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DELAWARE AND ISRAEL - PARTNERS IN COMMERCE

By Lynn B. Edelman, Editor

"Incorporating in the State of Delaware is a slam-dunk for Israeli businesses," said Sherwin Pomerantz, president of the Jerusalem-based Atid E.D.I. Ltd. The firm that Pomerantz founded after making aliyah from Chicago, Ill., works closely with the Delaware Economic Development Office to identify economic and trade opportunities throughout the Jewish State.

In the almost five years since this "partnership" began, 85 Israeli businesses have incorporated in Delaware. "It's a mutually beneficial business relationship for our two communities," said Cynthia Kane, director of International Projects for the State of Delaware. Kane, along with John Pastor, manager and David Máthé, International Trade

Specialist for the Delaware Economic Development Office, log frequent flyer miles on their trips to Israel where they sell Israeli companies and professional concerns on Delaware's favorable business climate and strategic East Coast location.

These presentations are well received, said Pomerantz, commenting that more than 500 people packed the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel for a recent presentation hosted by Price Waterhouse. Another successful program, suggested by Israeli native Ben Strauss, a Delaware attorney, brought local lawyers to Israel to meet with their counterparts. Shortly before the Intifada began, Delaware Treasurer Jack Markell attracted a large audience to a presentation on venture capital.

While Pomerantz acknowledges

that the intifada has had a devastating effect on Israel's economy, he sees tangible signs of revitalization. Tourism statistics are on the rise and there has been significant growth in the high tech and pharmaceutical fields, giving Pomerantz and his Delaware partners cause for optimism.

Pomerantz believes that Israel's ongoing trade relationship with Delaware will help accelerate this economic recovery. "Israel Makes and the World Takes," said Pomerantz, taking creative license with the motto of Trenton, New Jersey to drive home a point.

"Israeli businesses bring to the global marketplace innovative products produced by a highly educated, technologically savvy workforce," said Pomerantz, adding that they need the venture capital and mar-



Celebrating the successful trade relationship between Delaware & Israel are (from left) Sherwin Pomerantz of Israel and his Delaware Economic Development partners Cynthia Kane and David Máthé. The delegation met recently with Federation Executive Vice President Samuel H. Asher (foreground)

keting services provided by their international trade partners to help their businesses grow and prosper.

It's a win, win situation for

all concerned.

For additional information about Delaware Economic Development activities in Israel, call 302-577-8464.

ISRAEL MAY NEED EGYPT'S HELP TO LEAVE GAZA

By Gil Sedan, JTA

After Israel's prime minister announced he was planning to withdraw unilaterally from the Gaza Strip, several weeks passed before Israeli officials realized they were neglecting an important detail: Egypt, Gaza's other neighbor.

Now Israeli officials apparently are beginning to realize that before making significant changes at home, it pays to consult with one's neighbors.

The southwestern corner of the Gaza Strip borders Egypt's Sinai Desert. Israeli forces currently are deployed along that 12-mile corridor, known as the "Philadelphia Axis." Israel retained control of the corridor after the Palestinian Authority took over the Gaza Strip in 1994.

A complete withdrawal from Gaza would mean giving up that control, which could be trouble for Israel.

Time and again, Palestinians have dug tunnels under this Israeli-con-

trolled border area, which in some places is several hundred yards wide, to smuggle arms into Gaza from Egypt. Those arms include rockets with the capability of reaching Israeli towns and cities.

Every so often, the Israeli army pushes into the southern Gaza town of Rafah to destroy the arms-smuggling tunnels, which appear to run largely unimpeded on the Egyptian side.

If this is the case when the Israel Defense Forces retains ultimate control over the area, one can only imagine the scope of arms-smuggling operations into Gaza once the soldiers leave that line.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has indicated that he intends to have Israeli soldiers leave "Philadelphia" as part of the overall departure from Gaza, but it is now clear that no such move can take place without full Egyptian cooperation.

When the United States was pressing Israel to withdraw from the Palestinian-populated Gaza Strip in cooperation with the Palestinians

and the Egyptians, Israel said the Palestinians were uninterested in cooperating.

However, Israel had no problem with the idea of coordinating the withdrawal with the Egyptians.

Negotiations between Israel and Egypt already have begun. Meir Dagan, head of the Mossad security agency, visited Egypt recently for discussions on the matter.

This week, Sharon's two envoys in Washington told U.S. officials that Israel wants U.S. help persuading Egypt to secure the Gaza Strip once Israel withdraws. Sharon's chief of staff, Dov Weisglass, and his national security adviser, Giora Eiland, met Monday with Condoleezza Rice, Bush's national security adviser, and Secretary of State Colin Powell.

The United States says it is ready to help, but an administration official expressed doubts that the Egyptians would want to assume responsibility for pursuing Palestinian terrorists.

Nadil Fahmy, Egypt's ambassador to Washington, said his country was interested in the proposal but need-

ed to know more. Egypt would participate if the withdrawal were part of negotiations with the Palestinians, Fahmy told JTA.

"It has to be in the context of resolving the conflict on the basis of a two-state solution and ending the occupation," he said.

While Egypt endorses an Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, it is concerned over possible repercussions. In an interview with an Egyptian media agency last week, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak recalled that his predecessor, the late Anwar Sadat, had rejected the idea of taking over Gaza back in 1978, during Egypt's negotiations with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Mubarak said that proposals that Israel transfer control of the strip to Egypt — as Israeli Cabinet minister Effi Eitam, leader of the National Religious Party, has proposed — simply are "not serious."

The Egyptians truly are concerned.

They are well aware of the possible complications of any close

involvement with the 1.3 million Palestinians on their northern border.

If Hamas takes over Gaza after an Israeli withdrawal, Egypt is worried that it could provide a boost to the radical Islamic fundamentalist movement inside Egypt itself. After years of unrest among Egypt's Islamic fun-

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RUSSIA NAMES ITS FIRST JEWISH PRIME MINISTER



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EDITORIAL

Refueling "The Passion"

Boker Tov, readers. My body is home but my heart is still in Eretz Yisroel where I spent four exhilarating and exhausting days in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and the Galilee as part of an international delegation of journalists and tour group operators convening for the Third Prime Minister's Conference on Tourism.

My brain is still recovering from a sensory overload of breathtakingly beautiful vistas—sweet smells of almond and date trees—a cacophony of voices singing G-d's praises—succulent wines and savory spices produced by a multi-ethnic people who have made the desert bloom.

I prayed at the Western Wall with a devout Catholic from Frankfurt, Germany and toured the Capernaum and other holy sites in the Galilee with a group of Evangelical Christians from South Africa. We gained an appreciation for our unique perspectives on a shared religious heritage as we see-sawed between visits to ancient Biblical shrines and tours of bustling new communities where olim from around the world have married their futures with Israel's.

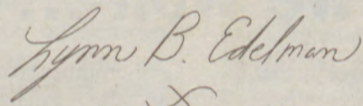
Trips like these should be viewed as an

effective antidote to potentially incendiary films like "The Passion of Christ". As we walked in the footsteps of Abraham and Jesus there could be no doubts that G-d guided both their paths. While we, their descendants, interpret the Lord's teachings in many different ways, it is hard to dispute that we have a common creator.

In coming editions of the Jewish Voice I will feature articles about the many things to see and do in this miraculous nation of Israel. For now though, I'd like to tell you what makes this trip a unique experience for a Jewish traveler. There is no where else in the world where you will be welcomed with open arms and hearts.

A merchant's sign on Ben Yehuda Street moved me to tears. "Thank you brave shoppers for continuing to come to Jerusalem and support us. We love you all!"

Am Yisroel Chai!



Lynn B. Edelman
Editor

Photo Of The Week



March 2 was declared "Read Across America Day" in honor of the birthday of Dr. Seuss, the famous writer of *The Cat in the Hat* and many other children's books. This year, students and staff at the Albert Einstein Academy helped celebrate the late author's birthday by dressing up as characters from his books. Einstein Head of School, Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt got into the act with some excited students in the Gan Class. Student Shoshana, lower right, proudly displays a Yiddish version of *The Cat in the Hat ... "Di Kats Der Payats"*. This year would have been Seuss's (Theodor Geisel) 100th birthday. Photo by Joel Glazier

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Request from Yad Yashem

Yad Yashem, Israel's Holocaust Museum, is currently in the process of building a new historical museum with an updated permanent exhibition. The opening display presents the Jewish world before the war. For that purpose we are searching for original films taken by amateurs or by professional photographers showing Jewish life before the Holocaust.

So far, we have collected many hours of footages of Jewish life in Eastern Europe, but we have only a few films from Western and Central Europe.

We would very much appreciate receiving

your help in forwarding our request to your readers in order to try to locate such materials. We hope that families and institutions may hold such materials.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,
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PARSHA PLACE

Week of February 21

Mishpatim

Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

Does G-d Need Light?

By Sandra Frankel

The first pasuk of Parshas Tetzaveh raises an interesting question. "And you shall command the children of Israel that they bring to you pure olive oil beaten for the light to cause the lamp to burn always." This light is for Hashem, but how can that be? Does Hashem really need light? Hashem is above all physical things. He cannot possibly need light. So the question is what is the purpose of the light? It must be here to teach us a lesson.

The midrash comments that even though we know Hashem doesn't need the light, we should still make a light for Him as He makes a light for us. The midrash gives an analogy of a blind man and a sighted person walking together. The person with sight has to lead the blind person the entire way. When they reach their destination, the sighted person tells the blind man to make a light. He wants him to do this so that the blind person would feel no debt to the sighted person since he had helped him by making him a light.

