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A story worth telling and a story worthy of our participation



Samuel H. Asher
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B'chol dor vador – "In every generation," the Passover Haggadah instructs, "each person is obligated to see him/herself as if s/he personally went forth from Egypt...for

God redeemed not only our ancestors, God redeemed us with them."

We recite these words early in the Seder; they are a central theme of the holiday and perhaps a central theme to Jewish life. We are instructed not just to remember but also to envision ourselves as active participants in the actual Exodus story of slavery and redemption.

My friend, Rabbi Irwin Kula, and his colleagues at the Center for Jewish Learning and Leadership, teach regularly about the Exodus story as the "master story" of Judaism. We are who we are because our identity has as its very foundation a powerful master story. The themes of freedom, redemption, liberation, reconnection, hope and opportunity infuse our master narrative with individual and collective empowerment. It is no wonder that our tradition instructs us to tell this particular story in a particular way each and every year.

On June 23, 2005 we will relate another "master" story during the 70th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. We will tell the tale of a successful annual campaign and a capital campaign that has achieved great results – six times more than the last capital campaign. We

will share the success of such powerful community relations initiatives as the change in date of primary elections to avoid conflict with Shabbat and the participation of WDEL's Rick Jensen in the Voices of Israel program. We will salute the graduates of our Community Leadership Institute, thank our outgoing president Dr. Barry Kayne for his tireless service and welcome his successor, Robert Pincus. As one community, we will collectively dedicate the Wall of Honor at the Weinberg Campus in tribute to all who have contributed to our capital campaign to update or build new facilities for Albert Einstein Academy, The Kristol Center for Jewish Life at the University of Delaware, The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Jewish Family Service, Delaware Gratz and the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center.

America has provided a fertile ground for Judaism. The themes of the American Jewish master story resonate with those of the Passover saga. It is a 'rags to riches' story from poverty and challenge to security and affluence. We have overcome overt and subtle anti-Semitism to achieve this milestone in our communal development.

We don't have to tell the American

Jewish master story "as if" we were the active participants for it is an ongoing tale with chapters still unfolding. Our mitzvah does not lie in relating an age-old tale but rather in the energy we expend in fulfilling the narrative.

Passover's theme is clear – the real prospect for redemption in the midst of slavery. The stories we weave today are our attempts to successfully overcome the problems that enslave us. We must turn apathy into involvement, endow the financial future of our community, create an environment of Jewish literacy and engage a new generation of Jews in leadership capacities.

The Passover story reminds us that we can overcome adversity. It teaches us that we can transcend the despair of exile and slavery. We keep this timeless story alive by becoming a part of it!

So too can the American Jewish narrative affirm our vibrant and rich future. We must infuse this never-ending story with our unique experiences and energies.

Please join us at our annual meeting on June 23. Rejoice in our work for Tikkun Olam. Become a volunteer for the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Zissen Pesach!

The Jewish Fund for the Future is your one-stop charitable fund



Jennifer Young

The Jewish Fund for the Future can help you with your charitable gift planning. Two of the most popular types of funds are philanthropic funds and restricted funds. Did you know that donors may establish a philanthropic fund with an initial charitable contribution, and can designate other non-profit organizations as grant beneficiaries? Donors can designate Jewish or non-Jewish charities as recipients of grants from their philanthropic fund at anytime during the year and funds donated do not have to be spent in a specific time frame. A philanthropic, or donor advised fund, can be established with a minimum contribution of \$5,000 and donors can add to the fund at anytime. Donors may recommend charitable donations from their fund at anytime, as long as the account maintains \$5,000. Donor advised funds are appealing to donors who want to make a charitable donation in one year and take their time to choose how to divide up contributions. Establishing a donor advised fund is also a great way to

involve multiple generations in your charitable giving. Families can be involved in making grant recommendations.

The Jewish Fund for the Future has several restricted funds, or funds established to benefit a specific field of interest or agency. Scholarship funds are an example of a restricted fund. The Joseph and Marion Greenbaum Scholarship Fund, established by bequest by Joseph Greenbaum, supports Delaware-area students in their pursuit of study in Israel and Jewish studies. Restricted

funds may be established during a donor's lifetime, by bequest or as a memorial. The Greenbaum Scholarship Fund provided approximately \$28,000 this school year to deserving area students participating in programs such as the Young Judea Year Course in Israel to Hebrew language courses at University of Delaware. To learn more about planned giving and how you can set-up a gift with the Jewish Fund for the Future, please contact Jennifer Young 302-427-2100 ext. 19 or email jennifer.young@shalomdel.org.

Save the Date!

Endowment Book of Life and L'Chaim Circle event
May 24, 7:00 P.M.
at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center

Save the Date

YOM HASHOAH OBSERVANCE SET FOR MAY 6TH!

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, Dachau, Bergen-Belsen and other factories of death by the Allied Forces. To commemorate this historic event, the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Jewish Community Relations Committee, will host a liberator at its annual Interfaith Program in downtown Wilmington. The entire community is encouraged to participate in this poignant program on Friday, May 6, 2005 from 12:00 noon-1:00pm in the auditorium of the Carvel State Office Building at 820 French Street.

According to Committee Chairperson Regina Kerr Alonzo "The theme of this year's observance is gratitude for the valor and sacrifice of the veterans who made the liberation possible." Veterans groups have been invited to attend the observance.

Kerr Alonzo added that "The community is invited to join with Delaware's civic and religious leaders on May 6th to remember the Holocaust, mourn for those who perished, and resolve that the world will never again be silent in the face of evil."

For further information, contact Samuel Horowitz, JCRC director, 427-2100, ext. 30 or via e-mail Samuel.horowitz@shalomdel.org

Delaware goes to Philadelphia for a festive Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration

Picture a parade of Delaware Jews wearing specially designed t-shirts created by this community's contest winner joining in a march by thousands along Philadelphia's Ben Franklin Parkway. When they descend from the caravan of buses departing from the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center they will enjoy an authentic Israeli street fair, and help to enter the Guinness Book of World Records for the world's largest Hora. All this and more will help make the 2005 Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day celebration on Sunday, May 15, 2005 a truly festive event!

Delawareans will depart from the Jewish Community Center of Delaware at 10:30am. And enjoy refreshments en-route. They will arrive in Philadelphia in plenty of time to participate in The Walk for Israel down the Ben Franklin Parkway which begins at 12:30pm. The Israel Street Fair at Eakins Oval will continue all afternoon, featuring kosher food vendors, Israeli crafts and products, a Bedouin tent coffee house, the monster mural, Israel Quest, camel rides, and much more!

The Guinness Book of World Records largest Hora will form at 2:15pm. Everyone is

invited to be a part of this history-making event.

The cost for participation in this celebration of Israel's 57th anniversary is just \$10 per person or \$36 per family and includes transportation and a t-shirt. Contribute an additional \$36 and you'll be recognized on the t-shirt as an individual or family sponsor.

Registrations are requested by May 2nd. For further information or to request a registration form for the 57th Israel Independence Day celebration, call Ivy Harlev at the Jewish Community Center, (302) 478-5660 or ivyharlev@siegeljcc.org.

This exciting community event is sponsored by the following community organizations: Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Albert Einstein Academy, Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center, Chabad-Lubavitch of DE, Congregation Beth Shalom, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Hadassah, Kristol Center for Jewish Life at Hillel (University of Delaware), Jewish Family Service, Jewish Federation of Delaware, Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, National Council of Jewish Women, Temple Beth El, Temple Beth Emeth and Women's American ORT.

EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

Shalom, Shalom-Seeker

The work of righteousness shall be peace.
(Bible: Isaiah 32.17)

Pope John Paul II was beloved by many in the Jewish community for his outspoken condemnation of anti-Semitism as a "sin against G-d and humanity" and his friendship towards the State of Israel. In his 26 year papacy, he did much to heal the historically painful relationships between Christians and Jews and forge a positive new chapter in interfaith relations.

Indeed he will be remembered as a pioneer for peace, taking several significant steps to right the tremendous wrongs caused by religious hatred and bigotry. He was the first Vatican leader to visit Rome's great synagogue since the time of Peter and was the first pope to tour Israel's Yad Vashem and pray at the Kotel.

These profoundly symbolic visits resulted in two significant actions—the issuance of the infamous document "We Remember: A Reflection on the Shoah", which lamented

Christian anti-Semitism and defied Holocaust denial and the establishment of diplomatic ties between the Vatican and the State of Israel.

While Catholics revered Pope John Paul II as their Holy Father, we Jews admired him for being a human being with a *gitted neshamah*—a good soul. He was a man guided by his personal faith to espouse Conservative platforms, which have alienated many gays and lesbians, divorced men and women and individuals who are pro-choice.

Only G-d can judge the validity of these beliefs. We mortals pray that the Pontiff's proud legacy of building bridges between the Christian and Jewish peoples will endure for generations to come.

Shabbat Shalom,

Lynn B. Edelman

Lynn B. Edelman, Editor

Photo of the Week



MAY HIS MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING. Pope John Paul II lays a wreath for the victims of the Holocaust, at the Yad Vashem Memorial in Jerusalem Thursday, March 23, 2000. Credit: GPO/BP Images/JTA



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PARSHA PLACE

Week of April 9

Tazri'a

Leviticus 12:1-13:59

Impure, Impure!

By Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson

This week's Torah portion, Parashat Tazria, deals with a range of afflictions and illnesses that the Torah labels as *tzara'at*. While commonly mistranslated as leprosy (the illnesses actually have very little in common with Hansen's Disease), Rabbi Jacob Milgrom translates it as "scale disease" and understands the illness as divine retribution for a moral sin or a sin against God. For moderns, we read this week's description of the afflicted person, the *metzora*, against at least two different back-drops: the old Bible movies of Cecille B. DeMille and his contemporaries, in which the leper was a forlorn and miserable outcast, and against the context of a more current affliction: the victims of AIDS who are treated as moral rejects as well.

How harsh, then, seems the following verse of the Torah: "As for the person with a leprous affection, his clothes shall be rent, his head shall be left bare, and he shall cover over his upper lip; and he shall call out, 'Impure! Impure!'"

Picture the suffering of this poor *metzora*: afflicted by a disfiguring and repulsive illness, uncertain as to its cause, despairing of any cure, the *metzora* was not only confronted by a medical horror, but was then also ordered to leave the settlement, with its comforts of family, familiarity, and order. For the rest of his or her life, the *metzora* was now to live in the semi-wild settlement of the other afflicted. And to make matters worse, whenever the *metzora* went anywhere, that person had to wear torn clothing and walk bare-headed (biblical signs of mourning), had to have a covered face (to hide identity? To mask shame? To inspire pity?). And, as a final mandate to publicize being a *metzora*, the person had to shout "Impure! Impure!"

