candidate who will restore trust-worthy, responsible government to the White House. We believe that candidate is General Wesley Clark, and we urge you to vote for him in the February 3 primary election.

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# INSIDE DELAWARE

## Shabbaton Perspectives

By Andrea and Bryan Wexler

Winter vacation had finally arrived. We were both so excited...Relaxation at last! Ah but wait, Gratz is having a Shabbaton this weekend, and we are signed up! To be perfectly honest, on the onset of our vacation and our first day off, we really were not thrilled and it is not far fetched to say we were a little acerbated about traveling from Bucks County to Newark Delaware for a Shabbaton. But we put on our best smile, and off we went. And as we write this, we are proud to say that not only did we survive that Shabbaton weekend; we actually loved it!

On Saturday morning we walked over to the Chabad house where we were warmly greeted by Rabbi Sneiderman and his wonderful crew (family). Not long after we arrived, an event took place that at the time did not seem very significant, but after further contemplation, we now realize how meaningful and important it was. An orthodox Jewish family traveling from Canada to Florida had planned to stop in the Washington area for Shabbat, but they got into traffic and their trip was delayed. They needed somewhere to stop in the area so they called friends or family back in Canada in hope that they could help them find a Chabad house. Lo and behold, they were referred to the Newark Chabad house and Rabbi Sneiderman. What was so amazing was how welcoming Rabbi Sneiderman and his family were to them. They were strangers in the fact that he had never met them, but they had a deeper connection to all of us. They were our brothers and sisters in another sense of the term, and even though the Sneidermans were not expecting them and therefore did not prepare as much food as they would have, they welcomed them

with open arms and we spent Shabbat together. It is such a special feeling to know that as Jews we have these special connections and relationships, and that if the need or want ever arises we are welcome anywhere at anytime within the universal Jewish community. It does not matter what sect of Judaism we are or our background. The fact is that we are Jewish, and by that fact alone we belong to a special community. A community to be proud of....

Shabbat morning began with shacharit prayers led and explained by Rabbi Sneiderman followed by a lovely breakfast. (All of the food was prepared by Mrs. Sneiderman, and boy is that a task, not only to feed a family of 8 children, but another dozen or so on top of that! We can't thank her enough for her incredible hospitality.) After breakfast everyone congregated together for an intellectual discussion led by Rabbi Sneiderman about prayer; what prayer means to each individual person, and whether we need to believe in G-d to pray (this led into another discussion about whether you can be Jewish and not believe in G-d, i.e. is Judaism based on G-d or based on community?). The discussion was followed by about 3 hours of prayer during which time the males sat in one room and prayed together and the women sat in another room (forming a mechitza) and basically chatted and relaxed. I know at least some of us at Gratz spent more time trying to follow along with the service and stay on the right page as opposed to actually focusing on prayer, but the service was important for several reasons. First of all it was great to experience and see how the Chasidic pray and how their service functions and flows, but even more importantly was once again feeling part of the service, we felt



Participants in the recent December Shabbaton sponsored by Delaware Gratz included: (Clockwise, from left) Dr. Janice Selekman; Student Rabbi Brian Eng; Bryan Wexler; Andrea Wexler; Lillian Slogoff Sevilla; Eric Rosen; Ben Morris-Levenson; Jeremy Dressler; Brian Rosen; Scott Weinberg and Daniel Russakow (on floor)

like we belonged. We may not have known every prayer, but we felt this sense of belonging, which as discussed before is an incredible feeling. Rabbi Sneiderman and the others were very welcoming to us from Gratz even honoring us by giving us Aliyahs, once again emphasizing the point that we are all Jewish and part of one huge Jewish family... a Kehilah Kedosha. Upon the conclusion of services we were greeted by another delicious meal, during which we schmoozed and relaxed and then ultimately departed and headed back to the JCC.

Once we got back to the JCC student Rabbi Brian Eng led a program about Jewish Anti-Semitism and misconceptions of the Jewish people. He showed examples of made-up or misinterpreted passages from the Talmud and other famous texts used by anti-Semitic groups against the Jews. He also taught about blood libels and the scape goating of Jews throughout the ages. He explained

that we must teach people the truth and that, most importantly, it's ok to disagree, it's merely how you handle the disagreement.

The final program of the Shabbaton was a wrap-up discussion led by Dr. Robin Karol-Eng. We discussed the importance of being at the Shabbaton and our continued involvement in Jewish activities. We mutually agreed that the Shabbaton was a lot of fun and a huge success, and everyone said that they would be at the Shabbaton in the Poconos this spring. Finally, we talked about the honor and privilege of being Jewish and how it is truly something to be proud of because we have a wonderful heritage, and have truly been and must continue being a light unto the nations.