Rabbi Yeruchem Levovitz commented that from here we can see what total kindness is. The ultimate form of kindness is to not expect anything in return. By enabling the blind person to do a small favor, the feeling of debt was erased. Also, the blind person was able to retain his dignity by giving something in return for the kindness bestowed upon him, no matter how small it may be. When Hashem helps us and guides us He is performing the ultimate act of kindness, not expecting anything in return. He gives us this light so that we can feel that we have repaid Hashem and so that we can stay dignified. This Midrash should be our guide when we do a favor for another person, for it teaches us to never expect anything in return for our kindness. We should try to follow the example that Hashem set for us.

A lot of people get insulted when they do not receive a thank you card, or if they are not recognized in some way for the kind acts that they have done. The lesson we can learn from this pasuk is to act unselfishly when doing acts of kindness. The biggest reward is watching how much you can change and better another person's life.

Sandra Frankel serves as Regional VP Programming for the Brookline Chapter of United Synagogue Youth.

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Dry Bones

ON PURIM WE'RE SUPPOSED TO WEAR FUNNY COSTUMES...	DRINK 'TIL WE'RE DRUNK, PARTY 'TIL DAWN...
AND HONOR ESTHER, WHO MARRIED A NON-JEW	PURIM IS THE PERFECT HOLIDAY FOR MODERN JEWRY.

FEDERATION FOCUS

Passion Post Script



Samuel H. Asher
Executive Vice President

By the time this issue of The Voice arrives in mailboxes, much – perhaps too much – will have been written about the well-publicized Mel Gibson film, “The Passion of the Christ.” Jack Zigon, Director of JCRC and Planning, represented us well on the panel that viewed and discussed the movie with Gary Soulsman, staff reporter for the News Journal.

While at this writing I have yet to see the movie, I have spoken to friends, mostly non-Jewish, who have. Clearly, Jews and Christians are seeing the film from different perspectives: Christians witness a film about

their central “story” and viewing it through a faith perspective, while Jews are sensitized to the depiction of Jews in the film. (We do, after all, have historical basis to worry about Passion Plays and the potential to torment hatred and violence.)

There appears to be no question that the film can (and will) elicit anti-Judaism and anti-Semitism, and perhaps it was intended to do so. But I am hopeful that our Christian neighbors will view the movie based upon their theology and beliefs, and focus on why did Jesus die as opposed to who might have killed him. From this vantage, the

movie can be a faith affirming experience for Christians. Kol Hakavod!

We can capitalize on this spirit of religious faith renewal. Aside from attending Shabbat services at your synagogue, consider expanding your Jewish knowledge. Wouldn't it be great if our response to this film were a personal reaffirmation to Jewish learning and further exploring the meaning of Judaism in our lives?

One such way to pursue this learning experience is to attend The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School. The school promotes the growth of Jewish liter-

acy through the study of Jewish sources in a pluralistic environment. The curriculum was created by a team of scholars and educators at the Melton Center for Jewish education at Hebrew University.

Open House for the school will be held on March 10th, 11th, 17th, and 18th.

In generations past, some not too long ago, Passion Plays and pogroms defined who we were as Jews. Today, while anti-Semitism is still not eradicated, we will define who we are as Jews and we will best come to that definition through our own Jewish enlightenment.

They tried to kill us ... we won ... let's eat!



Todd Polikoff
Campaign Director

The basis for the Purim holiday lies in the book of Esther (*Megillat Esther*). The short version of the story is: Haman the arch villain formulates a plan to exterminate the Jews of Persia. Through some twists and turns the Jewish Queen Esther, with the help of her uncle Mordechai, manage to stop Haman and destroy him and his family...and all of the enemies of the Jews. Purim is born!

Purim is unique from other Jewish holidays and celebrations for four distinct reasons. First: The book of Esther, as opposed to *Shirim* for Pesach, Ruth for *Shov'u'oth*, *Eicha* for *Tisha B'Av* and *Kohelet* for *Sukkot* is the only book in the *Ketuvim* that is the cornerstone of the holiday. Take away the *Megillah* and you don't have Purim anymore.

Second: The observances associated with Purim are recorded as those practiced on the first Purim. They have stood the test of time.

Third: Ultimately Purim is a holiday of unity. We join together, *B'lev Echad*, in one heart to celebrate. There are four observances during Purim that help to bring us together. We come together to hear the *Megillah* reading. There is the Mitzvah of *Matanot L'Evyonim*, gifts to the poor. This mitzvah brings us together by uniting those who do not always run in the same social circles...the rich and the poor. The third is usually everyone's favorite, the Purim *Se'udah*. This is the big festive meal that usually ends with one too many *Hamentaschen*. The fourth and final of my reasons for

finding Purim so unique is that the holiday is a contradiction in practice.

We are instructed at Purim to celebrate with a big huge party and drink until *ad lo yada* (you don't know). At the same time we are to remember that there are still things wrong in the world. This is similar to the groom breaking the glass in a Jewish wedding. There is suffering and strife in the world and we should never forget that it exists.

In my synagogue growing up I knew Purim as the holiday where my father had a little too much Manichewitz during the *Megillah* reading. Therefore the drinking at Purim always intrigued me. Why would my father, who hardly drank during the year, find it reasonable on Purim to toast *L'chaim* with my uncle as though they were Lazarwolf and Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof? As I researched the phenomenon I learned that in Judaism alcohol is often used for ritual practices like *Kiddush*, *Britot*. While it is accepted for these rituals, getting drunk is strongly condemned. So why only at Purim?

Getting drunk, or *shnicken* as my

grandmother would say, is a key part of the Purim story. King Achasverosh (*pronounced Ah-chash-vey-rosh*) is drunk when he asks Queen Vashti to perform. He then has her killed which clears the way for Esther to become Queen. Later it is to a feast with wine that Esther invites Haman. The story eventually results in Haman's downfall.

We should also note that we drink at Purim not only to commemorate the story, but it is said that Purim is a holiday that brings out what is hidden within. As long as drinking brings a person to *simchah* (happiness) and sweetens their behavior, it is positive. The goal after Purim is to keep one's behavior sweet and maintain a level of happiness in their life. While maintaining a level of sweetness and happiness at times is difficult, it is not impossible.

We must take the lessons that we learn during Purim; helping the poor and needy, joining together as *b'lev echad* (one heart) and remember that despite all of the fortune and success that we may have, there are still imperfections in the world. It is our duty as Jews to always keep an eye on

Jews in need and respond whenever possible. That is where the Jewish Federation helps the most.

JFD keeps an eye on those who you do not know, but need you now more than ever. We are the ones who maintain Jewish communities in Eastern Europe, support those fighting anti-Semitism in Western Europe and assess and address the needs of Jews here in Delaware. As Jews we are reminded of the mitzvah of Purim once a year. As the Jewish Federation, we are performing those mitzvah every day of the year. Please join us in changing the world for the better by making your annual campaign gift today.

Lastly remember, they tried to kill us, we won; so let's eat, drink, put on crazy costumes, make fun of all that we hold dear and go wild! While you're getting loose and having fun, decide what you'll do to help move our world from oppression and poverty to freedom and sustenance, and (in the words of the *Megillah*) “from suffering to rejoicing” Have a festive *Purim* and remember...don't drink and drive!

Women's Philanthropy makes a Difference



Jennifer Young
Endowment and Women's
Philanthropy Director, JFD

Tracing back the role of today's women to the roles of our Jewish mothers, there has always been an

“obligation to give,” not only as a woman, but as an individual in her own right to help fellow Jews. Today's Women's Philanthropy department is a modern expression of that tradition. Giving charity is a commandment and an individual responsibility. Just as women make many independent decisions in their lives, why shouldn't they also make an individual decision for Jewish life and Jewish survival?

When a woman gives to a campaign, she is doing four things: 1) Standing up and being counted. 2) Demonstrating commitment to their local Jewish community and worldwide Jewry. 3) Making a statement for justice by doing what's right. 4) Serving as an inspiration to other women and, most important, their children and often husbands.

Inspire other Jewish women by example. By making an independent gift, women demonstrate and achieve power. Their role in providing *Tzedakah* is in its finest and truest form.

For more than 70 years, the Jewish Federation of Delaware has supported people who need our help. What better way to show our children and grandchildren that we, as women, are leaders in the Jewish community, committed to engaging our society in a sense of community-responsibility and leadership, while providing meaningful Jewish experiences. As the umbrella organization for the Jewish community, JFD has the ability to respond to all levels of the community's needs. Contact Jennifer Young for more information regarding Women's Philanthropy at 302-427-2100.



Lion of Judah donors (l-r Ruth Ann Ger, Joy Honig, Andrea Levine, & Iris Tocker) at the Lion donor brunch. This year's Lion of Judah event will be held in May.

INSIDE DELAWARE

Innovative programs at West Chester University

Hadassah Lieberman, wife of United States Senator Joseph Lieberman, will discuss the Holocaust from her unique perspective as the child of survivors. Her March 18, 8:00 p.m. presentation at West Chester University's Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall in the Philips Memorial Building, is part of the University's Philips Lecture Series.

Hadassah Lieberman was born in Prague in the Czech Republic in 1948. Her mother, Ella Wieder Freilich, survived Dachau and Auschwitz while her father, Rabbi Samuel Freilich, was drafted into a Jewish slave camp. While in the camp, Rabbi Freilich organized an escape of 20 men during a forced march to Auschwitz in 1945.