Some traditions recognize in this imposition, that the *metzora* is in mourning - for lost health, companionship, and belonging. Others see it as a way of shaming the *metzora* who has presumably done something immoral (generally understood as *motzi shem ra*, malicious gossip) that deserves this punishment. Given those two ways of construing the bare head, the covered face, and the torn clothes, we still need to ask, "What is intended by forcing the *metzora* to shout "Impure! Impure!"

In our own day, we are all too accustomed to hear the self-designated spokesmen and women for God, for country, for civilization, calling for a similar isolation from the afflicted. From political and religious leaders, from prominent thinkers and writers, we hear an inordinate concern with their own purity and a desire to punish those who are already suffering.

How refreshing, then, to see a completely different assessment in the Talmud. Masekhet Hullin understands the proclamation as, "he shall make known his affliction so that they may pray for him. Likewise, one upon whom a calamity has fallen should make it known so that others may pray for him."

What a wonderful reading! The call of "Impure!" is designed, not to punish the afflicted, but to summon other people to his/her aid. Without having to ask for help explicitly, simply by mentioning the suffering, the *metzora* can count on fellow Jews to reach out to do something to lift the burden, to show solidarity, to express caring. The *metzora* calls out "impure" so as to no longer remain alone.

Wouldn't it be transforming if we responded to the "impure" voices of our age with compassion, love, and help, rather than with condemnation and distance? Isn't that response truer to the voice of God in the Torah, truer to the soft, still voice within our hearts?

Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson is the Dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles. He is the author of *The Bedside Torah: Wisdom, Dreams, & Visions* (McGraw Hill) and *Jewish Answers to Real-Life Questions*.

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EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

A troubled Ethiopian Enclave

By Nechemia Meyers

"It was a mistake to make Kiryat Moshe an isolated Ethiopian enclave in Rehovot," says Abi Zavda, head of the Kiryat Moshe Residents Association and member of the Rehovot City Council. "It would have been far better," he declares, "if the immigrants from Ethiopia had settled in various parts of the city. But there is no point in crying over spilt milk. Now all we can do is try to bring our neighborhood up to the level of others in the town."

That will demand a major effort, physical and psychological. Housing is one example. Many of the apartment houses are not only dilapidated, but also overcrowded. The Ethiopians have large families. One-third include five or more children, which means that seven to 10 or 11 people are crowded into three very small rooms. These apartments had previously been occupied by smaller families, which moved out when the Ethiopians began moving in, leaving the neighborhood predominantly Ethiopian with an admixture of no-hopers of other backgrounds.

According to Ruthie Inbar, who coordinates the efforts of a dozen official bodies and voluntary groups that are helping the people of Kiryat Moshe, "employment is a greater problem than housing for them, and particularly for old people (which means anybody over 40). Many of the men in that age group have not held a real job from the time they left their agricultural villages ten or fifteen years ago. First there was a long wait in Addis Ababa and then another prolonged period of idleness while they were in absorption centers here in Israel. Today—lacking either a reasonable knowledge of Hebrew or a marketable skill—they can only work as unskilled laborers, and, for the most part, they aren't strong enough for manual labor."

"Tradition and the need to look after a multitude of children keeps their wives at home as well, which means that social welfare payments are the sole source of income for half the

Ethiopian families in the neighborhood. Kiryat Moshe. They won't starve, but their future is bleak. What remains to be done is to ensure that their children and grandchildren escape a similar fate."

It is for this reason that educating the young is the first priority of the official bodies, the volunteer organizations and the supportive Jewish communities of Toronto and New York. Education starts early, with a program for home stimulation beginning with infants six months old. It continues in various forms until the kindergarten phase, when there are special language development and arithmetic readiness schemes in preparation for the first grade.

When it turned out that the local elementary school wasn't very successful, it was closed down and Kiryat Moshe children were scattered among 13 other Rehovot schools. But that didn't work either; most of the Ethiopian kids couldn't keep up with their classmates. Now the local primary school is to be reopened, hopefully staffed by a team of top teachers. In the opinion of City Council member Abi Zavda, "it can become the focus for neighborhood development."

Some Kiryat Moshe children have overcome their environmental problems and gone on to graduate from high school, and after a period of military service, to tertiary institutions. At the same time, an increasing number of police files have been opened for youth of Ethiopian origin in Rehovot. Residents cite four main reasons for the youngsters' behavior: loss of parental authority, idleness, economic hardship, and an abandonment of cultural roots; the kids no longer feel Ethiopian but haven't formed true ties to Israeli culture.

What they require, among other things, are role models, who would play the same role for them that Condoleezza Rice and Michael Jordan do for African-Americans. One such, whose success pleased Abi Zavda and other residents of Kiryat Moshe, was Mehereta Baruch, a strikingly beautiful and intelligent

Ethiopian woman who participated in an extremely popular TV contest designed to find a young person who could best represent Israel's cause to American audiences. She only came in

second, but she was the audience favorite, and brought pride to her fellow Ethiopians.

Hopefully, there will be many more, perhaps even from Kiryat Moshe.



Illustrations: Above—Kiryat Moshe children; Below—Kiryat Moshe mothers learn about Israeli cooking.

Disengagement: Role of the American Jewish Community?

By Martin J. Raffel

Item: The Jerusalem Report (March 21, 2005) Cover story: Days of Rage: Disengagement Opponents Plan Their Final Battle / "The next several months will test the nation's institutions, its social fabric and its capacity to maintain a bedrock of shared values."

A desk cluttered with papers — things to do, meetings to arrange. A demanding computer monitor — so many e-mails relentlessly calling for response. Yet my sense that we are approaching a watershed moment in Jewish

history makes me want to push everything else aside. I ask myself what we might do in the organized American Jewish community, the largest and most influential Diaspora community, to help prevent a looming confrontation — possibly heaven forbid violent in nature — between opposing forces in Israel.

This July Israel will implement the government's plan to evacuate Jews living in the Gaza Strip and areas of the West Bank. Opponents of this policy, as we have been hearing and reading, are preparing a series of measures, including massive civil disobedience, intended to prevent this from taking

place. Other, more radical opponents, we have been informed, may be planning even more extreme actions. There is the appearance here of two speeding trains on a collision course. Not just any trains — but ones carrying our Jewish brothers and sisters in Israel.

I firmly believe that there is a Jewish community consensus position on this issue. While there are thoughtful people on both sides of the disengagement policy, the organized Jewish community overwhelmingly supports it. And it is not simply because it is a policy of the democratically elected Israeli government in Jerusalem. I believe the support is fundamentally rooted in the merits of the initiative, which was intended, not as a reward to the Palestinians, but as a necessary step to preserve Israel's Jewish and democratic character. The fact that it will now be coordinated with a new Palestinian leader, who appears to be serious about a peaceful resolution of the conflict, is a bonus.

I believe our Jewish community has great empathy for Jewish residents in the Gaza Strip and West Bank who must make painful personal sacrifices by leaving their homes of many years. In addition, there is recognition of the national sacrifice associated with departing parts of our beloved Land of Israel. We also respect the right of those who disagree with the government's policies to engage in legal protest. But we reject and denounce any call for violence or efforts to de-legitimize the country's democratic processes. With deep emotions rising on both sides, it is incumbent upon all responsible leaders, whatever their position may be on disengagement, to express their views with civility.

It has been a basic principle in our community that as American Jews, who live here

and not there, whose children are not asked to serve in the IDF, we should avoid becoming enmeshed in Israel's internal political discussions. Over time, that principle has served us well and has reinforced an understanding of our primary role, which is to advocate for a strong U.S.-Israel relationship and to help Israel meet the social and economic challenges it faces. But there are rare times when it is much more than a simple political debate, when what is happening goes to the core of Israel's identity as the state of the Jewish people, when the very future of the Zionist enterprise is on the line. I believe we are at such a juncture in Jewish history.

Ten years have passed and yet I remember the moment as though it was yesterday when my wife came to me with the shocking news that Prime Minister Rabin had been assassinated by a Jewish extremist. Her words went through me like a knife, and I cried off and on all day — my grief accentuated by the fact that we at the JCPA had just met with him in Tel Aviv the week before. Did we recognize sufficiently the poisonous climate that led up to this tragedy? Could we have taken some action to calm the situation? I continue to ask myself those questions.

Our choice is clear. Either we can be observers of this unfolding drama from the sidelines and pray for the best. Or, in the remaining months before July, we can come together as a community, representing the full spectrum of religious and political perspectives, to consider how to communicate our convictions and feelings to the Israeli people directly in the hope that we will help shape Jewish history and not merely be witnesses to it.

Martin J. Raffel serves as Acting Executive Director for the Jewish Council for Public Affairs.

This Week in Jewish History



Celebrate 350
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"This Week in History" is an introduction to 350 years of American Jewish history, brought to you by the Jewish Women's Archive. More information about each of the events described below can be found on JWA's website at http://www.jwa.org/this_week/week14.html

APRIL 4, 1987

On April 4, 1987, Annette Greenfield Strauss won a plurality of the vote for Mayor of Dallas. Winning a run-off election on April 18, she became the city's first elected woman mayor.

APRIL 5, 1905

The announcement of the engagement of journalist and former cigar worker Rose

Pastor to prominent Protestant philanthropist James Graham Phelps Stokes, on April 5, 1905, caused a media sensation.

APRIL 6, 2000

The United States Postal Service issued 5 stamps depicting the work of sculptor Louise Nevelson on April 6, 2000.