We can't stress enough how wonderful the Gratz Shabbaton was. The whole trip can really be summed up from one experience we had. It was about 2:00 AM and we were all in our sleeping bags and the lights were out. Suddenly

out of nowhere Mrs. Milunsky said: "You know, I've been at Gratz for a long time, and this is the most fun I've ever had!" At the time everyone giggled, but come to think of it, she's absolutely right! We had a great time! We would not trade the experience we had in Newark with our teachers, peers, and friends for the world. **Space is still available on Gratz's spring Shabbaton scheduled by March 12-14th in the beautiful Pocono Mountains.**

**For more information, please call Marlene Milunsky, at (302) 478-8100.**

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## U of D Hillel to send 10 students to Argentinean Jewish community

By Seth Goldstein

### Special to the Jewish Voice

The chance to make a difference in the Argentinean Jewish community sparked interest among Jewish students at The University of Delaware. The University Hillel is sending 10 students to Argentina on March 20 to March 28 for an alternative spring break to help out the struggling community there.

"Students will do Tzedek, community service, work for eight days in Buenos Aires, Argentina," Jenn Lande, the Epstein Jewish Campus Service Corps Fellow at the Hillel, says. "They are choosing to make a difference instead of participating in the traditional spring break, which is commonly filled with drinking and partying."

The Delaware contingent will be joined by three other schools, Northwestern University, University of Chicago and DePaul

University.

"Last year four students from Hillel went to North Carolina to aid the Jewish community in the area," Lande says. "The trip made a big difference in the community, so this year we're trying to build on that success and take students on the UD Hillel's first international alternative spring break."

Before leaving for Buenos Aires, the students will participate in an orientation, which will include a movie on the terrorist attacks on the Israeli embassy in 1992 and the destruction of the Jewish community center two years later. In addition, they will be required to participate in a variety of programs, such as guest speakers and lectures about the plight of the Jewish community.

Students will have the opportunity to help out in the community and meet Argentinean students to learn about life as a Jewish student in

Argentina, as well as spending Shabbat with a local family.

"The Jewish community in Argentina was once very prosperous, but now it's unraveling," as indicated in a statement from the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish education. "More than 20,000 Jews have lost their jobs, and

now they eat at soup kitchens. More than 1,700 Jewish families can't pay their rent, and now they are homeless."

An immediate fear is that the Jewish community in Argentina could cease to exist because of the lack of money.

Since the estimated cost of the

trip per student is \$1,400, the trip participants, led by Lande will be planning various fundraisers to elevate some of the expenses.

For more information about the fundraising events, please contact Jenn Lande at University of Delaware Hillel (302) 453-0479, or [udjenn@udel.edu](mailto:udjenn@udel.edu).

## JCC To Hold Basket Bash

The Jewish Community Center will hold their Basket Bash event on Saturday, January 31, 2004 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. This year's Basket Bash will feature live and silent auctions on a variety of themed baskets, containing goods and services valued at \$100 or more. The evening will be set in the style of South Beach with delicious hors d'oeuvres, an open bar featuring specialty martinis, raffles and lots of fun.

Tickets are now on sale at the JCC. Admission is \$30.00 per person. Patrons and Sponsor tickets are also available. For more information, call Susan Gentry at (302) 478-5660.

# WASHINGTON SPOTLIGHT

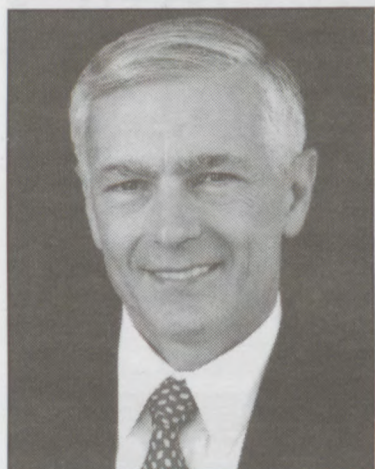
Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA) asked the major candidates of both parties to write an essay for Jewish voters, broadly addressing

two issues: the prospects for peace in the Middle East, and separation of church and state at home, with an emphasis on school vouchers

and faith-based initiatives. The only candidate who declined to participate is President Bush. His spokesman said the president

believes it is appropriate to wait until after the State of the Union speech and the presentation of the budget to make policy statements

as a candidate. Democratic Presidential Candidate Al Sharpton was not able to meet JTA's extended deadline.



**Gen. Wesley Clark**

**Gen. Wesley Clark:** The values of patriotism, faith, family and inclusion shape my thinking and my agenda for America, but I define them differently than the politicians and ideologues most often associated with these terms.

Patriotism means living up to the image of America that inspires people all over the world to seek a new life on our shores. A Clark administration will strengthen America's alliances abroad, promote the national interest through the power of persuasion and use force only as a last resort.

Nowhere is American leadership more crucial than in the Middle East.

It's been more than three years since Yasser Arafat rejected a negotiated settlement to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In those three years, almost 1,000 innocent Israelis have been killed by Palestinian suicide bombers. And, as a result of the actions Israel has taken to defend itself, the suffering of the Palestinian people has increased.

Now, without a credible negotiating partner, the Israeli government has decided that it has no option but to build a security fence. This barrier is a logical extension of Israel's right to self-defense, but it is neither a long-term solution nor a sustainable substitute for peace.

As president, I will send a high-level negotiating team to the region and task them with helping the parties renew and complete the peace process.

When Ambassador Richard Holbrooke and I began our effort in 1995 to settle the conflict between Serbs, Bosnians and Croats, the task seemed impossible. But that year, I learned first-

hand what concerted American diplomatic efforts — backed by strong presidential support — can achieve.