After the war, the Freilichs left

Eastern Europe and came to the United States. They settled in Gardner, Massachusetts.

Lieberman is committed to the Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation, which memorializes Holocaust victims, and was a member of the United States delegation to the commemoration ceremonies marking the liberation of Auschwitz.

For ticket information, please call the University at 610-436-3500.

ALSO AT WCU...

Dr. J. Edward Wright, Director of Jewish Studies at the University of Arizona, will present "The Archeology of Heaven," on Monday, March 29th, 8:00 p.m. in Sykes Student Union Theatre on the West Chester University of Pennsylvania Campus. He will use

ancient texts and artifacts to discuss how the Israelites incorporated images of G-d and heaven from the Eastern religions into the Hebrew Bible. This free program, sponsored by the University's College of Arts and Sciences, is open to the entire community. Accommodations for individuals with disabilities are available upon request by calling 610-436-3521.

Beth Emeth to host Consul General of Israel



The Israel Advocacy Committee at Congregation Beth Emeth is pleased to announce that Giora Becher Consul General of Israel for the Mid-Atlantic Region will be speaking at Shabbat Evening services on Friday March 26, 2004. He will be discussing the current situation in Israel. The entire community is invited to attend services and become more knowledgeable.

A Movie Fundraiser Benefits Dover and Seaside Congregations

Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover and the Seaside Jewish Community Center are encouraging congregants to attend a private screening of the critically acclaimed film "Unlikely Heroes" at the Schwartz Center in Dover. This film, from the Wiesenthal Center's Moriah Films Division, examines what it took to resist and stand up to the Nazis by shedding light on previously unknown sagas of courage and heroism during the

most desperate days of the Holocaust. "Unlikely Heroes" highlights the personal stories of extraordinary people whose heroic deeds were virtually unknown and who exemplify the highest level of courage and human dignity. It is directed by Richard Trank and written and produced by Rabbi Marvin Hier.

The film is playing at the Schwartz Center in Dover on the MAY 15th -16th weekend. The

evening begins at 7pm with a cash bar followed by the 8pm screening. Tickets are \$50 a person and participating synagogues will get to keep \$10 of every ticket sold. The rest of the money helps support the Schwartz center.

If you are interested in getting tickets please contact Lynne Chichi at 302-644-2209 in Seaside or Barbara Sparks, at 302-730-8272 ASAP so that the synagogues know how many tickets to order.

Rabbi Dresin to talk about Passover

Rabbi Sanford L. Dresin, spiritual leader of Wilmington's Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation for more than 11 years, will present "A Practical Guide to the Laws of Passover: From Slaving Away to Freedom" on Sunday, March 21, at 10:00 a.m. Rabbi Dresin's presentation is sponsored by the Men's Club.

He served for 26 years as a chaplain in the United States military.

Enjoy breakfast prior to the free program for just \$4.

The event is open to the entire community.

For additional information, please call the synagogue office at 762-2705.



Rabbi Sanford L. Dresin

Free course covers basics of Judaism

The Jewish Community Center Newark is offering a free four week course designed for adults who wish to learn about the basic tenets of Judaism. Connie Sugarman will facilitate discussion about belief in G-d, prayer, the Sabbath, Jewish holiday observance and sexuality. The course will be offered Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. beginning April 15th and ending May 6th.

Seating is limited.

To reserve a space, please call Lynda Bell at 302-368-9173 by April 12th.

Also at the JCC Newark...

SUMMER CAMP - NOT JUST FOR KIDS!

The Jewish Community Center is offering adults age 55 and over an opportunity to attend summer camp. Relive your childhood June 6-June 11th at Camp Kislak in Lake Como, PA.

This New Jersey Federation of YMHA and YWHA operated camp offers a broad range of Jewish camping activities for older adults. Fees include three meals a day, snacks, programs, courses and round-trip transportation.

For more information, plan on attending a special presentation program on Wednesday, March 15, 1:30 p.m. at the Newark JCC, 318 South College Avenue.

Call 302-368-9173 to register

for the presentation.

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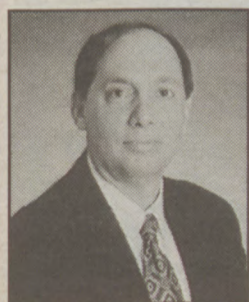
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Monday, March 19 is the deadline for applications

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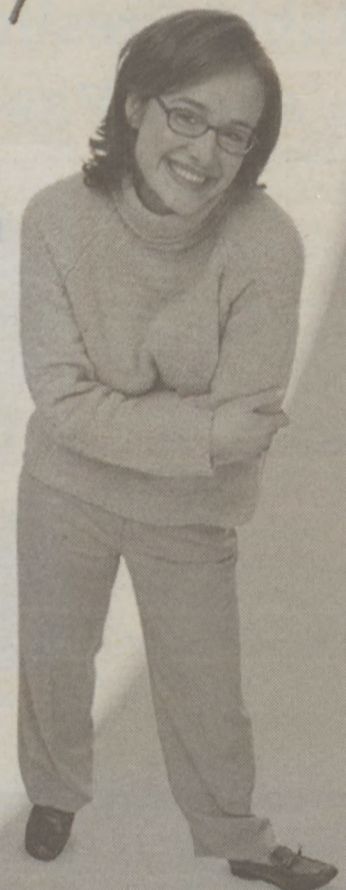
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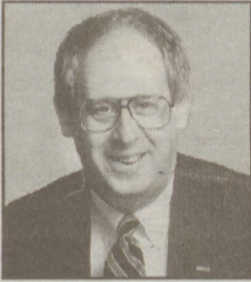
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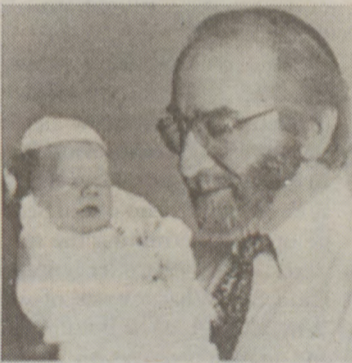


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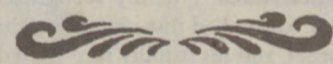


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The Passion – seen through each other's eyes

By Jack Zigon

I finally had a chance to see "The Passion of Christ" on opening day. After months of media hype and a first-class marketing campaign, I was finally given the chance to make up my own mind concerning this movie. What made this viewing especially unique for me, besides seeing the movie mid-week and mid-afternoon, was watching it with a very balanced group of total strangers: two Christians, two Jews, two women, two men and one reporter from the Wilmington News Journal.

Yes, the movie is extremely violent – with graphic depictions of beatings, flesh-rending scourging and blood-gushing crucifixion. But unlike most action movies, none of the violence in The Passion was gratuitous. It is an integral part of the telling of this Christian story.

But what about the story? Is it anti-Semitic? Yes and no, as it depends

on who is watching. In the middle of our post-movie discussion, I realized that a Christian and a Jew watching the same screen are watching two totally different movies.

The Christian sees a deeply moving chronicle of the love of Jesus, expressed in an ultimate sacrifice that leads to the redemption of all mankind. The depth of positive feelings and closeness that these Christians expressed after seeing the movie was truly heart-warming. They saw the dry text of "Christ died for our sins" brought to life and made real, in a way that only 21st century Hollywood can do. The sadistic Roman torturers and threatened Jewish High Priests were just window-dressing to the main focus of their movie.

The Jew sees something totally different. He sees Jewish priests demanding that Jesus be crucified, even though the warm-hearted

Roman despot can find no cause for this. He sees a mob of hundreds of angry Jews chanting "Crucify him!", after being offered an opportunity to free Jesus after being nearly beaten to death. He sees ugly-looking and cruel Jews lining the streets of the city, yelling at, beating, kicking and spitting on Jesus as he drags his cross, still oozing blood from every inch of his skin. The Jew can't look past these things to the beauty of the Passion Play, because stories like the movie they are watching have been a deadly prelude to attacks on Jews for centuries.

But there is hope in this story. For over forty years, well-intentioned Christians and Jews have been discussing issues like how to portray Jesus' Passion, and have come to historic understandings including those of Vatican II and the US Bishops guidelines on Passion Plays. Catholic and Protestant leaders have made it clear that Jews are not to blame for

Jesus' death – he died because of all of mankind's sins.

If the Passion causes more two-day-a-year Christians to ask questions about why Christ died and how they could better live his teachings of peace and love, then it will be worthwhile. If the Passion causes more Christians and Jews to sit down and honestly share their views of the movie, and sensitively listen to and understand the others' viewpoints, then it will be worth the risks inherent in its negative imagery of Jews.

In addition to hope, there is also fear coming from the dark side of this movie. Because the entire film is told in bold images with minimal dialogue, it will be easily translated into dozens of subtitled languages when it is released on DVD next year. Given the rapidly rising number of anti-Semitic attacks in Europe and the Middle East, I'm afraid that Mel Gibson's tale of ultimate love and sac-

rifice, while not anti-Semitic in intent, will be twisted into extremist propaganda, supporting suicide bombings of synagogues and attacks on Jews. Arafat has already been quoted in the Egyptian press saying, "Jesus was a Palestinian!" – add that lie to The Passion on DVD, sub-titled in Arabic, and you have a powerful weapon for those who want to demonize Jews.