APRIL 7, 1975

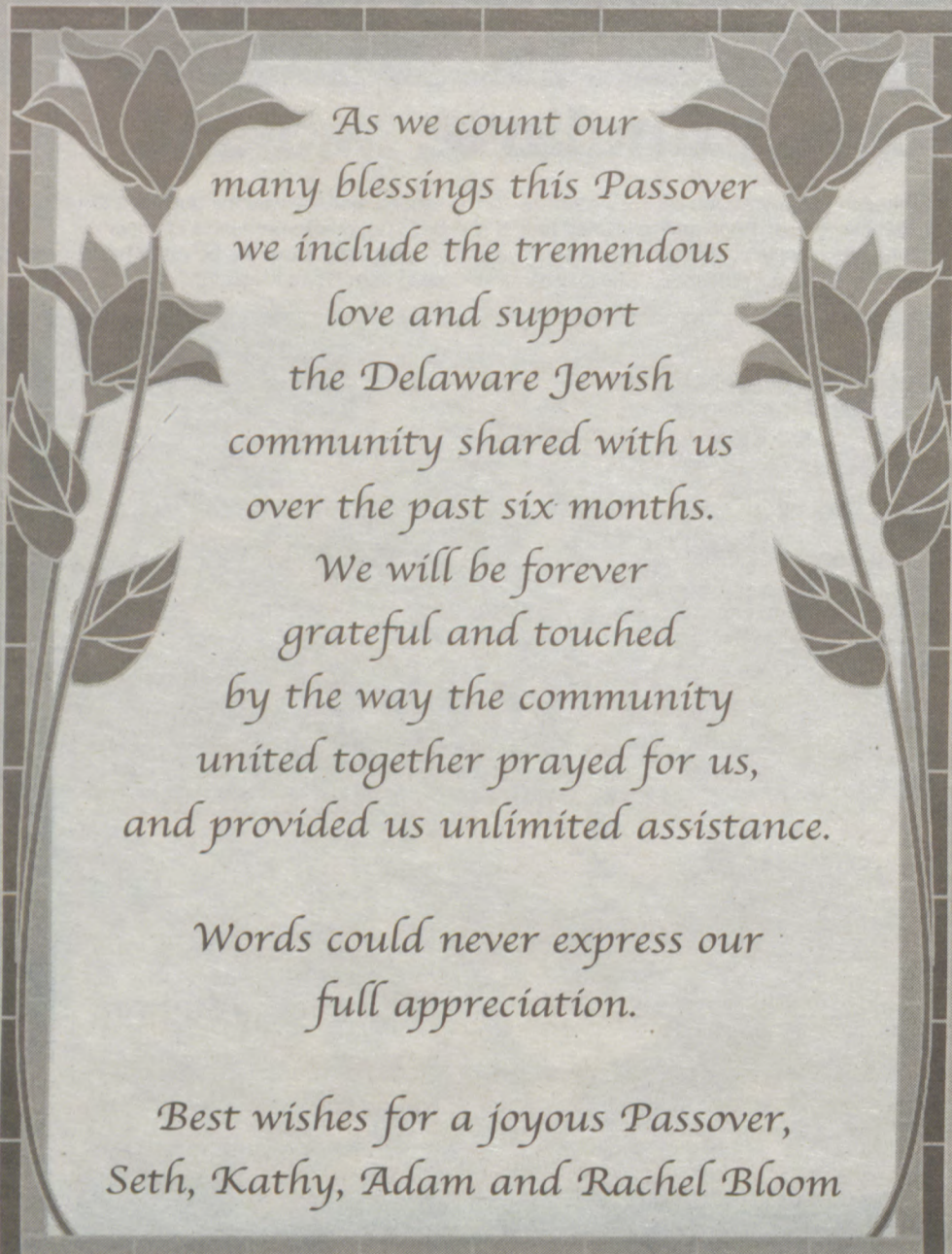
Singer Beverly Sills, at age 45, debuted at the Metropolitan Opera on April 7, 1975.

APRIL 8, 1942

Nora Kaye's performance as Hagar in the world premiere of "Pillar of Fire" at the Ballet Theatre on April 8, 1942, established her as one of the world's prima ballerinas.

APRIL 8, 1730

The first North American synagogue building was dedicated on Mill Street in New York City on April 8, 1730. A 1744 visitor noted that congregation's women "of whom some were very pretty, stood up in the gallery like a hen coop."



As we count our many blessings this Passover we include the tremendous love and support the Delaware Jewish community shared with us over the past six months. We will be forever grateful and touched by the way the community united together prayed for us, and provided us unlimited assistance.

Words could never express our full appreciation.

Best wishes for a joyous Passover,
Seth, Kathy, Adam and Rachel Bloom

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Israel 2005

Contact Jennifer at (302)427-2100 x 19 for more information

Young adults ages 19-25 are encouraged to apply for this exciting program to work as a counselor in our sister community of Arad/Tamar. The Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Partnership 2000 allocation will cover all expenses in Israel - ground transportation, orientation, room and board, touring, and a portion of the airfare. The counselors each pay \$250 towards the airfare. Last summer 8 counselors from our NJ/DE partnership participated in the program.

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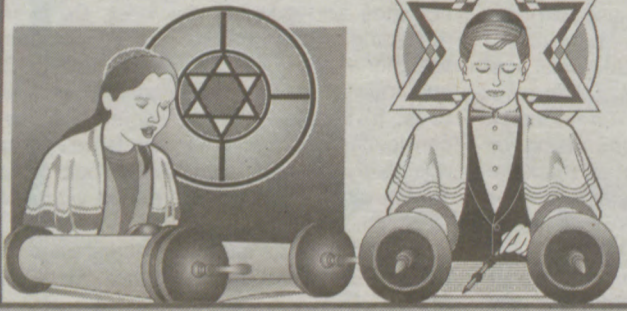
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Gael Greene

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Jacques Pépin

Host of PBS's *Jacques Pépin's Kitchen*. Formerly personal chef to Charles DeGaulle.

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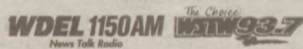
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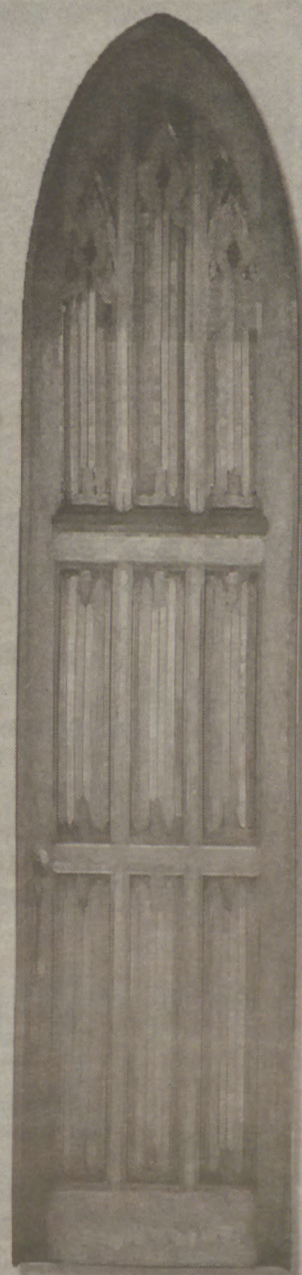
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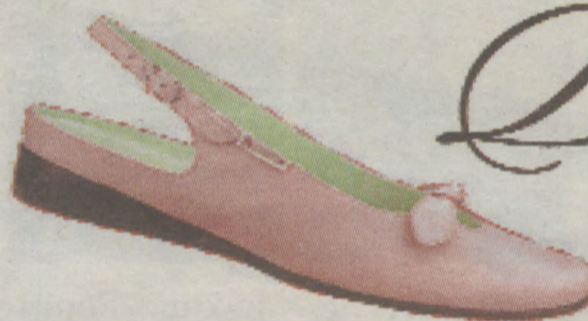


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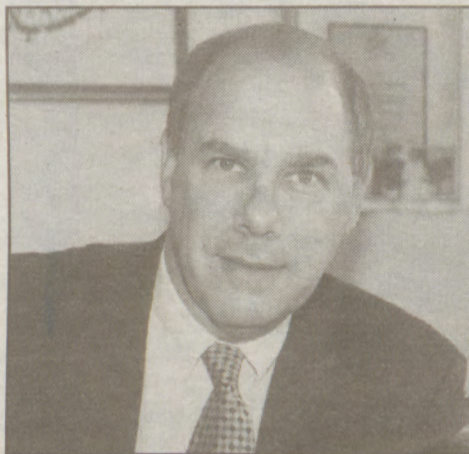
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Sparks becomes new head at AEA Brandywine schools have new policy



Dr. Jack Sparks

Albert Einstein Academy's Board of Trustees Acting President, Dorothy Bobman has announced the appointment of Dr. Jack L. Sparks as Head of School. "Dr. Sparks has spent more than 20 years as an educational leader and school administrator, said Bobman, adding that "With his commitment to, and passion for Gifted and Talented Education, Math Education and Technology, he is the ideal match for our school."

Dr. Sparks has many years of administrative experience in Jewish Day Schools and possesses a strong background in student recruitment, curriculum development, fundraising and school management. He most recently served as Head of School at the Austin Jewish Academy and, prior to that, he enjoyed an 11 year tenure as the

Headmaster at the Greenfield Day School in Miami, Florida. During his time in Florida, Dr. Sparks also served as an Adjunct Professor at Miami-Dade College and as a congregational rabbi for Temple Hatikvah in Homestead, Florida.

Dr. Sparks is a graduate of Boston University, earned his Master of Education degree at the University of Massachusetts and his Doctor of Education degree from Boston University. He was ordained as a rabbi at The New Seminary in New York. He has earned additional academic credits at Hebrew College in Boston in Talmud, Hebrew language, literature and Jewish philosophy.

Bobman related that during the interview process, Dr. Sparks met with the AEA faculty and shared his personal vision of what an excellent education can be, and discussed his plans on how to bring that vision to life. He looks forward to continuing to create the kind of school that will enable each child who attends to reach his or her fullest potential.

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Sparks joining our school and our community. He is an energetic, outgoing and engaging gentleman who has tremendous potential to lead our school to new heights," Bobman commented.

Albert Einstein Academy is the only Jewish Elementary Day School in the Brandywine Valley. It is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. For more information about Albert Einstein Academy, call 302-478-5026 or visit the agency on-line at www.aeacademy.org

Schools in the Brandywine district will not schedule "important happenings" on days that are recognized as major religious holidays according to a report from Delaforum, www.delaforum.com. Presentation of a new procedure to the school board on Mar. 21 apparently ended a controversy touched off when district officials ordered the Mount Pleasant High band not to participate in an out-of-state competition which conflicted with the Jewish new year last September. The officials acted on a somewhat vague rule, which had been long-standing, but was only sporadically enforced.

Assistant superintendent Tammy Davis told the board that only events arranged by entities outside the district which provide an opportunity that students would not have at another time during the academic year would be sanctioned. She would have to approve participation at least a month in advance. In all cases,

she said, teachers and administrators will be required to "exercise sensitivity and flexibility" in working around religious holidays. So far, only Jewish holidays are recognized observances, but appropriate authorities from other denominations can request similar status.

"The Brandywine School District, and specifically the Brandywine School Board and Superintendent Bruce Harter, are to be congratulated for adopting modifications to its existing religious observance policy, which modifications reflect its sensitivity to the fact that we live in a diverse and multicultural society," said Councilman Bob Weiner.

The Jewish Community Relations Committee wants to work with families in the community in regard to issues surrounding the role of religion in the public schools. Please call Samuel Horowitz at the Federation office at (302) 427-2100, ext. 30 or Samuel.Horowitz@shalomdel.org

Gratz Shabbaton celebrates 350 years



Rebecca Gratz

Asser Levy, Gershom Mendes Seixas, Rebecca Gratz, Judah Benjamin, Albert Einstein and Bella Rudin Karol all made cameo appearances in costume and shared stories about their lives and their times during the recent Spring Shabbaton at Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School. Three rabbis—Johanan Bickhardt, Eliezer Sneiderman and Brian Eng were part of the teaching staff, which also included Robin Karol Eng, Barry Wexler and Marlene Milunsky (as Rebecca Gratz).

The students analyzed the forces that created our current world, wrestled with building their own Jewish community and deciding what items to "bring" to a new country to ensure Jewish survival. They philosophized with Herman Cohen, Mordecai Kaplan and Abraham Joshua Heschel and concluded by making their own spiritual autobiography journals.