As with the Bosnian peace effort, I will invest my energy and attention in working toward Middle East peace. America will be an honest broker and show the necessary leadership.

In working toward peace, I will never lose sight of Israel's security interests because I believe that honoring America's commitments is part of what it means to be patriotic.

Patriotism also demands the ardent support of American values around the world wherever they are challenged. The pervasiveness of anti-Semitism in the Arab and Muslim world must be condemned in the strongest possible terms. So, too, must anti-Semitic crimes against Jewish institutions in Europe.

When synagogues are bombed in Istanbul and set aflame in France, the United States must ask tough questions about the extent of anti-Semitism in Europe and work together with our allies to combat it. As president, I pledge to do so.

Falwell and Pat Robertson.

For instance, as we wage a vigorous fight against terrorism, we can and we must do so without taking away fundamental civil rights. John Ashcroft should not be allowed to detain American citizens without charge and without legal representation. America's strength rests with our respect for others and with our diversity.

Similarly, freedom of religion is a bedrock American value. We are all free to practice our own religions precisely because the government does not regulate religion.

This cherished freedom is in jeopardy. Like so much of what this president has done, his faith-based initiative has been used to drive wedges between well-intentioned people.

While religious charitable institutions have a critical role to play in meeting our nation's problems, recipients of federal money should never be allowed to proselytize or engage in employment discrimination. We must not allow people to use government money to endanger tolerance and the rights of minorities.

America's challenges, of course, do not end at our borders. We must continue to wage a vigorous battle against terrorism — but without lying to the American people and to our brave soldiers.

And in this global fight, the United States and Israel are partners. Let me be clear: preserving Israel's security is a bedrock principle that will guide my administration's foreign policy.

On a tour of the Old City in

Jerusalem during my 2002 trip to Israel, I experienced first-hand the miracle of the modern Jewish state.

I saw remains of a house next to a stone wall that King Hezekiah had ordered built to defend against invaders. In a neighboring house, I looked out the window down at the stone wall and the remains of that house and understood that 3,000 years ago people prayed the same prayers in the same Hebrew language.

That experience reinforced my commitment to the special relationship the United States has with Israel. Israel will always have the resources necessary to guarantee its long-term defense and security. And we do this not as a favor for Israel but because it is in America's interests to do so.

I also believe that peace in the Middle East is a key U.S. interest and that the United States is the only intermediary that can bring the Israelis and Palestinians to the peace table. Playing the role of a fair and honest broker is consistent with the special relationship the United States has with Israel.

This land is holy to Jews, Muslims, and Christians and I am committed to working together to find solutions that are acceptable to the parties.

Ultimately, only the Palestinians and the Israelis themselves can make and keep the peace and work out the specifics of a lasting agreement. It seems clear that this will not happen as long as Yasser Arafat is in control.

People ask me about the Middle East conflict all the time

and ask me what I would do. I remind them that I saw first-hand the horror of violence when I worked at hospitals as a medical student at Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein Medical College.

And I always say that we're never going to get peace in the Middle East as long as we have terror. Israel has both the right and the responsibility to protect and defend its citizens against terrorists.

This president has implemented a foreign policy characterized by dominance, arrogance and intimidation. We are losing our role as a world leader. His brand of diplomacy has driven a deep wedge into the alliances and the security organizations we established to safeguard our freedoms and our safety.

This has put America and our allies in danger. There is perhaps no larger threat to the United States and Israel today than the pursuit of weapons of mass destruction by rogue states and terrorist groups — in particular Iran and North Korea.

I will lead a global alliance against terror, seeking to use improved relations with our

friends to stop the flow of nuclear and missile technology to Iran.

I will also commit \$30 billion to a global fund to seek and destroy weapons of mass destruction and their components, including purchasing nuclear fuel from the states of the former Soviet Union and working with the Russian government to stop transfers of weapons and know-how by Russian companies to Iran.

I seek to lead our nation with hope, not fear. Our nation, once looked to as a beacon of hope from around the globe, now is looked at with suspicion and distrust.

We can do better. We should stand up strongly when injustice is done. We should protest when rights are jeopardized. We should help unite the world for the common good.

Our path for the future is clear. It is the path that generations before us have taken. It is to change America the only way it can be changed — through the people. It is time to take our country back.

Reverence for the separation of church and state is also central to American patriotism. Freedom of religion is a founding principle of our nation that has been attracting people to our shores for centuries.

That's why I believe that federally supported programs should be free from entanglement with religion. Faith-based social programs do excellent work, providing much-needed social services around the country. But the Bush administration crossed the line with its activist stance on faith-based initiatives, which have the potential to use federal funds to encourage religion.

As president, I plan to keep the business of government separate from matters of faith. That is one of the reasons why I oppose school vouchers.

Like both Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton, I grew up in the South, and faith was central to my daily life. It remains so today. My faith leads me to believe that the United States should use its potential for good in the world — to prevent genocide, fight the spread of AIDS and ease the epidemic of hunger.