I hope that Gibson's Passion will be a force for deepening the interfaith dialogue that has helped heal centuries-old wounds. But it depends what you and I do with the two different movies we watched, Christian and Jew, sitting next to each other in a theater in Wilmington.

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Anti-Terror Security Fence – A matter of life and death

Giora Becher,
Consul General of Israel
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Israel is currently in the process of constructing a structure, which the misinformed claim is a wall. Those who understand the issues call it an anti-terror security fence. But whatever you choose to call it, you must also call it necessary. For tiny Israel, the size of New Jersey, it is literally a matter of life and death.

Close to 1000 Israeli innocents have been brutally murdered in attacks carried out by Palestinian terrorists since late September 2000. Thousands of others have been left severely injured and scarred for life.

Suicide bombings have taken place on commuter busses, in restaurants, shopping malls, discos, and in private homes. The terrorists tar-

"Israel respects the right of free movement, but not at the expense of the right to live"

get children and seniors in crowded, happy places. In addition to the deadly explosives, nails, nuts and bolts are packed for added disfigurement of the survivors.

Good-faith negotiations and generous offers of territory and statehood have only led to increased brutality and terror. Although Israel continues to explore every possible angle for peace with the Palestinians, the terror continues. Most recently, 8 civilians were murdered on a Jerusalem bus on February 21st and almost sixty were wounded. No other nation in the world has ever experienced such an intense wave of terror.

This week, the principal judicial forum of the United Nations, the International Court of Justice in The Hague, will open delibera-

tions on this security fence. Israel has filed — and rightly so — preliminary objections to these hearings on jurisdictional grounds, a position supported by the United States, Canada, France, Australia and other western nations. The International Court of Justice is not the proper venue to settle the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. The international community has already chosen a different course, namely the "Roadmap" to promote direct negotiations between the sides, thus leading to a resolution of the conflict.

The transparent effort by the U.N. General Assembly to have the ICJ issue a non-binding ruling on the matter is an abuse of process designed to politicize the issue of Israel's right to defend itself. It is a partisan and improper attempt to isolate Israel in the court of public opinion. And there is a history of this behavior: In September, 2001, in Durban, South Africa, the U.N. World Conference on Racism was nothing more than an orchestrated anti-Israel and anti-Jewish performance on a world stage.

To the world, Israel is stating with utmost clarity that the anti-terror security fence is being built only because of terrorism and the refusal of the Palestinian Authority to fight it. The fence is already saving lives – not a single Palestinian suicide bomber has entered Israel from the Gaza strip, which has been surrounded by a similar security fence. The fence is a defensive, temporary, passive and non-lethal measure against terrorism. Israel respects the right of free movement, but not at the expense of the right to live.

The Jewish People know a lot about walls. Throughout our history, we have come face to face with walls. Some designed to keep us out. Some to keep us in. The security fence is not Israel's preferred solution. But, unfortu-

nately, for both Israel and those Palestinians who may be inconvenienced, Israel has been left no safer choice.

As the world has tragically learned, even the best defenses are penetrable. Until the teaching of

hatred ends and the culture of suicide bombers yields to negotiations, barriers are a necessary evil.

Poet Robert Frost was wrong. In the Middle East, good fences do not make good neighbors. They simply save lives.

Have a Merry Purim

By Carl Alpert

There is no lack of clouds here in Israel, and the news is certainly gloomy these days. Purim offers an unusual opportunity to banish the pessimistic spirit and enjoy a smile. We seize that opportunity and share with our readers a long held desire to conduct private interviews with prominent personalities. Since they are not available to us in person, we must improvise the answers which may be expected.

*My first meeting was with Yasser Arafat. I hardly recognized him, for he had just come from his barber, and his stubbly face growth had been removed, revealing attractive features. He was most miserable and cursed his barber roundly. It will take at least two months of growth before I look normal again," he told me. He was in a hostile mood, and I left quickly. That was a close shave.

*Arik Sharon was a most willing interviewee but the only thing he wanted to talk about was the Weight Watchers Club, of which he had just become the head.

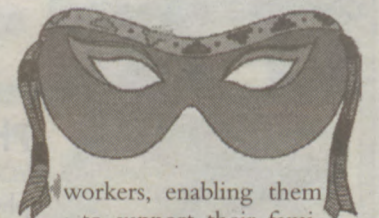
*My good friend, the head of the Israel Weather Bureau, was interviewed last August, and at the time we jotted down his long range predictions. "Israel will face another year of drought. Jerusalem will have one of the warmest and driest winters on record. It will be a difficult winter." When he heard who was calling, to check up on

his prophecy, he hung up on us.

*We had much better luck with Fidel Castro. He was most enthusiastic when he heard that it was an Israel journalist calling, and revealed his plan to transform Cuba into a great center of Jewish tourism. "It should be noted," he told us, "that Columbus took with him a Jewish translator acquainted with the major tongues of the Far East, where he thought they were going. The man, Luis de Torres, died on a subsequent trip, and was buried in Cuba. We plan to make his grave a place of pilgrimage as befitting the first Jew to set foot in the New World."

*Word reached us through underground channels that a grandson of the King of Saudi-Arabia was under treatment at the Hadassah Hospital. Discreet inquiries revealed that the astute monarch had sent the child to Jerusalem for his circumcision, which the Muslims also practice. He felt that Israeli mohalim were more skilled. The child himself was circumspect, and pointedly refused to be interviewed. When we insisted, we were cut short.

*We have just received a confidential memo signed by the most extreme of the Muslim terrorist groups. They recommend that we ignore Arab protests against the construction of the security wall. The wall has provided gainful employment for many hundreds of otherwise unemployed Arab



workers, enabling them to support their families. They urge that the wall be lengthened and enlarged for the benefit of the Palestinian economy.

*The Jewish National Fund campaign to plant trees has received a boost with the recommendation that hereafter all trees be fruit-bearing. Donors of large orchards will be entitled to a share of the profits accruing from sale of the fruit.

*As a result of the heavy rainfall this year, the Sea of Galilee is expected to overflow shortly, threatening Tiberias with floods. In expectation of such event, dams at the southern end of the Sea will be opened, permitting the surplus waters to flow harmlessly into the Dead Sea. What a waste of water! Why not set up a bottling plant and market overseas, in attractive containers, holy water from the Holy Land?

*Prime Minister Arik Sharon has not yet revealed the generous enticements which he will offer to the settlers to induce their evacuating Gaza. When he does, the Gaza Arabs will compete vigorously for the same terms. Failing to be accepted, they will charge discrimination and appeal to the U.N. The latter may uphold their claims.

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Marlene Sorosky

Recipe

The recipe is reprinted from Fair & Festive Meals for the Jewish Holidays by Marlene Sorosky.

PASSOVER CARROT CAKE WITH ORANGE CARAMEL GLAZE

This cake, reminiscent of the ever-popular, old-fashioned Passover nut tortes, is spiced up with orange peel, carrots, raisins and a thick caramel frosting.

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| Cake | Glaze |
| 1 medium orange | 1/4 lb. (1 stick) unsalted pareve margarine or butter |
| 2 tablespoons plus 3/4 cup granulated sugar | 1/5 cup orange juice |
| 5 eggs, separated | 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar |
| 2 cups shredded carrots (about 3) | 1 tablespoon potato starch |
| 1/3 cup potato starch | |
| 2 cups coarsely chopped pecans | |
| 1/2 cup golden raisins | |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9-inch springform pan, line the bottom with parchment or waxed paper and grease the paper. With a sharp vegetable peeler, remove peel from orange. Cut off all white pith from peel; place peel in food processor with 2 tablespoons sugar. Process until finely ground. (Reserve orange segments for garnish.) Add egg yolks and remaining 3/4 cup sugar and process until thick and pale yellow. Add carrots, potato starch, pecans and raisins. Pulse until combined.

In mixing bowl, beat egg whites with salt until stiff but moist peaks form. Stir 1/2 of the yolk mixture into whites. Add remaining yolk mixture and fold together until blended. Spread evenly into prepared pan. Bake for 30 minutes. Cover loosely with foil and continue baking for 30 more minutes or until a cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean and sides pull away from pan. Remove foil and cool 20 minutes. Run a sharp knife around inside edges and remove sides of pan. Invert onto cake plate or foil. Cool to room temperature. (Cake may be refrigerated up to 3 days or frozen tightly wrapped. Bring to room temperature before glazing.)

To make glaze, melt margarine in a small saucepan. Remove from heat and whisk in orange juice, brown sugar and potato starch. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until smooth. Bring to a boil for 3 to 4 seconds, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and cool to spreading consistency. Spread over top and sides of cake. If frosting becomes too thick to spread, it may be reheated. (Frosted cake may be refrigerated uncovered overnight.) Garnish cake with orange slices.