Rabbi Sneiderman, who has a masters in social work and been trained in Informal Jewish Education by Joseph Reimer and Simon Clarfeld, served as Shabbaton coordinator. It was underwritten by the Harry Cohen Foundation and the Kutz Foundation and was hosted by the Jewish Fellowship of Hemlock Farms in the Poconos.

Israel at Heart visits Delaware

Israel at Heart is a new organization that brings the real faces of Israeli students to share their personal stories about life in Israel with communities around the world. The life stories of these young people who truly speak from the heart, have all completed military, and are in their mid-20s. Their backgrounds demonstrate the diversity of Israeli society.

Congregation Beth Shalom, at the corner of 18th and Baynard, is inviting the entire community to meet the Israel at heart delegation visiting Wilmington on Monday evening, April 11th at 7:30pm. Earlier in the day, the team will be visiting the University of Delaware.

Participating Israeli students are Maway Anyana, Mike Outmezguine, and Hemdat Saghi. Maway came to Israel in 1990 from Ethiopia, is a law student at Bar Ilan University, and has worked with the Jewish

community of Albany, New York. Mike made aliya from London, England, has worked with at risk youth in Lod, and is studying Government and Strategic Diplomacy at the Inter Disciplinary center in Herzeliya. Hemdat is studying criminal law at Bar Ilan University, and has interned with the Criminal Department of the Attorney General's office.

Members of the Jewish community are especially urged to invite neighbors and friends who would enjoy meeting these young Israelis who will speak "from the heart" about their lives.

This program is jointly sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Delaware and Congregation Beth Shalom. For further information, please contact Samuel Horowitz, Federation's JCRC director, (302) 427-2100 or via email at Samuel.Horowitz@shalomdel.org.



AEA presents its Spring Show

The entire community is invited to Albert Einstein Academy (AEA)'s Spring production, *The Adventures of King Arthur*, on April 14 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center. Admission is free, donations are accepted.

Pat Jordan has written and directed the play, starring 17 AEA students. The students in the play are: Rachel Bailey, Halle Burns, Jordi Butt, Sara Downard, Jared Freschman, Jenna Glazier, Jake Grant, Sam Grant, Jacob Horden, Sylviann Horden, Valerie Howard, Danielle Kuller, Jodi Lessner, Sabrina Lessner, Jesse Saran, Max Sugarman and Lindsey Weiss.

Jordan has written and directed scores of plays, including many locally at the Darlington Arts Center and has conducted drama/music workshops for Delaware teachers and educators. She has written a series of easy-to-perform, age-appropriate classroom plays for schools, home school and library use and has directed many area musical and theatrical presentations.

Jordan has performed Off-Broadway and as a soloist in venues such as the Academy of Music in Philadelphia. She also has appeared in feature films and has written and performed in her own one-woman shows. She premiered a new play, "The Loyalist's Tale" at Sweetbriar, one of Fairmount Park's historic sites.

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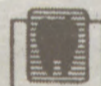
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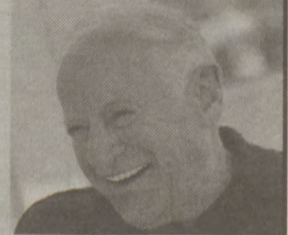
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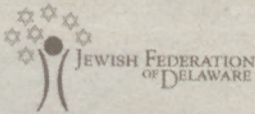
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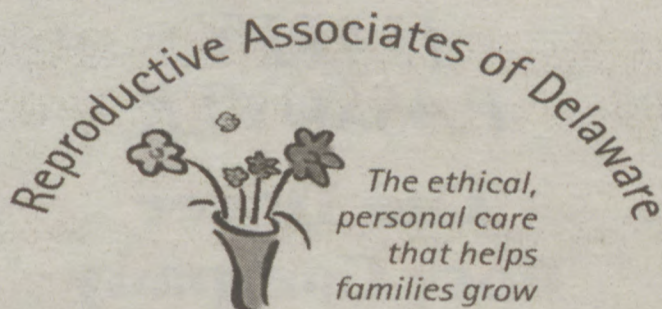


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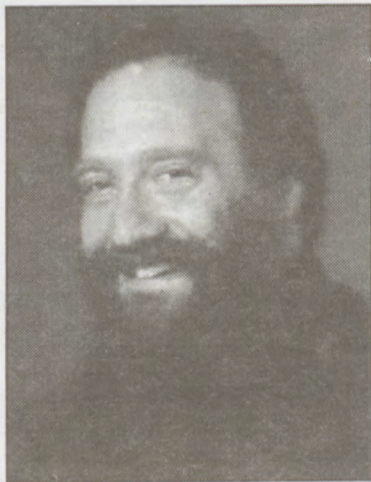
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ABOUT OUR COVER ARTIST

"On The Shores of Freedom"



Bruce David

I designed this stained glass window as a celebration of the heart. It depicts a time of spiritual ecstasy, a time when the soul overflows with boundless joy. After all, how often do people have the opportunity to truly know God's love, to recognize without a doubt the reality of the Divine presence in their lives? This was one of those times.

This creation, part of Hallmark's "Tree of Life" Passover series, depicts Miriam leading the Jewish people in singing and dancing on the shores of the Red Sea. To me, it illustrates the consummate moment when Jews realized that G-d had freed them from the bonds of slavery.

"When the people saw such tremendous power, they were

amazed, and believed in God.

Miriam led the women in singing and dancing." - Exodus 14

Miriam, so moved by what has just happened and recognizing its implications, picked up her tambourine and led the people in songs of thanks as they danced on the shores of the sea. In the lower right side of the design, Miriam may be seen with her eyes closed in prayerful reflection of the magnitude of this event. Surrounding her, as depicted in the center panel and in the form of the girl playing maracas alongside her, several of the other women and children are also shown dancing and celebrating.

In the panel on the left, Moses and two other children may be found looking on, enjoying and participating in the celebration. The look on Moses' face is meant to portray the sense of fulfillment and thankfulness he must have felt at this time. In his first encounter with God at the burning bush, a timid Moses had requested that God send someone else rather than him to help the people. Moses did not see how, unarmed and alone, he could approach the great Pharaoh and convince him to let his slaves, the Jewish people, go free. God assured Moses that his mission would be successful, and now, Moses, after many trials and confrontations with the Pharaoh, was finally able to savor the satisfaction of having accomplished his mission.

The child Moses is shown carrying

is meant to symbolically represent the way that Moses found the courage to shoulder his burden, and by so doing, was able to help save the future generations of his people. This is a task that all good people, who care about the welfare of our Jewish community, also take upon themselves.

Although the Jews were now "physically" free from their slavery, they still had a long way to go on their journey. Having been slaves for more than a third of a millennium, they still possessed a slave mentality and had a distance to go before they could be mentally or emotionally free. The desert behind the people in the design depicts the path they would have to follow now. Eventually, their travels would lead them to Mt. Sinai, portrayed in the distance as rising on the horizon behind them. Here, they would receive the Ten Commandments and the Torah, instructions to guide them on the next step of their life journey to total freedom.

Along the way, it would not always be smooth and easy. They would get sand in their shoes and stub their toes, symbolically depicted by the rock at Miriam's right foot. Ultimately though, the people would grow in their understandings from the experiences they would encounter on their way. Even as the sea had opened to allow the Jews to continue on their journey, in the upper three panels of the design, the clouds may be seen parting to enable the Jews to now make a "heavenly connection," the next step

on their path to true freedom.

As the Jews found out at Sinai, they still had a ways to go on their journey. Just as in life, after you climb one mountain, even one as great as Sinai, there is always another. So too, there is always more to learn and greater heights still to be achieved. Our entire life should be one of exploration and growth. The plants and trees seen growing, flowering and blooming in the desert are a reflection of the human spirit. Like the Jews, they too have found a way to survive and grow even under adverse and difficult conditions.

The doves seen carrying olive branches in the upper corners of the composition allude to the promise of a future time of peace. They are a glimpse of the main theme repeated throughout the Exodus story as to how God provides for all our needs. Although the birds, ducks and swan are winged creatures, there is a difference in the way they are depicted. The swan and ducks portrayed on the waters of the sea represent the way that the Jews at that time were grounded in their lives. Now though, as free people, with the guidance of the Torah as to how to live a meaningful and purposeful life, and with the hope of a better future, the doves reflect the ability of the people to take flight and allow their spirits to soar to new heights.

There is a relevant Midrash that pertains to the difficulties and reward that come from our ability to change. It focuses on how, when God first

brought the Jewish people to the shores of the sea, God wanted the sea to change from what it had always been to allow the people to pass through. The sea wanted to know who these rag clad people were that it should be required to change for them? God proceeded to show the sea a vision of the people rejoicing and singing prayers of thankfulness with full hearts. The sea on the other hand was looking at this ragged bunch of scared slaves standing on its shores and wondered if God was talking about the same people? The truth is that God was seeing the potential of the people to grow and bloom to their highest selves. This should be a lesson to all of us in that we should try to see the good in all people.

Like our Jewish ancestors, may we too learn from our journey and the lessons God teaches us along the way. As it is depicted in this composition, God's vision of the people became reality shortly thereafter. Now, truly free at last, the Jewish people are seen singing and dancing as they wholeheartedly celebrate "On The Shores Of Freedom."

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The Story of Passover

Passover, in Hebrew called Pesach, is the celebration of the ancient Hebrews' escape from slavery in Egypt 3,000 years ago. Moses was a messenger of God who pleaded with Pharaoh to let the Hebrews go. When Pharaoh refused, God sent ten plagues as punishment. The tenth and ultimate plague was the slaying of the first born. God "passed over" the Israelites and struck down only the Egyptian first born. That night Pharaoh finally agreed to free the Hebrews. In their haste to escape, the Israelites had no time to let the dough rise for bread, and so they carried with them matzah as their only provisions. Since then, Jews worldwide gather together on that same night for a ceremonial feast called a Seder, to remember that time of bondage and to celebrate and contemplate the importance of freedom.



Marlene Sorosky

Recipe

The recipe is reprinted from *Fast & 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 sparkled up with orange peel, carrots, raisins and a thick caramel frosting.