As for family values, I believe

in putting families first. That's why I'll implement a progressive tax reform that simplifies the tax code, relieves the financial strain on working families and reduces poverty.

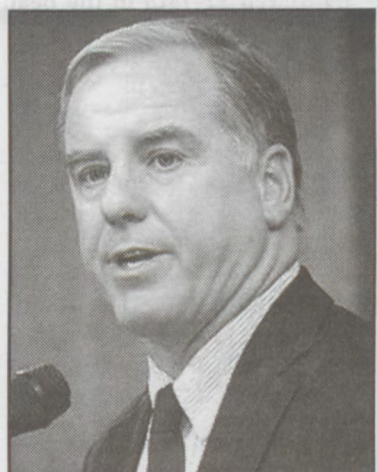
You cannot properly care for a family if you do not have a job or if you are constantly worried about losing your health-care coverage. A Clark administration will invest in jobs and increase access to affordable health care. My health-care plan will extend coverage to 30 million uninsured Americans — including every single American child.

We have a choice. We can keep losing jobs, mortgaging our children's future, alienating our friends and neglecting our allies. Or we can change course. I will bring a higher standard of leadership back to Washington.

The values that I am running on are American values; they are also Jewish values. I believe we can build an even better America and a more secure world. That's why I am running for president.

Retired four-star Gen. Wesley Clark was the supreme allied commander of NATO.

Howard Dean is a medical doctor and former governor of Vermont.



**Gov. Howard Dean**

**Gov. Howard Dean:** In 2002, as I began to travel the country the way one does when seeking the presidency, I had three priorities: expanding health-care coverage to all Americans, improving programs for early childhood development, and balancing the budget to bring financial stability and jobs back to America.

As the campaign has developed, the central message I carry is to energize the Democratic Party to stand up for its traditional principles and policies and to take our country back from the special interests that have captured our political system.

My candidacy has already demonstrated the power of this message: We the people do have the power to transform the political landscape.

But in seeking change, we also remain committed to historic American values, because the American flag belongs to all of us, not only to John Ashcroft, Jerry

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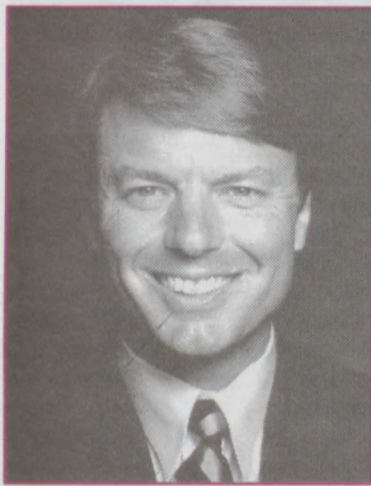
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**John Edwards**

**U.S. Sen. John Edwards:** I will play an active role in promoting peace between Israel and the Palestinians and the Arab states — not just through words and promises, but through sustained, high-level engagement, including by appointing a senior envoy, answering directly to me, to move this process forward.

I support a two-state solution, with the Jewish state of Israel and a legitimate, democratic and territorially viable Palestinian state living side by side in peace.

All the specific differences between Israel and the Palestinians must be solved

through dialogue and negotiation, not terrorism and violence.

The Israeli people deserve to live without the fear of terrorism, and the Palestinian people deserve to live under a representative government that fights terrorism, ends corruption and supports fundamental freedoms.

As long as the Palestinian leadership fails to end terror, Israel has a right to take measures to defend itself. Such defensive measures are not the cause of terrorism — they are the response to terrorism.

Yet, these measures should not be a substitute for negotiations

that can lead to a long-term settlement. To achieve peace, both sides recognize that they will have to make difficult choices.

But these decisions must be made by the parties themselves, not imposed from the outside. I believe that the United States and others in the international community must stand ready to support the Israelis and the Palestinians as they make these difficult decisions.

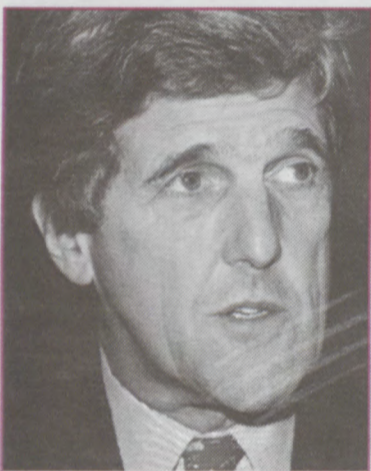
Faith is enormously important to me personally and to tens of millions of Americans. In addition, religious institutions do wonderful work and make

important contributions to our society.

In a manner consistent with the First Amendment, faith-based charities should be able to participate in delivering services. But they should also meet the same anti-discrimination standards as other charities receiving government support.

We should be encouraging faith-based initiatives in a way that values the important work of these organizations and does not divide Americans.

*John Edwards represents North Carolina in the U.S. Senate.*



**U.S. Sen. John Kerry**

**U.S. Sen. John Kerry:** For 55 years, support of the State of Israel has been a central keystone of American foreign policy. We cannot neglect our indispensable role in the search for peace in the most volatile region of the world.