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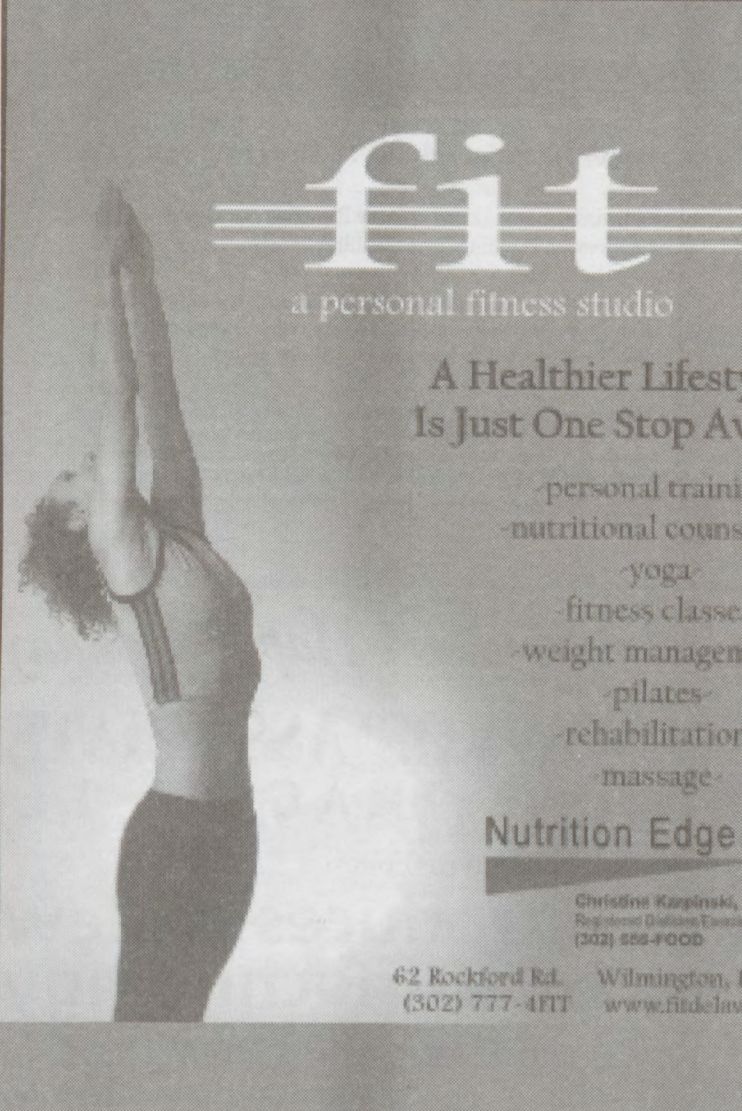
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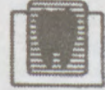
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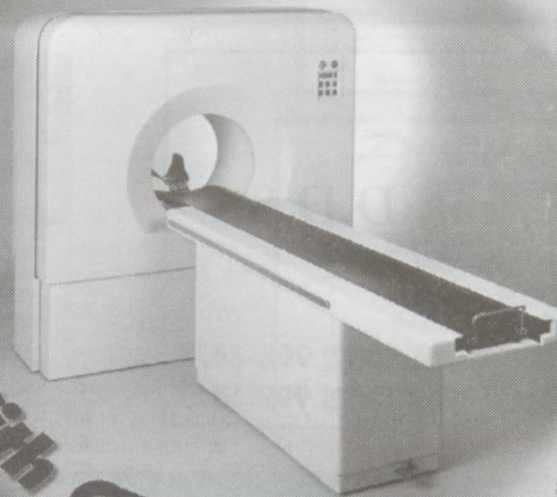
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AROUND OUR JEWISH WORLD

Swiss Jews harassed

By Fredy Rom, JTA

Anti-Semitic incidents are causing fear among some Jews in Switzerland — and prompting the government to call for a conference on the issue.

A Jewish researcher who often wears a Star of David says she recently was attacked in a campus elevator by Arab students. In another incident, the researcher said, an Arab student refused to answer her questions in the classroom; instead, he brandished a small Palestinian flag.

The researcher, Veronique Elefant-Yanni of the University of Geneva, is just one of several Jews in Switzerland who recently have found themselves victims of bias acts.

Frank Luebke, director of the Center against Racism and Anti-Semitism in Zurich, says the situation is alarming.

"We have two notifications of anti-Semitic incidents a week. We

do not have the same circumstances like in France. But if you realize that in France there are 600,000 Jews, and in Switzerland only 18,000, the situation here is even worse," Luebke said.

Elefant-Yanni has worked at the university for 10 years. When she reported the incidents to her supervisor, he allegedly told her not to wear her Star of David in public.

The incidents followed a stepped-up campaign on campus of Palestinian propaganda. Pictures of tortured bodies accompanied by text saying the wounds were inflicted by Israeli soldiers were exhibited in a large hall in the university's main building.

In addition, the movie "Jenin, Jenin" — a largely discredited documentary that alleged widespread massacres during Israel's April 2002 invasion of the Jenin refugee camp — was shown on campus.

A spokeswoman for the university promised to launch an investigation.

Meanwhile, in the French-speaking city of Lausanne, Ilan Levy, a local Jewish student leader, says he was attacked and has decided not to wear his yarmulke in public.

An official with a Swiss government-appointed commission on racism said anti-Semitic incidents have been increasing, particularly in the French part of Switzerland, because of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

As a result, the Swiss government is organizing a forum on anti-Semitism in June, said Doris Angst Yilmaz, the secretary-general of the Swiss Agency against Racism and Discrimination. The commission was established in 1995 to monitor racism and anti-Semitism.

Recent research has shown that Swiss schools do little to edu-

cate students about Judaism, the Holocaust or tolerance of minorities. Jewish leaders have raised the issue with authorities, but with few results.

The last time Switzerland showed a notable increase in anti-Semitism was in 1997, when Swiss reacted to pressure from U.S. Jewish groups about Switzerland's role vis-a-vis Jews during World War II.

A second wave started a few years later when the government said it would allow ritual slaughter, or shechitah, to be permitted in Switzerland. Animal protection groups launched a battle to fight the move, often employing anti-Semitic slogans.

The third wave began with the outbreak of the Palestinian intifada in the fall of 2000.

As in other parts of Europe, Islamists are taking advantage of the overheated atmosphere to spread vicious propaganda against

Israel and, often, against Jews.

In Swiss towns with Orthodox communities, where community members are visibly Jewish, these problems are not new.

"As a standing rule, we only go out in groups," said a woman who would identify himself only as Devorah.

She noted that the murder of an Israeli rabbi in Zurich two years ago was never solved — and that police have closed the case.

Another Jewish researcher and journalist who has asked to remain anonymous recently has written the authorities out of fear of anti-Semitism.

The situation "makes me think if the upcoming generation of our family can possibly attend Geneva's University or walk safely in Geneva's streets, since it is obvious we would be pursued with racism for being Jewish as a Swiss citizen. This is very disturbing to me," the woman wrote.

Candidates eye the Jewish vote

By Ron Kampeas
JTA

Now that it's down to John Kerry versus George W. Bush, American Jews — prominent in swing states in what could be a close election — can expect plenty of attention.

"Anything that moves a few hundred or a few thousand voters one way or another in any state can cause a seismic shift," said John Zogby, a pollster who says the closeness of this election is leading opinion-gatherers to focus more than ever on small groups like Jews.

The fight will mirror the larger battle for the election, where Kerry will emphasize domestic issues and President Bush will stress his foreign-policy and security record.

Among Jews, Democratic strategists say they will stress health care, the economy and the proposed constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

Republicans say they will stress Bush's strong pro-Israel record and his war against terrorism.

Jews still lean strongly Democratic, pollsters say, but even small shifts could change history.

"If instead of 72 percent of the Jewish vote Kerry were to get 69 percent, it's not many votes, but it could have an impact in Pennsylvania, Florida, Arizona,"

Zogby said — all states that were won by tiny margins in the 2000 election.

Florida's contested electoral votes in that election ultimately threw the national race to Bush, even though Al Gore got the plurality of the national vote.

Kerry, the Democratic senator from Massachusetts, swept nine of 10 states in this week's Super Tuesday primaries, all but clinching the Democratic nomination.

Sen. John Edwards (D-N.C.), Kerry's only serious rival, announced his withdrawal from the race on Wednesday. Edwards did not win any primaries Tuesday.

Jewish activists in both parties already are targeting swing communities.

"There's probably going to be about 10 real battleground states and in a number of those places there's a large Jewish community," said Matt Brooks, the executive director of the Republican Jewish Coalition, making note of Florida, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, and Missouri.

The Republic Jewish Coalition has held a number of events in Florida recently to bolster support.

Marc Racicot, the former Montana governor who chairs the Bush-Cheney re-election campaign, attended some of those events in the state over the weekend. Racicot said he was opti-

mistic that Bush would do better than the 19 percent he earned from Jews in 2000, because of the president's strong pro-Israel record.

"We understand they have been inclined to support Democrats," Racicot said of Jewish voters in an interview with the JTA. "But we feel the president's policies and his values in regards to the Middle East lead to the possibility to be much more successful in the Jewish community — not just in Florida but around the country."

Bring it on, say the Democrats. "Things have not looked as good for Democrats in the Jewish community for a number of years," said Ira Forman, the executive director of the National Jewish Democratic Council.

Kerry's strength among Jews was reflected in exit polls on Tuesday, where he polled better among Jews than among non-Jews in four out of five states with reliable Jewish exit poll data.

Forman said his party would emphasize what all pro-Israel activists agree is Kerry's exemplary voting record in 19 years in the Senate.

"It's good to be a Jewish Democrat today," Forman said Wednesday.

Forman suggested that the Democrats' strategy would be first to say that Bush and Kerry were equals on Israel, "and then we pivot to all the major domestic issues."

"They're on the wrong side of the community on the fiscal mess, with its dire implications for social service programs, on forfeiture of stewardship of the environment, on destroying the wall separating church from state, on choice, in energy, on nuclear proliferation —



John Kerry

we can go on and on and on," Forman said.