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| Cake | Glaze |
| 1 medium orange | (1 stick) unsalted pareve margarine or butter |
| 2 tablespoons plus 3/4 cup granulated sugar | 1/3 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 half 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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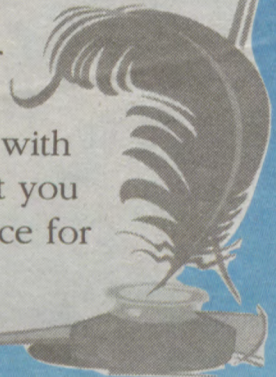
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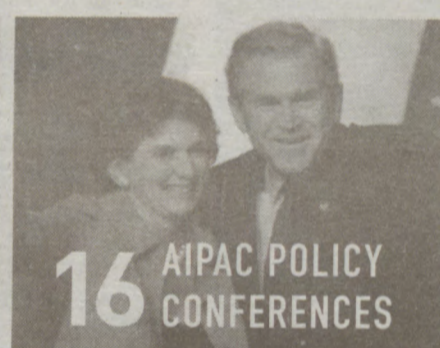


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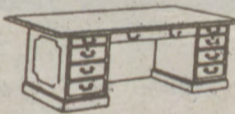
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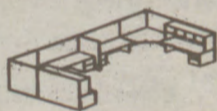
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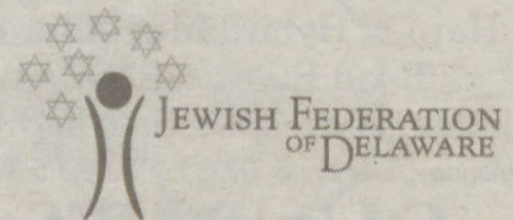


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ADL: Anti-Semitic incidents on the rise

By Matthew E. Berger, JTA

Even as anti-Semitic attitudes become rarer in the United States, the number of anti-Semitic incidents in the United States increased to the highest level in nine years.

"Americans have come a long way in their attitudes toward Jews, but America is not immune to anti-Semitism," said Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, which commissioned the poll.

Released Monday, the poll showed that 14 percent of Americans were deemed "anti-Semitic," a three percent decrease from a 2002 poll. The poll also found that one in three Americans believe American Jews are more loyal to Israel than to the United States, and 30 percent believe Jews were responsible for the death of Jesus.

The ADL's annual round-up of anti-Semitic incidents found a 17 percent increase in the number of cases in the United States in 2004. The audit found 1,821 incidents last year, compared to 1,557 incidents in 2003.

Though the numbers pale in comparison to the rise of anti-Semitic incidents in Europe, they do show that a small batch of extremists believe they have more latitude to commit attacks against Jews, Foxman said.

Taken together, the results suggest a greater appreciation for American Jews in general society, but a continuing acceptance of so-called "big lies" that have dogged Jews for decades, such as the loyalty question and the Christ-killer theory.

Both issues have been in the headlines in the past year. Many American Jewish leaders were concerned that Jews would be seen as more loyal to Israel than to the United States when the American Israel Public Affairs Committee was accused of passing classified documents to the Jewish state last summer.

And many believed that Mel Gibson's movie "The Passion of the Christ" would heighten American perceptions that Jews killed Jesus.

"Well, he certainly didn't help," Foxman said of Gibson. Considering that one in four Americans believed that Jews were responsible for Jesus' death in 2002, Foxman suggested that the film solidified those views in some parts of the country and may have led to the five percentage-point increase.

Foxman said the Jewish community often has been unwilling to combat such perceptions of Jews because they do not want to give the views any legitimacy.

"I think we need to begin to deal with the loyalty issue, and not hide from it and believe it's going to go away," said Foxman, noting that the Jewish community had taken a proactive stance against Holocaust deniers.

The poll, conducted last month by the Marttila Communications Group, asked 1,600 Americans a series of questions about their views on Jews. People were considered "anti-Semitic" if they agreed with six or more of 11 statements, including "Jews have too much power in the U.S. today" and "Jews have a lot of irritating faults."

The percentage of Americans who responded positively to all 11 statements either dropped or stayed the same since the last poll was taken. Only 15 percent of Americans said Jews hold too much power in the United States, down from 20 percent in 2002, and 15 percent also said Jews were more willing to use shady practices, down from 19 percent in 2002.

The poll has a 2.8 percent margin of error.

When compared to ADL polls commissioned in 2002, 1998 and 1992, the latest polls show a stabilization in the types of people who are considered anti-Semitic, which can help educators tailor their pro-

grams, Foxman said.

For example, adults over the age of 65 are twice as likely to be anti-Semitic as are younger Americans. That number has remained constant even as Americans have aged.

"It's a natural tendency," Foxman said, noting that senior citizens worry less about being politically correct. But concerns arise when older Americans teach their children and grandchildren anti-Semitic lessons that could undo positive messages the students receive in schools and society.

Similarly, the poll found that more educated people were less likely to be anti-Semitic. Only five percent of people with post-graduate degrees fell into the most anti-Semitic category, compared with 13 percent of college graduates and 35 percent of people with only a high-school degree.

"Education is a key, key convergence," said John Marttila, the poll's author.

The poll confirmed newly identified trends about American anti-Semitism. It found 29 percent of Hispanics polled held anti-Semitic views, but that foreign-born Hispanics were significantly more likely to be anti-Semitic than Hispanics born in the United States.

It also found that black Americans are four times as likely to be anti-Semitic than whites, by 36 percent to 9 percent. That number has remained relatively stable over the past 13 years.

Foxman said the Jewish community has had trouble convincing black leaders that there are anti-Semitic trends in their community, which has made it more difficult to combat such attitudes.

"In the African-American community, it continues to be a problem of leadership,"

Foxman said. "Leadership unwilling to accept it and deal with it."

Hispanic leaders have been more willing to accept that there is a problem and try to solve it, he said.

The poll also found a rise in perceptions of Jewish power in the United States. Among those deemed anti-Semitic, 90 percent believed Jews like to be in charge of things, and 82 percent believe Jews have too much power in business. Marttila said such views of Jewish power have replaced negative stereotypes of Jews as less honest and ethical in business.

Of those surveyed, 28 percent believed pro-Israel lobbying groups have too much influence over U.S. policy in the Middle East. More results about U.S. views on Israel will be released next week, timed to coincide with President Bush's meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

The audit found most anti-Semitic incidents at their highest level in the United States since 1995. The increase was caused by more organized neo-Nazi hate-group activity and a rise in anti-Jewish harassment in schools.

Foxman said "The Passion of the Christ" may have been responsible for some of the school incidents.

There were 1,177 incidents of harassment last year, a 27 percent increase, and 644 incidents of vandalism.

New York had the highest number of reported anti-Semitic incidents last year, with 350, a decrease of 14 from the previous year. New Jersey came in second with 297 incidents, followed by California with 237, Florida with 173 and Massachusetts with 128.

Survivor's note resurfaces

By Dinah Spritzer, JTA

Zdenka Fantlova is a superstar in her Czech hometown.

She immortalized Rokycany, population 15,000, in her 2002 memoir, "My Lucky Star," where she wrote about a joyful girlhood brutally interrupted by the Holocaust.

Now the town and Fantlova have found yet another reason to embrace one another: a note that she wrote while on a train to one of the five concentration camps that she survived during World War II.

On Feb. 19, 1945 — more than 60 years ago — Fantlova was on a transport that stopped in Rokycany on its way between two concentration camps.

On the brief, coincidental stop in her birthplace, Fantlova was with her sister, whose health was failing, and who would die in her arms a few years later.

Still, the circumstances of her journey did not deter Fantlova from her difficult mission.

"I decided to send out a sign of life so somehow," she said. "So, in the crowded car, I found a piece of paper and a pencil and wrote this note: 'Regards from the train from Mauthausen into Germany. We are well. We don't know anything about rest of family — when are we going to see each other? Regards, Zdenka.'"

This short note, full of all the longing and confusion felt by a teenage victim of the Nazis, somehow survived the following decades of political upheaval. It has just been made the main attraction of a permanent exhibition in the Rokycany municipal museum.

The note's deeper meaning for Fantlova, and its survival, is part of a story that reveals the strength of childhood ties in a small town, even one transformed by war,



Zdenka Fantlova

emigration and nearly 50 year of totalitarian rule.

Fantlova recalled vividly how she had folded the note into a tiny square when she was on the transport train going to a concentration camp.

"I addressed it to Alfred Fischer, who had worked for my parents' company," she said. "I threw it out the window of the train into the snow."

A Czech railroad employee found the note and gave it to another station worker, who delivered it to Fischer's home. By this time Fischer had been deported to Terezin, but his gentle wife and two daughters remained behind. The youngest daughter, 7, gave the note to her older sister, who kept it and later brought it to a town in the north of the country, entrusting it to yet another family member.

That relative deposited the note in a keepsake box. And that was that.

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Survivor's note

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lives in London, took a trip to Rokycany — she has been visiting the town regularly since the fall of the Communist regime in 1989.

A fellow Rokycanian approached her and said that she knew someone who had something that might belong to her.

That someone turned out to be Eva Bejckova, Fischer's youngest daughter, who still lives in Rokycany. She had given the note for safekeeping to Pavel Schwarz, a Lions Club officer and expert on the town's Jewish history.

When she once again held that tangible piece of her past, Fantlova said she had to catch her breath.

"When I opened the note, it was like holding something from the afterlife," said Fantlova. "It was very eerie."

Reading her letter almost a lifetime later, she said, she realized that when she wrote it she could not have allowed herself to admit

what was happening to her. She had known in her heart that her parents were doomed — her mother had been gassed when she arrived in Auschwitz and her father died on the death march out of the camp at the end of the war — but she could not permit herself to think about it then.

"This twisting of reality is what kept me alive," Fantlova said. She saw her letter to her neighbor not as just a personal keepsake but as a greater piece of history.

"I couldn't just put it in a drawer," she said. "I thought about giving it to the Jewish Museum of Prague, but that's not my town." So she handed it over to the mayor of Rokycany.

Mayor Jan Baloun, who held a ceremony for Fantlova, gave her the ultimate Czech compliment. He called her a true patriot, and said she would forever be Czech, although she lived most of her life abroad. Several celebrations and

banquets followed the handing over of the note, and Fantlova proudly displayed several articles written about it in the Czech media.

"Hundreds of people in the town turned out, everyone stood and applauded. I was crying," Fantlova said. She still has the dramatic flare of the stage actress she'd been in Australia, where she emigrated after the war.

Sixty-seven of Rokycany's Jews died in Nazi death camps, and only 13 came back to the town after the war.

Her memoir, "My Lucky Star," describes life in the camps as well as Fantlova's rescue by a British soldier who was part of the liberation team at Bergen-Belsen. She credits her ability to speak English, which she first learned by listening to such popular American tunes as Fred Astaire's "My Lucky Star," as a life-saving skill. She was able to communicate with the British soldier, who quickly got her out of the camp and into a hospital in Sweden.