But the Bush Administration's lurching from episodic involvement to recurrent disengagement has jeopardized the security of Israel, encouraged Palestinian extremists and undermined our own long term national interests.

Leaders of good will on both sides, private citizens, and public officials are working to advance

the peace process.

The recent effort by former officials of Israel and the Palestinian Authority to lay out a possible agreement on final-status issues demonstrates that they understand that it may be easier to break the stalemate and end the violence fostered by extremists if the endgame is the focus, not the steps leading up to it.

In the first days of a Kerry administration, I will appoint a presidential ambassador to the peace process who will report directly to me and the Secretary of State — and who will work day to day to move the process forward and make an early assessment of how to build on areas of agreement and disagreement.

The envoy that I will appoint will have the confidence and ability to speak with all parties. After my trip to the Middle East in early 2002, I publicly suggested that President Clinton would be a superb choice for this position, and I continue to believe that.

I will also work to hold the Saudis accountable for their continued reluctance to aggressively root out terrorism in the Middle East. America cannot afford to be indifferent to a country whose

actions often speak louder than its words when it comes to fighting terrorism.

Saudi Arabia's support for Islamic extremism is well known. And while Saudi officials and spokesmen have said repeatedly that the Saudi government is opposed to every form of terrorism, the Saudi regime openly and enthusiastically supports Hamas. The Saudis cannot pick and choose among terrorist groups, approving some while claiming to oppose others.

One would think that a president who threatens the world by announcing "you're either with us or you're with the terrorists" would be particularly troubled by the actions of the Saudi regime. But then one would be underestimating the hypocrisy that has become the hallmark of the Bush Administration.

It's time to put the U.S.-Saudi relationship on a frank and balanced basis.

Forging a stable and lasting peace in the Middle East is vital to American national security, to the security of Israel and other countries in the region, and to the aspirations of the Palestinian people for a viable Palestinian state.

It is also an essential part of winning the war on terror. The United States must actively engage in the peace process — keeping both sides focused on the endgame of two states, Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security — and helping them take the necessary steps to build enough confidence and trust in each other to get there.

Israel's very survival in a hostile and dangerous region has always been predicated on the steadfast, unwavering and full support of the United States. In my administration, America's commitment to Israel will never waiver.

I will vigorously protect the separation of church and state. Diversity, freedom of choice and freedom of religion are among the defining characteristics of our nation. I believe we can be people of faith while respecting the principles that are enshrined in our Constitution.

Faith-based organizations make great contributions to social-service programs. However, I am wary of any direct funding of religious organizations by the federal government without constitutional safeguards and protections, such as ensuring that government funding

is not used for proselytizing.

And I oppose any initiatives that allow federally funded programs to discriminate based on religion when making hiring decisions. I believe the government can find ways to support the efforts of faith-based organizations without running afoul of the Constitution.

I do not support private school vouchers. I understand the frustration that some parents must feel. But I do not believe that providing government funding to private educational programs is the answer.

As president, I will do everything I can to support public schools and promote greater public-school choice. I will never resort to gimmicks that undermine public schools and threaten the separation between church and state.

It is critical to have an administration that honors the line of separation between church and state. Unfortunately, the Bush administration has worked aggressively to trample this line, putting one of our fundamental freedoms at risk. I will restore the separation that we cherish as Americans.

*John Kerry represents Massachusetts in the U.S. Senate.*



**Dennis Kucinich**

**U.S. Rep. Dennis John Kucinich:** It is no exaggeration to say that peace in the Middle East must be one of the highest priorities of leaders around the world. As president of the United States, it will surely be one of mine.

I stand firmly behind my commitment to the State of Israel and the security of the Israeli people. Israel and the United States have

been allies since the birth of that nation in 1948. I stand in solidarity with Israel as it battles the terrorist infrastructure in the Palestinian areas.

At the same time — and for the same humanitarian principles — I declare my support for a Palestinian state and for the security of the Palestinian people.

The security of Israel requires the security of Palestine, and vice versa.

The same humanity that requires us to acknowledge with profound concerns the pain and suffering of the people of Israel requires a similar expression for the pain and suffering of the Palestinians.

When our brothers and sisters are fighting to the death, instead of declaring solidarity with one against the other, should we not declare solidarity with both for peace, so that both may live in security and freedom?

For these reasons, I support the U.S.-sponsored "road map" peace plan adopted by the European

Union, Russia and the United Nations.

It is imperative that all parties involved, but particularly Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qurei, work together in a spirit of cooperation and fellowship to implement the road map and set the stage for an enduring peace in the Middle East — a peace that will eventually straddle the Fertile Crescent all the way from Egypt, through Israel and Palestine, to Iran and Iraq.

While I understand Israel's ardent desire to protect her people from violence, I cannot believe that the security fence Israel is constructing through the West Bank will help achieve that goal. While this barrier may decrease short-term random violence, in the long term it will surely breed deepening resentment and hatred.

I believe that what is needed, rather than a fence, is creation of a democratic Palestinian state with territorial contiguity and eco-

nomics viability.

This is as necessary for the Israeli people as it is for the Palestinian. It is, I believe, the only path to a true and lasting peace.