Hannah Rosenthal, executive director of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, an umbrella organization of local Jewish community relations councils and national groups, agreed that Jews are likelier to vote this year on domestic issues.

"On issues specific to Israel, we're talking about a win-win situation," said Rosenthal, one of 40 Jewish organizational leaders who met with Kerry over the weekend in New York. "Jews will be looking at protection of privacy, at civil liberties protections, at health care, women's rights."

Those were all issues Kerry stressed in his victory speech Tuesday night, when he left foreign policy and the Iraq war for brief mentions at the end.

Forman said the party also would emphasize Bush's backing for the amendment banning gay marriage.

"Every time they play to their conservative base — and they'll have to play a lot this year — they

totally alienate the Jewish community," Forman said.

Republicans agreed that Kerry was strong on Israel but suggested that Bush was stronger and that Kerry could be vulnerable on national security, where Bush has aggressively advocated tougher measures in the USA Patriot Act.

Brooks, the Republican Jewish leader, suggested that Bush's commitment to Israel's safety and security would trump domestic considerations for many Jews.

Frank Luntz, a Republican pollster who will publish his own survey of American Jews next week, said this election season promises to be an interesting one.

"For the first time in my lifetime, a significant segment of the Jewish vote is up for grabs," he said in an interview. "The Jewish community is the most interested in national security of any voter subgroup, and that plays to Bush's advantage."

"The Jewish community is still liberal on social issues and that plays to Kerry's advantage," he said.

Luntz said his polling suggested Kerry would perform well among Reform and Reconstructionist Jews and "those who say they are just Jewish."

Bush will make gains among Orthodox and Conservative Jews and those Jews who are more active in the community, he predicted.

In a survey of American Jews published in January by the American Jewish Committee, 51 percent identified themselves as Democrats, 31 percent as Independent and 16 percent as Republican.

(JTA correspondent Matthew E. Berger in Washington contributed to this report.)

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JEWISH LIFESTYLES

It's Purim all year round for IDF soldiers

by Batsheva Pomerantz

The book of Esther says that Purim should be observed as "days of feasting and gladness, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor." The giving and receiving of portions (mishloach manot) is one of the most popular traditions of Purim.

Through the project A Package from Home, thousands of Israel Defense Force soldiers receive packages not only at Purim, but all year round. Unlike the traditional mishloach manot, however, these packages contain around twenty items ranging from chocolate bars to thermal underwear!

A Package from Home was founded by former Chicagoan Barbara Silverman, a spirited 70 year old grandmother who has lived in Jerusalem for the past 19 years. Her volunteers, aged eight to 80, have packed packages in her small apartment since the beginning of the intifada some three years ago; packages that unit commanders personally request and then send army trucks to pick up for distribution.

"Barbara is a firm. Everyone knows her in the army," observes Lt.-Col. Rabbi Gidon Langman, a reserves officer in a tanks corps base.

As the project grew, Silverman was unable to continue to fund the project alone and so approached family and friends in the US for financial help. Word spread and soon hundreds of dollars were pouring in every month. Silverman was also struggling with the organizational aspects of her burgeoning project and decided to turn to the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI) for help. They agreed to adopt the project as a non-profit organization.

Silverman's apartment by now was far too small, so Jerusalem's *Livnot U'Lehibanot* (To Build and to be Built) Center - which provides a work and study program in Israel with hiking, community work and study components - offered its premises for the packaging operation.

Most of the volunteers for making up the packages come from abroad and arrive in groups organized by universities, Birthright, synagogues and even Christian Zionists. Bar and Bat Mitzvah groups also take part. "The volunteers feel it's special to do something for the soldiers," notes Silverman.

When a group of some 30 students, teachers and parents from the Yeshiva of Flatbush in Brooklyn, NY recently came to Israel during semester break to volunteer hands-on in different Israeli organizations, one of the mission's activities was to prepare packages for A Package from Home.

Semi-armored trucks stood ready to deliver the packages prepared by the Yeshiva of Flatbush group to two units: a tank unit near Beer Sheva and a unit in the Gaza Strip that had lost soldiers a few weeks earlier. In fact many of the soldiers who receive the packages are in combat units or are

Chayalim Bodedim - soldiers without family in Israel.

The army liaison for Chayalim Bodedim is Lt. Col. Zvika Levy, who also advises Silverman on the soldiers' needs. Silverman has learned that sweets and salty items, not available in outposts or small isolated bases, are necessary for energy and to counter the drop in sugar levels due to physical exertion. She buys wafers, chocolate bars, packaged salted snacks and sunflower seeds in bulk from a vendor at Jerusalem's Machane Yehuda market.

To date, 135 units have been adopted by communities in the Diaspora, who contribute dental floss, toothpaste, hats, gloves, soap and even sunscreen. Thermal underwear ("gatkes"), however, which is not provided by the IDF, is the most essential item. "While many soldiers bring thermal underwear from home, there are those who cannot afford them," says Barbara, who has raised funds for this and encouraged volunteer groups to bring gatkes in their luggage.

"We came with 36 suitcases full of thermal underwear and other items," says Rabbi Tuli Besser, dean of the Yeshiva of Flatbush, who organized the second Chessed Mission."

In an assembly line-style operation the boxes are filled one item at a time. The last items to be inserted are a typed Hebrew note from A Package from Home, warmly supporting the soldiers, and a handwritten letter of encouragement, either in Hebrew or in English, from children and adults from all over the world (Toronto, New York, Baltimore, Washington, California and Chicago). One American schoolchild wrote in Hebrew: "Thank you for fighting for us." Another child wrote in poetic style:

"To the soldier who opened up his heart

*And reached out his hand,
To help our loved ones."*

Participants in the project all agree how meaningful it is to volunteer and interact with Israeli soldiers. "Giving means life for all the volunteers in the various organizations that we've met on this trip," says Gur Berman, a teacher on the mission. "We have learned the power of giving."

"A Package from Home is a beautiful project," says Sandy Nissel-Horowitz of New York. "It shows our appreciation to these soldiers - who, if they lived in the U.S., would be busy with grades and competitions - for defending our homeland."

The walls in the compact Silverman apartment are lined with plaques from the many units she's helped and her drawers are filled with letters of thanks and appreciation. One Israeli soldier recruited in an emergency draft without knowing the conditions and length of his service wrote: "Receiving a package and especially the note from you has showed us that Jewish people around the word care and that we are not alone. You cannot realize how

important it is... it uplifts the spirit."

Another soldier, a wrote: "I was so thrilled to receive such a beautiful package. I called my mother in Moscow... First she wept and then she said: 'It's true the people of Israel are one...' The hat, gloves and socks

keep me warm on cold nights when I am out on foot patrol."

It took less than an hour for the 320 packages packaged by the Yeshiva of Flatbush group to be loaded onto the trucks which were to deliver the packages. This twist on

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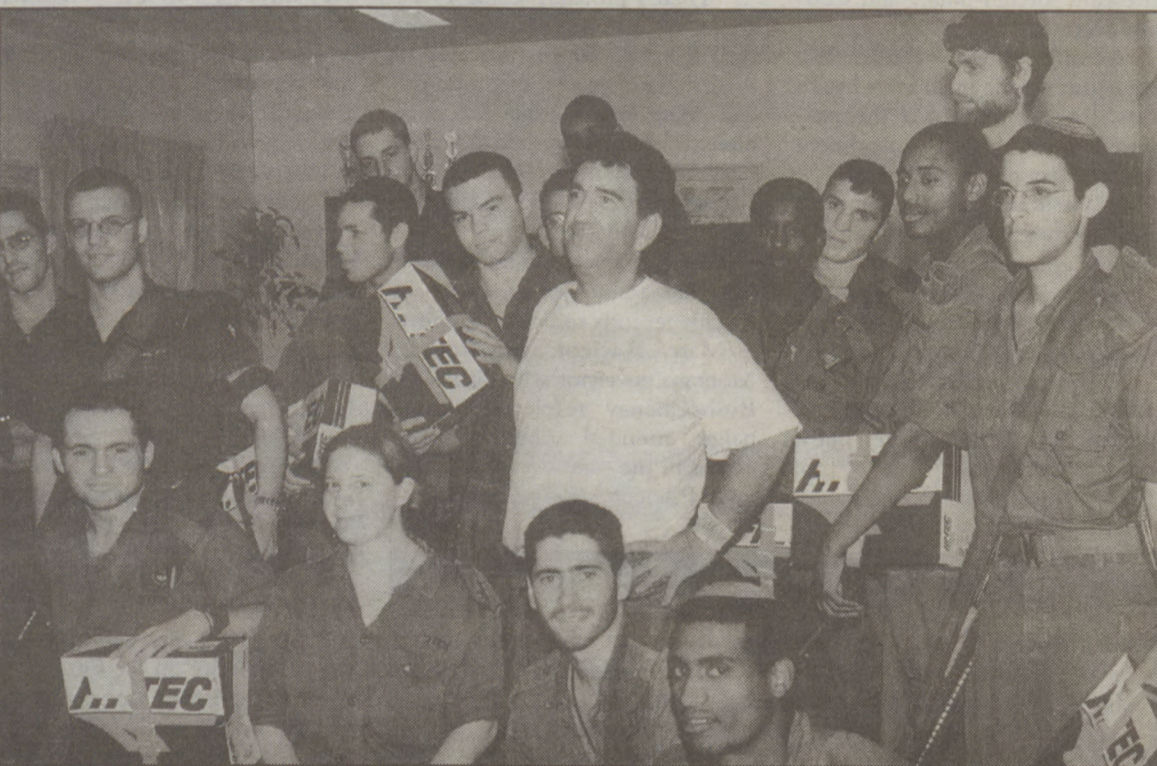
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Volunteers prepare care packages for Israeli soldiers containing anything from chocolate bars to thermal underwear!