At 83, she still carefully applies lipstick, lip liner and lip gloss before she will allow her photo to be taken, but her beauty is more than skin deep. She lectures about her Holocaust experience in both Czech and German schools. It is Fantlova's humor that sinks in and stays. She refers to the Holocaust, with gallows humor, as

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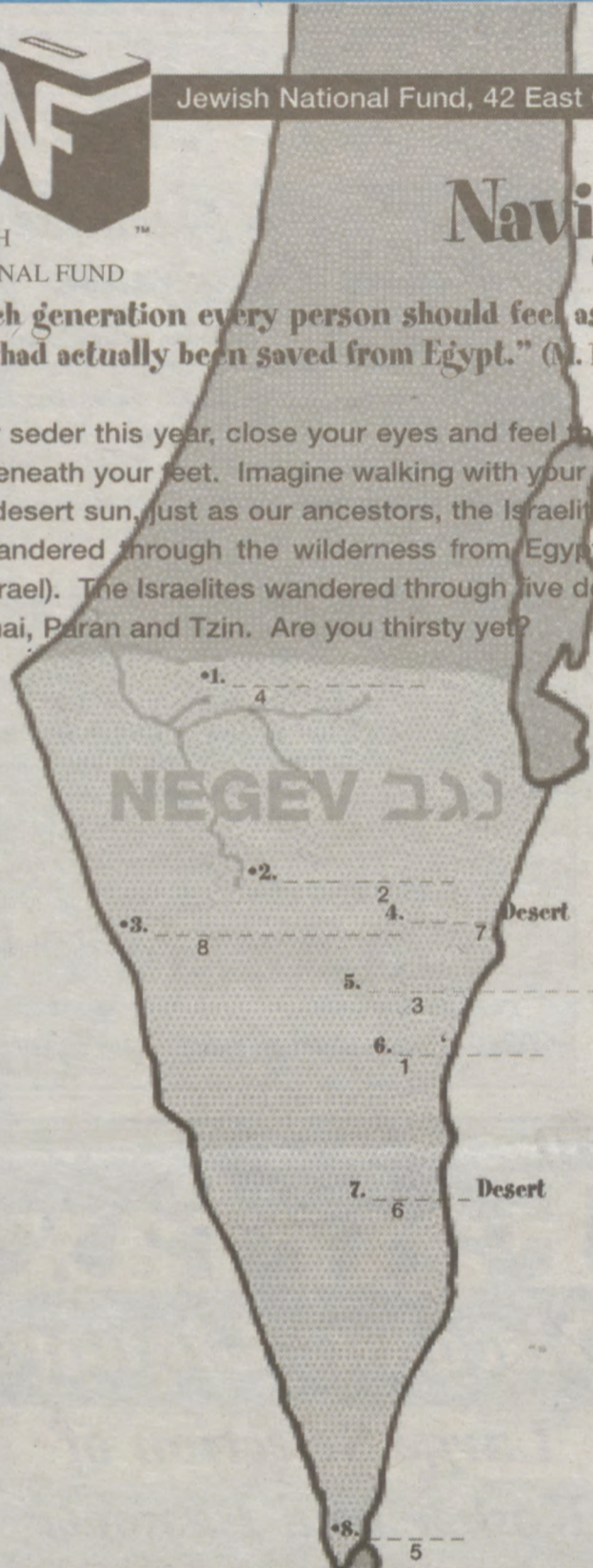
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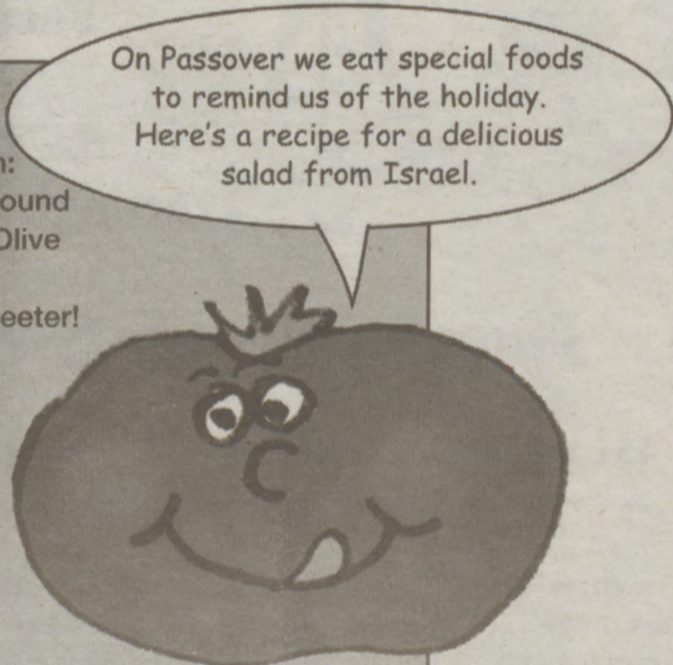
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Information courtesy of Jack Shattuck, Webmaster, Jewish Delaware, <http://JewishDelaware.eSmartWeb.com/Purim.htm>

Meet the Matzah

By Batsheva Pomerantz

(IPS) Matzah is such a central component of Passover that one of the names the holiday goes by is Chag HaMatzot (holiday of the matzahs). Matzah, or unleavened bread, is a reminder of the food hastily prepared and eaten by the Jews leaving Egypt during the Exodus and is made only of water and flour. Also known as "bread of affliction" (lechem oni), its cost reflects its scrupulous preparation and the importance of the mitzvah of eating matzah at the Seder.

According to the Torah, one is both obligated to eat matzah and prohibited from eating hametz (leaven), derived from the fermenting of five types of grain: wheat, barley, oats, rye and spelt. Many Jews shop for processed foods and food products that have a proper rabbinical endorsement (hekhsher) specifically for Passover.

Throughout the rapid process of making kosher matzah, bakers repeat the words, "Leshem mitzvat matzah" ("For the sake of the mitzvah of making matzah"). In order to prevent the dough's fermentation – which occurs from exposure to high temperatures, humidity and an extended kneading and baking time – the bakers constantly clean off the dough clinging to their equipment and keep a fierce eye on the clock, as according to the Talmud the leavening process begins after water and flour have been in contact for 18 minutes. Therefore from the moment water is added to flour until the matzah is taken out of the oven not more than 18 minutes can pass.

Until about 150 years ago all matzah was handmade and usually rounded. With the advent of machine-produced matzah, the shape became square and techniques were developed to ensure the constant cleaning of the machinery used to provide matzah for the masses.

The Yehuda Matzos factory in Jerusalem, founded in 1949, is owned and managed by the Ludmir family who started baking matzahs in Safed in 1921. "We start the special production line for Passover at the beginning of



Two rabbis inspect matzahs at the Handmade Shmura Matzah Bakery in Kfar Chabad before granting them an endorsement (hekhsher) for Passover.

IPS photo courtesy of Kfar Chabad

November," says owner and manager Mordechai Ludmir. "The process from the kneading until the matzah is completely baked takes five minutes."

Although the kneading, the rolling out of the dough six times, perforation, slicing and baking are automated, it is labor-intensive to guarantee meticulous prevention of hametz. Three mashgichim (kashrut supervisors) stand by the two machines, which are used consecutively – one mixer kneads the dough while employees scour the other one so that no dough adheres to its blades. Every 18 minutes the mixers are switched.

Yehuda Matzos produces both regular and shmura (guarded) matzahs ("You shall guard the matzas." Exodus 12:17). Shmura matzah is guarded from when the grain is harvested as a precaution to assure that rain or dampness does not cause fermentation. Shmura matzah is usually eaten by observant Jews throughout the entire festival, as well as by many others at the Seder when the obligation



A matzah production line at the Yehuda Matzos factory in Jerusalem.

IPS photo by Avi Ohayon courtesy of the Israel Government Press Office.

to eat matzah is most relevant. "This year we are producing 3,000 tons of matzahs for Israel and for Jewish communities in the United States, Canada and South America", says Ludmir, whose factory also produces matzah flour, a staple of many a Passover recipe.

Handmade matzahs are still preferred by some Jews for the Seder and are made with mayim shelanu (literally "waters that rested") – water placed in a bucket overnight to cool, thereby preventing fermentation.

The Handmade Shmura Matzah Bakery in Kfar Chabad, the hub of Israel's Lubavitch Jews, starts work a month after the Succot holiday season ends.

"We have plenty of mashgichim," says manager Yossele Raskin. "Before the 18 minutes are up, the utensils and tables where we roll out the dough are changed to clean ones and the workers inspect their already clipped

fingerails and wash their hands well."

Raskin relates that some of his clients eat this type of matzah throughout the Pesach holiday; others buy three boxes (each matzah comes in its own box) especially for the Seder, which requires that three pieces of matzah, representing the three Biblical classes of Jews, Priest, Levite and Israelite, be placed on the Seder plate.

The middle matzah is removed during the Seder and broken in half by the person leading the Seder. The larger half, the Afikoman, is then hidden and at the appropriate time the children present, filled with anticipation, rush off to look for it. The child who finds it often receives a gift. The Afikoman is the last item to be eaten and its indelible flavor is a reminder of the importance of matzah and the main reason for the Passover Seder – the celebration of the Jewish people's deliverance from slavery to freedom.

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PASSOVER WINING AND DINING

Bubbe's updated Passover cooking

By Linda Morel, JTA

The first time Tina Wasserman prepared gefilte fish for Passover, it smelled up her whole house.

The fish was past its prime, but it wasn't spoiled, so "it didn't make my family sick," she says. But still, the experience was so horrifying that she didn't attempt to prepare gefilte fish again for many years.

Wasserman, who is Reform Judaism Magazine's food columnist, has learned a thing or two about gefilte fish since then.

First, you must buy fresh fish. Now that seafood is so popular, that's much easier to do now than it was in the 1970s, when Wasserman started out. And she's discovered that there's no need to boil fish patties for three hours, as old-fashioned recipes instructed. In fact, Wasserman suggests cooking gefilte fish for a mere 25 minutes.

As she talks about gefilte fish, Wasserman laughs. She knows that the thought of cooking it makes some people gag. But that's the result of commonly held misconceptions, she believes, and lists those incorrect ideas: The house smells for days. Fish heads are scary. Scales stick to fish. The jarred kind tastes better.

"Well, I can't help you if you prefer the jarred variety, but I can resolve the other issues," she says.

Fresh fish isn't stinky at all, Wasserman says. Instead, it smells like the sea. Nonetheless, she suggests making the poaching liquid in advance, to lessen the time you and your kitchen are exposed to the scent of fish.

Moreover, "if you don't like the jelly with the fish, then you can skip the whole head and

skin process," she adds. And if you ask the store to fillet the fish, you won't have to deal with the scales.

She presents much of this wisdom on her Website, Cookingandmore.com.

HOMEMADE GEFILTE FISH - THE EASY WAY POACHING LIQUID:

4 pounds whole fish (any combination of carp, whitefish, pike, snapper, or sea trout)
2 carrots, cut into 1-inch lengths on a diagonal
2 stalks celery, cut into 2-inch lengths
1 pound yellow onions, thinly sliced
1 Bouquet Garni (1 bay leaf, plus thyme, marjoram, and summer savory or parsley to taste) wrapped in cheese cloth
2-3 quarts water

FISH:

2 medium yellow onions
1 carrot
1/4 cup very loosely packed fresh parsley
2 eggs
1/3 cup water
1 cup matza meal
Salt and pepper to taste

Garlic, ginger, sugar, dill, or whatever your bubbe used to use

Fillet the fish—or better still, have the store do it for you. If you want to make a gelled broth, take home the head and bones.