As president, I will work with both parties, Israelis and Palestinians, to meet the commitments each has made under the road map.

It is time for the world to let go the ways of war and embrace the ways of peace. As president, I will create a Department of Peace. Conflict is inevitable; violence is not.

Nonviolence is abstinence from violence in settling conflict. It makes the world safer for people to be in conflict, as they will inevitably be. It is the only way for a nuclear-savvy humanity to survive.

Domestically, it is important for us to remember that our Constitution protects all of us to worship as we choose in the faith of our choice. Our founding fathers recognized that for us to enjoy religious freedom, there

must be a complete separation of church and state.

This does not keep spirituality out of our public lives, nor should it. It does, however, ensure that our government does not favor any one religion or another.

This is why I believe that the "faith-based initiative," which provides specific and controversial ways in which religious organizations and governments may partner to provide social services, violates that basic constitutional mandate.

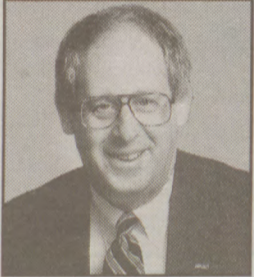
In lending the imprimatur of the state to organizations that are overtly religious, it blurs the distinction between church and state and renders meaningless the promise that our government will not promote one religion over another.

I would do away with the faith-based initiative and instead work through the Department of Peace and other social compacts to promote programs designed to reduce poverty, homelessness, job-

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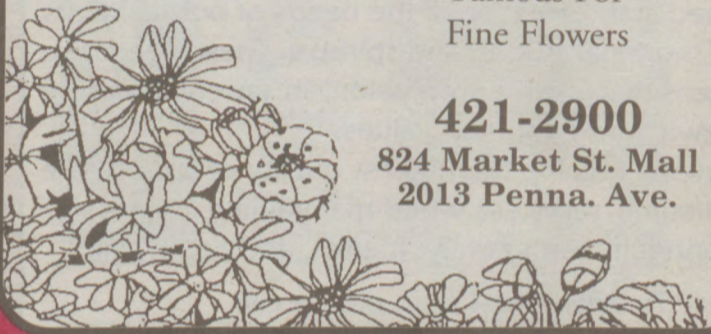
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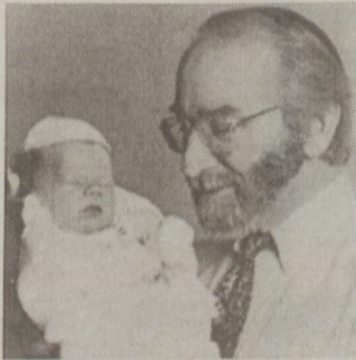


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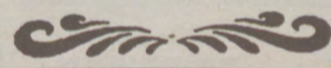


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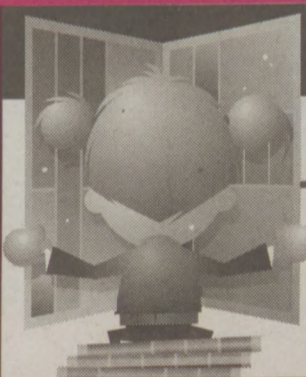
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## MILESTONES In Memoriam

### APPELBAUM

Mollie Appelbaum, 88, died January 16 at Christiana Hospital. She was surrounded by her family whom she cherished.

She was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Bennie, who died in 2000. Mourning her loss are her children and their spouses, Arthur and Aileen Appelbaum, Linda and Bob Glickstein and Phyllis and Jerry Stein. She also is survived by six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are private.

The family requests that contributions in her memory be made to the Jeanne Jugan Residence, 185 Salem Church Road, Newark, DE 19713 where she received compassionate care during her final days.

### BEARDWOOD

Constance Beardwood, a former resident of Wilmington, who moved to Florida, died Friday, January 9th after a long illness. She was surrounded by her friends and family.

Until her health declined, she worked as an assistant manager for Washington Mutual Mortgage Company. Co-workers, friends and loved ones all were drawn to her generous, loving spirit.

Survivors include her child, Jamie Bayless and her brothers, Dick, Bob and Victor Dubroff, all of Wilmington. She was predeceased by her parents, Howard and Beatrice Dubroff.

A memorial service was held on January 11th from Schoenberg Memorial Chapel. Interment was

private.

Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to Compassionate Care Hospice, 5610 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19808.

### BENDERSKY

Manya Bendersky, a native of Gorodkovka, Ukraine who emigrated to the United States in 1975, died January 14th.

A Holocaust survivor who cherished life, Mrs. Bendersky, came to America with her husband, Mordko, her mother-in-law, Sonya and her two daughters, Galina and Irina, to make a better life for her family.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Galina and Robert Chadwick and Irina and Scott Capaldi; brothers, Leonid and Boris Kogan; her cousin, Galina Snitkovsky; and her grandchildren, Zachary Chadwick, Benjamin Chadwick and Samantha Capaldi.

Funeral services were held on January 19th at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel with interment in the Jewish Community Cemetery. Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to the American Diabetes Association Memorial Program, PO Box 2680, North Canton, Ohio 44720.