A tank commander holds a parcel received from A Package from Home in front of his tank. "Receiving a package and especially the note from you has showed us that Jewish people around the word care and that we are not alone."



Soldiers from an IDF combat unit receive care packages from A Package from Home. IPS photos courtesy of AACI. IPS photos courtesy of AACI

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Russian Jew named prime minister

By Lev Krichevsky, JTA

The Jewish man named Russia's new prime minister is little known to the country's Jewish community.

But Jewish leaders welcomed Russian President Vladimir Putin's selection this week of Mikhail Fradkov, currently Russia's envoy to the European Union in Brussels.

Jewish leaders said Fradkov, who was expected to be approved by the pro-Putin majority in the Russian Parliament on Friday, has had no interaction with the organized Jewish community.

If approved, Fradkov would be the first identified Jew to serve as Russia's prime minister. His father is known to be Jewish, and while the background of his mother is unclear, he was profiled in a biographical volume of the Russian Jewish Encyclopedia that was published in 1997.

Berel Lazar, one of Russia's two

chief rabbis, told JTA he has met with Fradkov in the past.

"He is very knowledgeable about economics. He hopefully will direct his Cabinet toward resolving Russia's most serious problems, such as the problem of poverty," Lazar said.

Russian experts, whom the choice of Fradkov, 53, has taken by surprise, describe him as a civil servant who is likely to become a bureaucratic prime minister devoted to Putin.

Whether he will serve in his post for very long is unclear.

Russian voters go to the polls March 14 in an election that is believed to be a rubber stamp for Putin, and a new Cabinet has to be approved after the election.

But most experts believe he will remain in office for at least a year.

Fradkov has been a foreign trade official since 1972, when at the age of 21 he got a job as an economic

adviser with the Russian Embassy in New Delhi.

He first joined the Russian government in 1992, shortly after the collapse of the Soviet Union, when he was deputy foreign trade minister in the reformist government headed by Yegor Gaidar. He served as trade minister for less than a year in 1997, and was named foreign trade minister two years later. He lost his job when Putin was elected president in 2000.

Before this week's appointment, Fradkov high point came in March 2001, when he was made head of the tax police, charged with ending Russia's massive tax evasion. The agency was disbanded during a government reshuffle in 2003, and Fradkov was sent to Brussels to represent Russia in the European Commission.

For some Russian Jewish leaders, Fradkov's Jewishness is welcome.

"This nomination sends a clear signal to everyone," said Yevgeny Satanovsky, president of the Russian Jewish Congress. "It means that Russia's president is an absolute pragmatist, it means that a person's nationality does not mean anything to him, and that he is judging people by their business and personal qualities."

"This question is: Can a Jew become Russian prime minister? The answer is yes. The next question can only be whether a Jew can be Russia's president. But this nomination basically means that in today's Russia a Jew can be anything. And this is very positive," Satanovsky said.

"Of course, this is an overall positive thing to Jews," said Lyudmila Krasnopolskaya, an English-language instructor at a Moscow college. "Yet given this, I'm not sure this choice will necessarily make all Russians that happy."

A recent conference on xenophobia and racism in Russia held last week in Moscow reported that more than 60 percent of Russians have xenophobic sentiments, and many are anti-Semitic.

"There are people in the society who can try to make this an issue," said Lazar, speaking of Fradkov's Jewish background.

"I know there are people even inside the Kremlin whom this nomination will not make extremely happy," Satanovsky said.

Two major politicians have come against the nomination. Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov and ultranationalist Vladimir

Zhirinovskiy, both members of Parliament, said their parties would vote against Fradkov when the nomination is voted on in the Duma on Friday.

Zhirinovskiy called Fradkov a "gray and faceless person."

Israel may need Egypt's help to leave Gaza Continued from page 1

years of unrest among Egypt's Islamic fundamentalists, Mubarak's government only recently has succeeded in curbing fundamentalist elements in the country.

Aside from Egyptian reticence, there remain other major problems to a possible Egyptian takeover of security responsibility along the Gaza border.

According to the terms of Egypt's peace treaty with Israel, both countries can deploy only limited forces along the border. An amendment of that treaty would be required for Egypt to take over effective control of the border. That

will be one of the issues on the agenda of Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz's trip to Egypt next month.

After meeting with Mubarak last week in Cairo as the head of a Labor Party delegation, party leader Shimon Peres said Egypt eventually would take over responsibility for the Gaza Strip border.

Benjamin Ben-Eliezer, a former Israeli defense minister, said after the meeting that the Egyptians assured the Israeli delegation that they would ban arms-smuggling into Gaza.

However, they have not done so

thus far.

Additionally, in exchange for Egypt's cooperation, Israel would have to pledge that the Gaza withdrawal would be the first step of a larger pullout from West Bank areas coordinated not only with Egypt, but with the Palestinian Authority as well.

Coordination these days between Israel and the Palestinian Authority is problematic, to say the least.

Although P.A. President Yasser Arafat initially rejected Sharon's Gaza pullout plan, the Palestinians now are saying they should be part-

ners to the withdrawal.

Jibril Rajoub, Arafat's national security adviser, recently dismissed concerns that Hamas would take over Gaza once Israeli forces left.

"We will fight them and prevent them," Rajoub told a group of Israeli military reporters that he summoned to his Ramallah office last week. "Hamas will not be able to control Gaza," he said, noting, "Palestinians want a secular and democratic system of governance, not a fundamentalist one."

But can the Palestinian Authority really take over control of Gaza?

Judging by the internal crisis in the Fatah, Arafat's ruling party, the extent to which the Palestinian Authority controls anything in the Palestinian-populated areas is highly dubious.

Over the weekend, Nablus Mayor Ghassan Shaqa announced he was resigning to protest the P.A.'s failure to bring order to his increasingly lawless West Bank city.

"Our society is destroyed," Shaqa said, "and the Israeli occupation is not solely responsible for this."

(JTA's Washington bureau chief, Ron Kampeas, contributed to this story.)

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Mendy and Rivkie are still very busy trying to restore order to The Novak Republic. We thought it would be an extra special treat for them if you made a card for them, expressing your support and concern with a drawing or personal note. Feel free to wish them a Happy Purim, which we know will really add to their celebration. Reaching out to a Jew in need is in the true spirit of Ahavat Yisroel, love for your fellow Jew, and is a very important mitzvah. We'll forward all correspondence to take care of the postage to The

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OY VEY, YOU REALLY DID IT THIS TIME!



MILESTONES

In Memoriam

BERLIN

Harry Lawrence Berlin, "Larry", died February 29th in Wilmington. Mr. Berlin was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and its Men's Club.

Predeceased by his wife, Thelma and his daughter, Marilyn DiSantis, he is survived by a grandson.

Graveside services were held on March 2, 1:30 p.m. in the Jewish

Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

The family requests that contributions in his memory be directed to charity.

FLANZER

Julia Flanzer, 101, died February 29. She was the widow of Herman Flanzer and the mother of the late Adele Noznisky. Mrs. Flanzer is survived by three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on March 2nd in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

Contributions to a charity of the donor's choice would be greatly appreciated.

GOLDSTEIN

Miriam Goldstein, nee Friedman, of Wilmington, died February 25th. A former resident of Atlantic City, New Jersey, she is

predeceased by her husband, Harold and her parents, Joseph and Esther Friedman.

Graveside services were held on February 27th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

LEVIN

Reba Levin, nee Gurevitz, died on February 29th. She was the wife of the late Isadore A. Levin of Philadelphia.

Survivors include her son, Bruce and daughter-in-law, Debbie of Wilmington and her daughter, Sheila Leavitt and son-in-law, Jim of Shrewsbury, New Jersey. She will be dearly missed by her grandchildren, Rob and Dave Levin and Mitchell Fink.

Funeral services were held on March 1 in Southampton, PA with interment in Roosevelt Memorial Park in Trevese, PA.

NACHAS NOOK

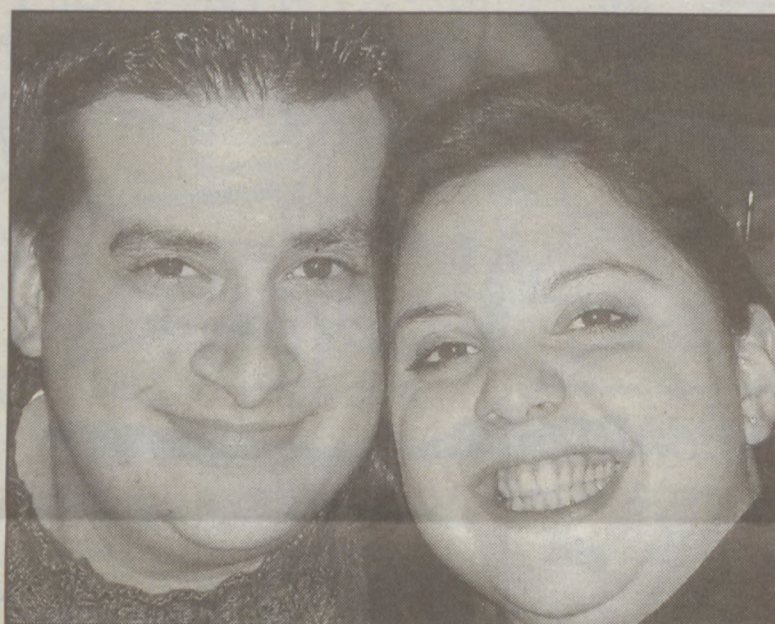
Ashman and Kanthal families to unite

Carole and Jerry Ashman of Wilmington are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharee Malissa Ashman to Jason Allen Kanthal of Old Bridge, New Jersey.