Reserve the filets.

Rinse out the head of the fish. Make sure any bloody masses are removed. Soak all of the bones and the head in cold salted water to cover for 15 minutes or longer. Drain and discard the water.

Place the bones and head on the bottom of a large Dutch oven and cover with carrots, celery and thinly sliced onion (from Poaching

Liquid list). Add the Bouquet Garni and the 2-3 quarts of water to cover. Simmer for 60-90 minutes.

Carefully strain the liquid. Reserve carrots and set aside. Discard the head and bones. Cool and divide the broth in half.

To make the fish, grind reserved filets twice in a grinder fitted with a fine blade or process in a food processor, until mixture develops a fairly smooth texture. Remove fish to a large bowl.

Grind or process (from Fish ingredient list) the onions, carrot, and parsley. Add to fish.

Add eggs, water, matza meal, salt, pepper, and additional flavorings, if desired. Mix well with a fork until light and fluffy.

NOTE: to check for seasoning, cook 1 teaspoon of fish mixture in salted water for 10 minutes. Taste and then adjust seasonings, if necessary. Never taste fresh water fish raw!

Shape the fish mixture in your hands to form ovals and gently place in a frying pan to which half the prepared fish stock, about 1 inch deep, has been added. Poach covered for 20-30 minutes (depending on size) over low heat or until center of a fish oval appears white. Drain on a cloth towel, then cool in reserved fish broth. Serve with horseradish. Garnish with reserved carrots.

Yield: 8-12 patties

SYRIAN SPICED MEAT WITH EGGPLANT AND PRUNES

2 lbs. ground chuck meat
2 teaspoon ground allspice
2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon kosher salt
Pepper to taste
3 tablespoon corn oil
6 medium onions, halved lengthwise and

then cut into fourths

4 large red potatoes, cut into eighths

12 ounces pitted prunes

1 large eggplant, quartered lengthwise and cut into 1-inch slices

2 6-ounce cans of regular (not flavored) tomato paste

1/4 cup light brown sugar

3/4 cup fresh lemon juice

In a large 2-quart bowl, combine the ground meat with the allspice, cinnamon, salt, and pepper. Distribute spices evenly by mixing first with a fork and then with your hands.

Place the oil in the bottom of a 6-quart Dutch oven or metal casserole.

Place half of the onion slices in the bottom of the pot. Cover with half of the meat, making sure that you press the meat evenly and firmly into the onions.

Scatter half of the potatoes, prunes, and eggplant over the meat.

Repeat with the remaining onions, seasoned meat, potatoes, prunes, and eggplant.

In a 3-quart bowl, combine the tomato paste with the remaining ingredients, along with salt and pepper to taste, into a smooth sauce. Pour the sauce over the meat and vegetables. Gently swirl the pan to allow the sauce to permeate the dish evenly.

Cover the pot and bring to a boil over medium high heat. Keeping the meat at a medium simmer, cook the mixture for 2 hours, or until the potatoes are tender and dish is thickened.

Ashkenzi law prohibits eating rice during Passover, but if you're Sephardi, serve this dish with rice flavored with some pine nuts and sauteed onions.

Yield: As part of a Passover meal with additional entrees, 36 servings, but only 12 servings as the single entree of a normal meal.

Picking the right Passover wines

By Andy Neusner

In the beginning, there was sweet wine. Really, really sweet wine.

But as the kosher market broadened, a trickle of new wines targeted to more a sophisticated audience began to raise expectations among Jewish wine lovers.

Now kosher wines have entered a third era, in which many are not only passable, they're praiseworthy. Though winemakers in Israel and the United States still grow the largest numbers of these wines, vineyards all over the globe — from Australia to South Africa to Chile — are joining in, giving Jewish consumers an array of choices to accompany their charoset and brisket.

Passover is the kosher industry's peak season; virtually all kosher wines are kosher for Passover. In North America, perhaps 50 percent of annual kosher wine sales are made during the holiday or in the weeks that precede it. This percentage is falling, though, as kosher wines gain more year-round acceptance.

The kosher food market is growing by perhaps 15 percent a year, says Menachem Lubinsky, the editor of koshertoday.com and president and CEO of Lubicom, a marketing consulting firm that focuses on kosher brands. He estimates that sales of kosher wines in the United States will reach roughly \$160 million in 2005, up from \$130 million just two years ago.

Lubinsky says that the number of kosher wines on the North American market is in the thousands, so everyone preparing a seder has plenty of strong choices at a variety of prices.

To make sense of this welter of wines, JTA's editorial team took upon itself the task of taste-testing 20 kosher wines and picking out some winners. The wines we tested were provided by Royal Wines, one of the world's largest producers, importers and distributors of kosher wines.

Wines we reviewed that are mevushal, an additional koshering step that involves flash-pasteurizing, are indicated with an "M" next to the price. To make the testing more fair, we did

not know how much each wine cost when we tasted it.

According to Herzog Wine Cellars winemaker Joe Hurliman, the process changes the way fruit in the wine tastes. Indeed, a handful of non-kosher wineries have begun to flash-pasteurize their wines to capture this distinctive taste.

To best simulate the actual seder experience, our testers ate only Tam Tam matzah crackers for palate cleansing.

Our overall favorites were a pair of inexpensive moscatos that would be excellent choices to accompany desserts, or perhaps spicy foods. Italy's Bartenura Moscato (\$11, M) and Moscato di Carmel (\$9) received equally high scores from our reviewers for their light, sweet, extremely fruity flavors. Of the Carmel moscato, one taster wrote, "smells like honeysuckle, tastes like a party."

Segal's Unfiltered Cabernet Sauvignon (\$60) is from Israel. This deep red wine is vivid, rich and slightly tart, with an alluringly earthy aroma; it had the most uniformly high scores of any wine in our testing.

Spain is a less traditional kosher wine producer — Spain has less than 40,000 Jews — but the Ramon Cardova Rioja, a Spanish tempranillo (\$13), is a terrific dry red, offering a sharp berry taste with hints of vanilla and a potent fruity aroma. It ranks high on our list of best buys.

According to JTA's testers, several other red wines also deserve a look: The Carmel Appellation Bordeaux Blend Limited Edition (\$40) is an Israeli blend of cabernet sauvignon and merlot, dark and thick with a spicy aroma and a smooth taste that has notes of both sweetness and tartness. Another nice blend is the Herzog Special Reserve Cabernet/Zinfandel/Syrah (\$35), a brand-new California wine from Herzog. It was a bit thinner than many of the reds we tasted, but we appreciated its smoothness, layers of fruit and less acidic finish.

A few of the white wines we tasted stood out. Aside from the dessert wines, the tasters



Wine enthusiasts now have a wide selection of Kosher for Passover bottles.

were most impressed by the Francois Labet Puligny Montrachet, a French chardonnay (\$55) that is vivid and a bit acidic, with a pleasant lingering finish. Also from France, which is the third largest producer of kosher wine in the world, is the Verbaü Gewurztraminer (\$15, M), a sweet, fruity wine with a mildness that makes it more versatile than the moscatos.

Of the kosher champagnes we tested, the Nicolas Feuillatte Brut from France (\$47) drew the most praise. It has a tempting aroma, earthy taste and crisp aftertaste, though some

testers felt it was too heavy.

Our testers intended to include a traditional sweet concord wine in our sampling, but we couldn't bring ourselves to open it after tasting all these elegant wines. However, concords continue to be strong sellers year after year and cost \$5 or less, so perhaps there is a place for one at your table.

Listed prices are approximate retail prices. The less expensive wines, \$15 and under, often can be found at retailers for a dollar or two less during the days before Passover.

MILESTONES

In Memoriam

BERMAN

Ann Berman, 90, died March 19th. She was the mother of Jane Berman Purdy and the sister of Sylvia Berger.

A memorial service was held on March 24th. Funeral arrangements were private.

Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to the Kutz Home, 794 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

COHEN

Dorothy Cohen, 81, of Wilmington, DE, died March 29th.

The widow of Morris, she is survived by her daughter, Diane Kenworth; brother, Richard Slutz; grandson, Adam Kenworth; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Herman and Mildred Cohen and sister-in-law, Fay Stein.

Graveside services were held on March 30th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810.

EPSTEIN

Rosalyn Epstein, 77, a former resident of Wilmington, died April 3rd in Ventnor, NJ. She is survived by her children: Marci Brenner Elliott, Laura Brenner, Marcia Epstein Gamiel and Dr. Matt Epstein; sister, Frances Bellak; and her seven grandchildren: Shara and Jolie Gamiel, Daniel and Gregory Elliott, and Eric, Zachary and Samantha Epstein.

A graveside service was held on April 6th in the Jewish community Cemetery on Foulk Road in Wilmington.

Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to the Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, Wilmington Chapter, c/o Mary Weinstein, 8602 Society Drive, Claymont, DE 19703.

GAUZ

Mildred E. Gauz, 89, of Newark, died April 5th. A social worker by training, she served as executive director of Easter Seals of Hazleton, PA. In Hazleton, she started up a Head Start program and a Jewish day camp. She was a life member of Hadassah.

Mrs. Gauz is survived by her daughter, Karen Venezky; her granddaughter, Dina Venezky and her husband, Stephen Hahn and Elie Venezky; great grandchildren, Benjamin Haskell Hahn and Nathaniel Read Hahn.

Graveside services were held on Thursday, April 7th in Wilkes Barre, PA.

The family requests that contributions in her memory be made to the Newark Chapter of Hadassah, c/o Leni Markell, 222 Hullahen Drive, Newark, DE 19711.

GREENBAUM

Hanna Greenbaum, 86, died April 3rd at the Kutz Home. She was formerly a resident of Rockville Centre, NY.

Loved by all who knew her, Mrs. Greenbaum was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Walter. She is survived by her children, Judith and Jeffrey Lewis of Wilmington, David and Laureine Greenbaum of New York City, NY, and Harriett Greenbaum and Harold Brody of Sherman Oaks, CA; brother, Albert Strom of Mamaroneck, NY; sister, Lore Garrick of Los Angeles, CA; grandchildren, Liza Lewis, Alison and Jessica Greenbaum, and Danielle Brody.

Funeral services were held on April 5th at Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington with interment in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to either Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802 or to The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

Hanna Greenbaum's family wishes to express their gratitude to the staff of the Kutz Home for the excellent care she received.

GROSS

Gloria Gross of Wilmington, died peacefully at her home on March 29th after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born on May 4, 1931 in Wilmington to the late Samuel and Ray Miller. She graduated from Wilmington High School in 1949.

A homemaker, she was deeply

devoted to her beloved family and will be dearly missed by her husband of almost 54 years, Harry; her son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Lolly Gross of Wilmington, and their children, Alison and Samuel; her daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Mike Levin of Hauppauge, NY and their children, Sydney and Rebecca; her brother, Aaron Miller of Middletown; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held on March 31st at the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Section.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Torah Drive and Washington Street Extension, Wilmington, DE 19806 or Delaware Hospice, Inc., 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810

NORENBERG

Rebecca Norenberg, 91, of Aventura, FL, died March 12th.