### COHEN

Pauline Cohen, 89, died January 14th. She was the wife of the late Edward A. Cohen and the mother of the late Ugene G. Cohen. She is survived by her son, Richard Cohen.

Graveside services were held on January 20th in the Jewish

Community Cemetery on Foulk Road in Wilmington.

### GREEN

Robert Green, 74, died January 15th. He is survived by his wife, Jane Rappaport Green; sons, Steven and David Green; three grandsons and his stepson, Eric and Carl Wexler.

A graveside service was held on Sunday, January 18th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road in Wilmington.

Contributions in Mr. Green's memory may be made to the Rutgers School of Pharmacy, 160 Frelinghuysen Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

### HALBERT

Malka L. Halbert, 78, died January 12th. She is mourned by her husband, Eric; her daughter, Miriam Gershfield of Oradell, NJ; her son, Daniel of Hockessin; her brother, Menachem Rimon of Haifa, Israel; and her three grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on

January 13 in the Jewish Community Center Cemetery in Wilmington.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE 19711 or to the American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720.

### JOHNSON

Bernice Applebaum Johnson, of Bal Harbour, Florida, died January 1st. She was the devoted mother of Pamela Scheiman and her husband, Marc of New Jersey and Jane Cutler of Maryland. She also will be missed by her grandchildren, Joshua and his wife, Norma and Jeremy and his wife, Kelly; and her great-grandchildren, Cory, Marqis, Nathaniel and Luka. She was pre-deceased by her brother, Louis Braun.

Services were held at The Stanetsky Memorial Chapel in Brookline, MA on January 4th. A memorial service will be held on Monday, February 2nd, 10a.m. at Harbor House, 10275 Collins Avenue, Bal Harbor, FL

Donations in her memory may be made to any charity.

### WESLER

Hilda Wesler, 88, of Atlantic City, NJ, died on January 11th. She was a life-long member of Hadassah and ORT.

Mrs. Wesler was the wife of the late Dr. Nathan H. Wesler; and is survived by her son, Dr. Irwin Wesler and daughter-in-law, Marcia; her siblings, Yonnie Kron and his wife, Clara and Marilyn Specter. She also will be mourned by her grandchildren, Ken Wesler and his wife, Deborah, Sharon Nalitt and her husband, Eric; and her great-grandchildren, Alex, Samantha, Jaimie and Max.

Funeral services were held on January 14th in Philadelphia with interment in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Hadassah, 1518 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102 or to the American Cancer Society, 1626 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

## MYTHS AND FACTS...

### ...about Israel's water shortage

•There are two major reasons that Israel's water shortage has reached such extreme proportions—drought and over-consumption—and each problem exacerbates the other.

•During the last decade, Israel experienced an unprecedented series of diminished annual rainfalls. The extended drought cycle has caused a dramatic dwindling of Israel's fresh water supply.

•Currently, Israel's water resources yield 449 billion gallons each year, but population growth and a general increase in the standard of living have boosted annual consumption to 580 billion gallons. With an annual deficit of 131 billion gallons of water, Israel is over-consuming its water resources by 25 percent. This means that the water levels of Lake Kinneret and the mountain and coastal aquifers (Israel's only sources of fresh water)

have been lowered with serious detriment to water quality and the destruction of ecosystems.

•Sixty percent of Israel's fresh water goes to the agricultural sector—down from 72 percent. While current quotas have reduced agricultural consumption of water resources, they have also put many farmers out of business. Dropping agricultural consumption even further would mean, among a host of other consequences, the inability to sustain communities in the Negev, Arava and Galilee, and thus the loss of Israel's future land reserves.

•In August 2002 Israel signed an agreement with Turkey wherein Turkey will ship 13.2 billion gallons of water to Israel annually, about 3 percent of its water supply. It will take two years for the agreement to go into effect. While this agreement was politically important for Israel in terms of developing their relationship with a Moslem country and the only other democracy in the Middle East, it is not an economically advantageous arrangement for Israel. Israel will pay Turkey approximately three times what it would cost them for the same amount of recycled water and about twice that of desalinated water. At best, this agreement will replace the 13.2 billion gallons of water that Israel supplies to Jordan as part of their 1994 peace agreement.

•Israel's long-term plan for supplying water over the next 40 years is concentrated on increasing the quantity and uses of recycled water. While Winter 2003's rains helped improve matters, the gap between Israel's natural resources and annual consumption of water is constantly

widening. Desalinated water will also play a vital role in closing that gap, however it is more expensive than recycled water and can also be recycled, thereby making efforts that focus on recycling water all the more valuable.

•Jewish National Fund foresaw the significance of the water issue and began allocating resources to build reservoirs beginning in the late 1980s. Thanks to the contributions of JNF supporters, more than 150 reservoirs and dams were built, and provide for the water supply of 1.2 million people. JNF has committed to building another 75 reservoirs over the next five years.