Sharee graduated from DelCastle Technical High School and is employed by Rite Aid as a Pharmacy Technician. She is the granddaughter of the late Lillian and James Strauss.

Jason graduated from Cedar Ridge High School in Old Bridge, NJ and is employed by ITXE in Princeton as an Order Manager. He is the grandson of Liesel Kanthal and the late Natalie and Jack Custer of New Jersey.

Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington will be the scene of the wedding on November 27, 2004.



Sharee Malissa Ashman and Jason Allen Kanthal

Israel food maven participates in Philadelphia food festival

The Consulate General of Israel will participate for the very first time in Philadelphia's premiere food festival, The KitchenAid Book and the Cook

Festival. The consulate will fly in Israel Aharoni, the Jewish State's leading chef, author columnist and restaurateur for the event

Aharoni will showcase his

book, "The Melting Pot" with a six-course meal reflecting the multi-ethnic cuisines of Israel. The dinner will be accompanied by select Israeli wines and will take

place on March 21st 2004 at Steinhardt Hall, Hillel's new home on the University of Pennsylvania's campus. Reservations for dinner can be made by calling Barbara Weisman at Hillel 215-898-8265.

The chef will also participate at the Kitchenaid Book and the Cook Culinary Market and Showcase with a main stage cooking demonstration and a book signing on Friday March 19th at the Ft. Washington Expo Center on Virginia Drive in Ft. Washington, PA.

During his visit to Philadel-

phia, Aharoni has been invited by Joel Assouline of Caviar Assouline to present a lecture on The Foods of the Silk Road followed by a cooking demonstration at The Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College for the students and food professionals. The Union League of Philadelphia has also asked Aharoni to orchestrate a dinner with their executive chef on Thursday evening March 18th.

For further information about Aharoni's area appearances, please call the Consulate General of Israel of Philadelphia, (215) 546-5556 Ext. 511.

JCC Newark hosts open house

The Jewish Community Center of Newark will host its annual Open House on Sunday, March 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The entire community is invited to tour the facility and participate in a wide-range of special programs and activities including: Purim crafts, raffles, family pool fun, carnival games and more.

A live disc jockey will entertain visitors and food will be available. Learn about the JCC summer camp programs and take advantage of membership specials. Call 302-368-9173 for more information.

The JCC Newark is located off Route I-95 on Route 896 northbound, on the corner of West Park Place and South College Avenue.

Delaware Gratz to see Golda's Balcony

Join Delaware Gratz students, teachers and the families of staff and students for a performance of Golda's Balcony at the Helen Hayes Theater on Broadway. The bus will roll from Delaware Gratz on Sunday, May 2nd, 10:00 a.m. and will return approximately 8:30 p.m. The cost of \$90 per person includes admission to the 3:00 p.m. matinee performance of this critically acclaimed story of Golda Meir, round-trip bus transportation and two small snacks. Financial aid is available for students who qualify.

As this trip is designed to be a field trip for Gratz students, there will be no Gratz classes scheduled for Sunday, May 2nd. First preference will be afforded students and faculty.

Bus trip participants are asked to bring their own bagged lunch and/or supper.

Your check, payable to Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803, is your reservation. Seats will be open to the general community after 2/29/04.

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STORYTELLER KEYNOTES BETH EMETH SISTERHOOD PROGRAM

Congregation Beth Emeth Sisterhood will hold their 2004 DONOR EVENT on Sunday, March 28 at 5:30 P.M. The program will feature Ruth Kaye as she performs her one woman intergenerational show entitled "My Grandmother, My Mother and Me." Ruth tells the story of 100 years of a Jewish family using narratives, monologues and song. With her rich mezzo-soprano voice and lively personality, she interweaves her family story with a variety of Jewish music. Ruth has performed throughout the US, in Europe, and for the soldiers in Israel. The Donor Dinner and Program will be held at Congregation Beth Emeth. For further information or to receive an invitation call the synagogue office at (302) 764-2393 or contact Ellen Wagner at (610) 388-6198.

DOUBLE FEATURE BRUNCH PROGRAM AT BETH SHALOM

On March 14, the Beth Shalom Sunday brunch program will feature two programs—one for adults and one for the kids or (kids at heart). J Susan Isaacs, PhD., curator at the Delaware Center for the

Contemporary Arts (DCCA) will give a dynamic presentation about the programs and art at the DCCA. For the second program, the Wilmington Drama League will present a 45 minute fun, interactive theatrical production for children ages 10 and under entitled "Big Bad Wolf and Other Fractured Fairy Tales." Brunch will begin at 10:00 a.m. The program will follow and will last until approximately noon. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12. To make reservations, call 654-4462.

AKSE ORDERING ORANGES FROM ISRAEL

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth is now accepting orders for an Israeli taste treat—Jaffa oranges. The cost is \$10 for a case of 72 oranges and \$5 for half a case. To order, please call the synagogue at 762-2705 by Monday, March 15th. Profits from the sale benefit Jewish National Fund.

The oranges will arrive from Shop Rite of Cherry Hill, NJ. on March 17th.

YIDDISH FILM SERIES AT AKSE

If you love Yiddish culture, plan on attending the AKSE Yiddish Musical Comedy Film Series. The series kicks-off on Saturday, March 27, 7:30 p.m. with the area debut of Yiddle Mitn Fidl. The film will be projected on a big screen in Yiddish with English subtitles. Local author Ruth Goodman will serve as emcee. Tickets are \$15 in advance, or \$20 at the door and include lavish refreshments and entertainment. Patrons level tickets are also available at a cost of \$36. To reserve your seat at this synagogue fundraiser, please call the AKSE office at 302-762-2705 or send payment to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Blvd. and Torah

Way, Wilmington, DE 19801

BETH EMETH PLANS NEW MEMBER SPRING PARTY

Congregation Beth Emeth is planning a spring party especially for new members who joined Beth Emeth in 2003 or 2004. Potential members who would like to learn more about Wilmington's Reform Congregation are also invited to attend this gathering planned for Sunday afternoon, March 21st, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Doug and Deborah Hershman of nearby Boothwyn, Pa. have volunteered their home for the event. Light refreshments will be served and membership information will be available. There will be no "sales pitch." This is an opportunity for new and potential members to get better acquainted with each other and Congregation Beth Emeth.

Make your reservations by calling Adele Kessel at (302) 478-0776. Questions about this event or congregation membership may be directed to Verna Schenker at (302) 478-6673.

FINGER-GORDON MEMORIAL TRUST ACCEPTING GRANT REQUESTS

The Anna E. Finger-Ruth F. Gordon Memorial Trust is accepting requests for cash grants of up to \$1000 to promote study of Judaism and Jewish culture. The Trust will provide funding for programs or to enable participation in programs relating to the study of such topics as Hebrew language, Bible, Jewish literature, religious customs and ceremonies, theology and Holocaust studies.

The Trust was established in 1968 by Louis J. Finger and Abraham J. Gordon in memory of Mr. Finger's mother and sister and Mr. Gordon's wife. Current trustees

are Richard A. Levine, Robert Jacobs and Steven D. Goldberg.

Financial need is a substantial, but not controlling factor in evaluating grant requests. There is a preference for programs or individuals affiliated with Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington.

The trustees anticipate making grants totaling \$2500 for calendar year 2004 on or before April 30th. Grant applications should be submitted, in writing by March 31st to: Richard A. Levine, Secretary, Board of Advisors, Anna E. Finger and Ruth Gordon Memorial Trust, c/o Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, PO Box 391, Wilmington, DE 19899-0391.

MARCH HAPPENINGS AT ALBERT EINSTEIN ACADEMY

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SPEND SHABBAT IN DOVER

Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover will celebrate SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA on Friday, March 12, 2004, at 6:00p.m. Rabbi Judah Fish will lead this special service, described by National Jewish Outreach Center founder and director Rabbi Ephraim Z. Buchwald as "...a fun-filled evening of camaraderie that unifies Jews everywhere as one people." This interactive prayer service will be followed by a buffet Shabbat dinner complete with song, ritual and discussion. SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA joins tens of thousands of Jews at hundreds of locations across North America in a beginner-friendly celebration of Shabbat.

The buffet dinner costs \$25 per adult and \$5 per child under the age of 12. According to synagogue President Barbara Sparks, the March 12th dinner is an opportunity to support the congregation's Renovation Fund. Advance registrations for the dinner are required. For more information please call 302-734-5578.

Teach English to children and be welcomed by Israeli hosts with Kefiada 2004. Are you 19-25 years old and want to make a difference this summer? Partnership 2000 and the Jewish Federation of Delaware subsidize this summer program in Israel. Work in our sister community of Arad/Tamar as a counselor in an English speaking day camp. The program begins on June 25 with orientation in Israel.

Contact: Jennifer Young, Endowment & Women's Philanthropy Director at the Jewish Federation of Delaware (302) 427-2100 x 19 or jennifer.young@shalomdel.org

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