She is survived by her children, Sonia Rice and Dr. Michael Norenberg; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services were held in Connecticut.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802

ORINGER

Vivian M. Oringer, 88, formerly of Harrisburg, died April 5th in Wilmington. She was the co-owner of Oringer's Flower Shop and was extremely active in support of the Boy Scout's of America and as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

She is survived by her husband, Sanford G. Oringer; her daughters, Barbara A. Lynam and Martha Miller; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 8th at Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington with interment in Beth Emeth Memorial Park on Faulkland Road.

Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington,

DE 19809.

SHERMAN

Leo F. Sherman, M.D., died April 1st at the age of 83.

Dr. Sherman had served with General Dwight D. Eisenhower's staff at Supreme Headquarters Allied Forces Europe during World War II.

Since 1955, he practiced medicine with Drs. David and Ethel Platt at 4th and Franklin Sts. in Wilmington and later, with additional physicians at 1100 S. Broom Street.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine; sons, David H. and Philip E.; daughter, Sandy Marks; brothers, Albert of Margate, FL and Mark of Normal, IL; four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on April 3rd in Beth Emeth Memorial Park on Faulkland Road.

Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to a charity of the donor's choice.

SWERLING

Naomi Swerling died of heart failure on March 3rd in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

She was born in 1935 in Brooklyn, NY and was educated at the University of Bridgeport, CT. A practicing dental hygienist for many years, she was a talented painter and sculpture.

Mrs. Swerling was predeceased by her husband, Cantor Norman Swerling and is survived by her children, Danielle and Jeffrey Einsohn of Cooper City, Florida and Jeremy Swerling and his wife, Amy Heisel of Baltimore, MD; and her grandchildren,

Benjamin, David and Samuel Einsohn of Florida and Aaron and Solomon Swerling of Maryland.

Funeral services were held on March 7th at Schoenberg's Memorial Chapel in Wilmington, with interment at the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road in Wilmington.

Donations in her memory would be appreciated to either the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (<http://www.nationalmssociety.org>) or to Congregation Mikva Israel Emanuel in Curacao (<http://www.snoa.com>)

WOLFF

Marlene Wolff, age 67 of Newark, DE, died April 2, 2005. Marlene was a retired employee of Bernard Personnel. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her son, Paul Wolff, who died in 1994. She is survived by her loving companion of 34 years, Angelo Abandolo; her sons, David Wolff and his wife, Nato, of New York, Alex Wolff and his wife, Joanne Polichetti, of New York, Jon Wolff and his wife, Linda, of Bear, DE; and devoted daughter, Anne Wolff of Newark, DE. She is also survived by her 3 greatest joys in life, her grandsons, Andrew & Justin Wolff and granddaughter, Alley Salena Wolff.

A graveside service was held on April 4th at the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Rd.

The family suggests contributions to the charity of your choice.

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LAZIN TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR PEACE ON APRIL 29TH

The Congregation Beth Emeth Israel Advocacy Committee is pleased to announce the re-scheduling of Dr. Fred Lazin to speak at Shabbat Services on Friday April 29, 2005. Dr Lazin a member of the Department of Politics and Government at Ben Gurion University and will speak about the "Prospects for Peace" and "Israel after Arafat". Please tell your friends make every effort to attend services on April 29th.

AWARD WINNING HOLOCAUST FILM NOW PLAYING IN REHOBOTH

"Paper Clips" the first joint sponsorship by the Rehoboth Film Society and the Coalition for Tolerance and Justice is now playing at Movies at Midway. Set in a small rural middle school, this documentary shows the children's efforts to memorialize the victims of the Holocaust-one paper clip at a time. In the process, their lives and the lives of those around them are dramatically transformed.

See the film during its limited run and participate in a group discussion on Monday, April 11, 7:00 p.m. hosted by the Lewes Public Library, Railroad Ave. & Adams Street.

DISASTROUS OUTREACH LUNCH

On Sunday, 5/15 at 12:15 join Beth Emeth Outreach at the Synagogue for our Free Monthly Family Potluck Lunch. Kids are welcome! Our featured speaker is Mark Delmerico, who will present "Disaster! Are You Ready?". This will feature practical advice on how individuals and families can face a crisis, emergency, or disaster. Make sure that you're prepared! And, be sure to visit www.bethemethoutreach.com for other events.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR BRENNER MEMORIAL FUND

The Leo Brenner Holocaust Study Memorial Fund was established by the family of the late Leo Brenner on his first yarzeit, January 26, 1999. It is dedicated to keeping the memory and lessons of the Holocaust alive. The Fund offers an annual cash award and accepts applications from members of the Delaware community who are studying or teaching the Holocaust.

Mr. Brenner was a Holocaust sur-

vivor from Berlin, Germany. He was imprisoned by the Nazis from 1939 in Sachsenhausen, Buna Monowitz, Auschwitz and Buchenwald until liberation in 1945.

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

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

Contributions to the Fund are always welcome.

SEASIDE SLATES MOVIE NIGHT

On Saturday April 16th at 7pm Seaside kicks off its 2005 Movie night series with a screening of "Brighton Beach Memoirs." Enjoy dinner, drinks in the comfort of a private screening room. Watch the movie together with friends and stay for dessert after the show at the Midway Theatre in Rehoboth.

The cost for each event is \$17 for members and \$20 for non-members.

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The Daily Designated Driver (DDD) program of the Caring Community Committee is still trying to recruit drivers to assist the ENTIRE local Jewish community with the needs of those who cannot drive and need transportation. Although some devoted volunteers have been willing to earmark a day per month to be "on tap", we still need more drivers to fill out a complete Sunday to Friday schedule.

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SEASIDE CELEBRATES PASSOVER

Sunday April 24th at 5pm will be Seaside's Annual Community Seder. Please join us for the event that started Seaside nine years ago. This year at the Baywood Golf Course's Banquet Hall celebrate the second night of Passover. For tickets call (302) 227-1107.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY OFFERS FREE MEN'S HEALTH AND CANCER CONFERENCE

The 4th annual Men's Health and Cancer Conference is slated for Saturday, April 16th, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel in downtown Wilmington. This year's schedule offers a variety of speakers and round-table discussions on colorectal cancer, prostate cancer and healthy lifestyles. Local cancer and health experts, along

with colon and prostate cancer survivors, will lead discussions during this free community event.

Highlights include cholesterol, cardiovascular, prostate, and depression screenings for eligible men. Booths and exhibitors will also be available to offer men's health information from local public health programs.

The conference, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, Christiana Care Helen F. Graham Cancer Center and AstraZeneca, will feature opening remarks by the Honorable John C. Carney, Jr., lieutenant governor of Delaware, John O'Brien, vice president of emerging brands, AstraZeneca, and Stephen Grubbs, MD, chairperson of the colorectal cancer committee, Delaware Cancer Consortium.

A continental breakfast and boxed lunch will be provided to attendees. All attendees will be eligible to win prizes, including a big screen TV, tickets to the Phillies, and more.

Advance reservations are appreciated. For more information about this free men's health conference or to register, please call the American Cancer Society at (302) 324-4227.

CALLING ALL MINYONAIRES

On Sunday, May 22nd, the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Minyonaire program will celebrate the completion of its 60th year. To mark this milestone anniversary, there will be a special service, breakfast, program and reunion. Former Minyonaire from across the country are planning to attend. Please join them. It is not too late to get in on the action. Please call the synagogue office at 302-762-2705 and provide your current address and phone number so that

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SAVE THE DATE FOR HADASSAH DONOR TEA

Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah will hold its Annual Donor "Chai" Tea at the Waterfall Banquet Center on Philadelphia Pike in Claymont, DE on Sunday, May 15th.

The "Chai" tea will take place from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. Along with tea and refreshments the afternoon festivities will include a fashion show and gift basket raffle. Sponsors of the fashion show include clothes by Lady's Image and jewelry by Andrea & Co. A donor fee and small plate fee will be charged. New members are invited to attend for plate fee only. New members and new life members will be honored that afternoon.

For more information please contact Elisa Ley at (302) 475-4677 or email elisaley@comcast.net.



AEA HONORS ITS LEADERS AT GALA

The 2005 Albert Einstein Academy (AEA) Gala was held on Saturday, March 12th at Longwood Gardens. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2005 Community Builder Award to AEA's "Pillars of the Past" which including past presidents from the last decade. Pictured holding their beautiful custom designed Tzedakah boxes are (left to right) Sam Blumberg, Jeffrey Wasserman, Dorothy Bobman - current AEA Board of Trustees President, Robin Saran, Jonathan Neipris and Jay Kogon.

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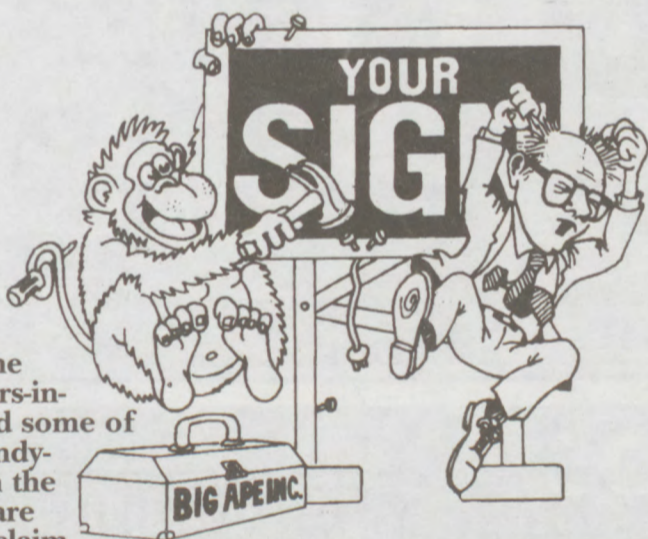
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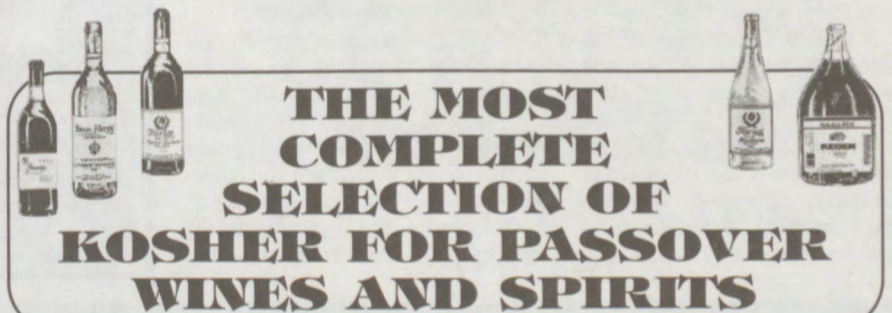
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