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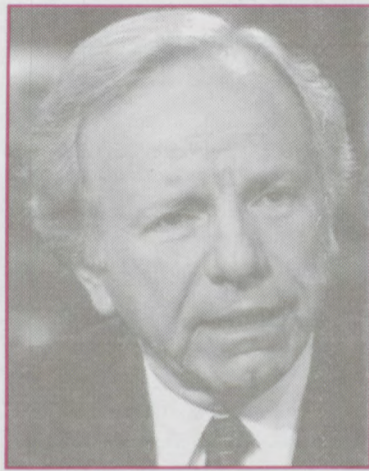
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ting squeezed. At least a million new people have fallen into poverty. The environment has been sold out to special interests.

And because of this administration's arrogant and unilateral foreign policy, America is more hated around the world right when it needs more friends than ever.

We need a fresh start — leadership that will bring our country together and move it forward.

As president, I'm going to grow the economy and grow the middle class — starting with a tax cut for 98 percent of taxpayers and a national paid family-leave program. Protect the environment. Improve our schools. Extend access to good, affordable health care to every American. Defend a woman's right to choose. Wean our country from its dangerous dependence on foreign oil. Reduce the poverty rate to the lowest level in history. And keep America strong in the world —

with a muscular foreign policy working with allies and friends.

What does that mean for the Middle East?

It means that we need to recognize we have a special relationship with Israel. America and Israel share a unique bond built on our shared values, shared commitment to freedom and democracy, and shared interests in defeating terrorism and promoting security and stability in the region.

I also believe that peace and stability in the Middle East is vitally important to America's national security, and we need to work hard to realize the day when we have a secure, democratic Jewish Israel alongside a democratic and peaceful Palestine.

The essential first step to achieve that goal is for the Palestinian leadership to make a 100 percent effort to stop terrorism and dismantle terrorist organizations. Once that happens, so

much else is possible.

And until that happens, almost any step we take will be illusory.

The United States cannot force the parties to settle their differences or dictate the terms of a final settlement. But there is hope and progress only when America is engaged. When America is not engaged, peace, stability and security suffer.

The Bush administration has concentrated in fits and starts. That has not helped quell the violence or returned us to the path of peace. As well, we need to redouble our efforts in grappling with the broader security threats from Syria, Saudi Arabia and Iran.

I have never believed that Jewish Americans should support me because I'm Jewish. But neither should Jews oppose me because I'm Jewish or worry about supporting me out of some fear of what might happen if a Jewish American becomes president.

The truth is that America is more accepting of difference now than at any time in its history, and it is the most ethnically and religiously tolerant country on earth.

I am running for president as an American — to give America the strong, serious leadership we need in these changing and challenging times.

I have confidence in the American people, who are so magnificently fair and accepting and are ready to support whoever they think would be the best president to provide them with safer, better lives, regardless of religion or any other description.

That's the America of which I have always been proud — and which my grandparents believed in and dreamed of when coming to this great country. To quote the famous Jewish dictum, "If not now, when?"

*Joseph Lieberman represents Connecticut in the U.S. Senate.*

## Dennis Kucinich

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lessness and illness, and to raise the health, prosperity and cultural literacy of all Americans.

School vouchers also harm

rather than help. They bleed vital funds from our public-school system and threaten values vital to the health of American democracy.

Vouchers attempt to disestab-

lish not only public education, but the entire public realm. They divert public money away from the vast majority of public-school students — in most cases, the students who need it the most.

As president, I will lead the fight to improve public schools and oppose alternatives that divert attention, energy, and resources from efforts to reduce class size, enhance teacher quality and pro-

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*Dennis Kucinich represents Ohio in the U.S. House of Representatives.*

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### BASKETFEST AT TEMPLE BETH EL

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2004. Doors open at 1:30. Advance tickets \$15.00 (\$17.00 at the door), this entitles you to refreshments and 20 chances to win any of more than 50 themed baskets. Additional tickets will be sold at the day of the event. Temple Beth El is located at 301 Possum Park Rd., Newark. For more information or ticket sales please call 302-366-8330. Adults only please.

### NEW FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY BRUNCH AT BETH SHALOM

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the First State Ballet program planned for Feb. 1 is being rescheduled to April 18. In its place, the synagogue has invited Martin

Frank, sportswriter for the News Journal and a Beth Shalom congregant to address "The Influence of Sports on Our Society." The community is invited to come for this

brunch program, which begins at 10:am. The cost is \$5 per person.

Please R.S.V.P. to Beth Shalom office 654-4462

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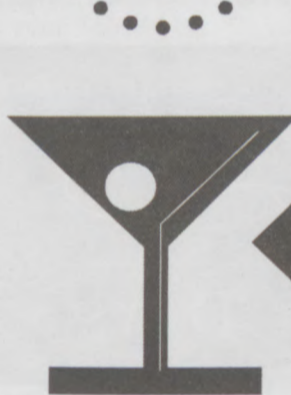
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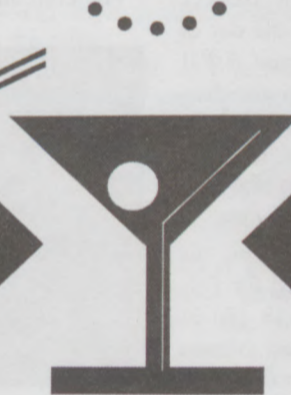

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