

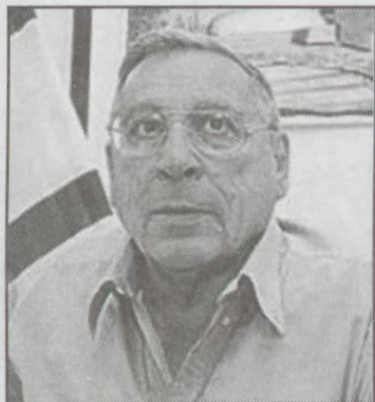
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## ZE'EVY KILLING FORCES SHARON, AGAIN, TO WEIGH REVENGE AGAINST RESTRAINT



Israel's Minister of Tourism, Rehavam Ze'evi

By David Landau

(JTA) - As the week began, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon resolved to confront his old friend Rehavam Ze'evi, minister of tourism and leader of the National Unity faction, who had been urging the premier to get much tougher with the Palestinians. Sharon had just ordered the army out of Palestinian sections of the West Bank city of Hebron, occupied a week earlier to prevent gunmen from shooting at Jewish residents. In response, Ze'evi and his seven-member National Unity-Israel, Our Home bloc threatened to secede from the government. Sharon told Ze'evi from the Knesset podium Monday that if he left the coalition, "You'll make Arafat's day."

Ze'evi and his colleague in the Cabinet, Avigdor Lieberman, did, indeed, leave

Less than 48 hours later - the time needed for his resignation to take effect - Ze'evi was dead, killed by a Palestinian assassin's bullet in a Jerusalem hotel corridor.

As the week ended, Sharon still confronted the same dilemma, only this time with more poignancy.

The murdered man's colleagues - who rescinded the resignation and said they would reconsider after the mourning week - along with others on the right of Sharon's unity government were urging the premier to ratchet up Israel's military measures against the Palestinians.

Some ministers were explicitly demanding that the Israeli army target Palestinian political leaders in response to Ze'evi's killing. From the other wing of his government, Sharon heard voices questioning the wisdom of the "targeted killings"

policy. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility for Ze'evi's slaying - in revenge, the group said, for the Aug. 27 killing of the PFLP secretary-general, Mustafa Zibri.

Over the phone, from Washington and from China, where Secretary of State Colin Powell is travelling, world leaders called on Sharon to exercise restraint.

Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, also facing U.S. pressure, telephoned Foreign Minister Shimon Peres late Wednesday to say he was cracking down on the PFLP. The organization's spokesman in Bethlehem, Ali Jeradat, who was the first to take public credit for the killing of Ze'evi, has been arrested, Arafat said, along with two others.

"Arrest them all," Peres replied somberly, "or else one pistol shot will have set fire to this entire region."

Sharon did not explicitly threaten to move against the Palestinian Authority chairman - as Ze'evi had urged repeatedly in recent months. But there was an ominous undertone in his words.

Ze'evi's killing clearly has heightened tensions and dangers in the region. Yet it could, paradoxically, enhance prospects for an end to the violence and a return to peace negotiations. If Arafat, under American prodding and fearful of massive Israeli retaliation, finally takes convincing action against terrorist elements - and if Sharon again, as he did at the beginning of the week, chooses moderation - it could add to the incremental momentum toward a stable cease-fire and new talks.

Avi Dichter, director of the Shin Bet, issued a statement Wednesday accepting full responsibility for the failure to protect Ze'evi. In fact, not all Israeli ministers are guarded at all times, and the tourism minister had not had guards with him in the hotel, where he often stayed when in Jerusalem.

Ze'evi, moreover, was a particularly obstinate client for the Shin Bet. He often bristled at protection even when it was available, arguing that he deserved no greater security than any ordinary citizen. Still, the Shin Bet has set up an internal inquiry board, and its work could be followed by an examination by an external panel if the results are

unsatisfactory.

On the personal plane, Ze'evi's tragic death seemed to bring out the best in Israeli politics Wednesday as the Knesset united to mourn him. Despite his far-right views, "Gandhi," as he was universally

known since his days in prestate Palestine's Jewish fighting forces, was well-liked across the board.

"He knew how to respect a fellow human being," said Abdulmalik Dehamshe, an Arab Knesset member and bitter

ideological foe of Ze'evi. Yossi Sarid, leader of the opposition, eulogized Ze'evi from the podium as "an opponent who was a friend," recalling "moments of real closeness" that had spanned the political distance between them.

## NEW BOOK CHRONICLES WAR EXPERIENCES OF BELOVED DELAWARE RABBI

by Lynn Edelman

Rabbi Jacob Kraft, whose association with Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington spanned more than 50 years, was a man passionately committed to both Judaism and Zionism. During World War II, he saw a way to make a difference in the lives of Jewish enlisted men and officers who were stationed overseas. With the blessing of his congregation, Rabbi Kraft became U.S. Army Chaplain Kraft. During his three year stint, he shared his poignant experiences in war-torn Italy and Israel on the cusp of statehood through a series of letters he wrote to his wife, Leah.

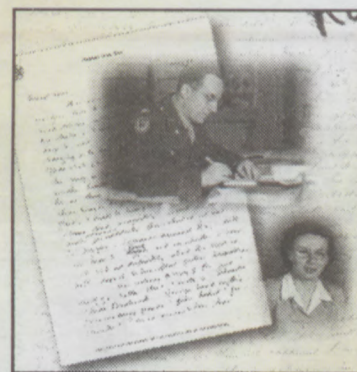
Some were solemn musings about the tragic loss of lives and the devastation of nations such as this vignette penned in the wake of VE Day:

"...No one who has stood in an American cemetery overseas and has seen the Crosses and Stars of David that mark the end of the struggle for youth who should have been given the opportunity to complete a normal life-span, no one who has beheld cities obliterated beyond the power of man to rebuild in many decades, no one who has seen poverty, starvation and homelessness as the companions of war, no one who has seen the wounds of battle on the bodies of their friends, no one who has experienced the loneliness of separation or the inexpressible longing for reunion with a loved one can exult when VE Day comes. The only time when we shall rejoice will be when there is final assurance that the nations are bonded together for security and peace."

Others, were jubilant descriptions of the promise of Palestine as a

Jewish homeland such as this recollection of his visit to a Kibbutz:

"The garden, with the lush, green carpet of tender grass so thick that your foot actually sinks into it, is beautiful beyond the power of my pen to describe...Here the pioneering spirit (an unconquerable, determined will) had created the marvel of life out of rocks, earth, water and the eternal grace of God."



Perhaps the most heart-wrenching letters were those inspired by Chaplain Kraft's conversations with survivors in the months immediately following the end of the war. The following is excerpted from his conversations with Samuel Aaron Wagsal, the son of a Galician rabbi:

"Although I am alive today, in the last four years of my life, I have died, not once but many times. It was not actual death, but a living death. How I survived, why I survived, only God can understand, for there were times when I envied the dead, particularly those who met with a sudden, merciful death."

Leah Kraft kept all of the letters that her husband wrote to her every day except Shabbat. When Rabbi Kraft returned from the war he returned to the bimah of an active,

growing congregation and never once looked at the letters he had so faithfully penned. The couple donated most of this correspondence to the Jewish Historical Society as a legacy for future generations.

After her husband's 1988 death, Leah Kraft took several of the letters with her during a visit to her daughter, Ruth who was a toddler during her father's war service. She begged her mother to have the letters typed so that others "would be able to decipher them." Ruth gave her mother her word processor and showed her how to use it.

Mrs. Kraft recalls that "each week, I mailed out to Ruth those letters that I completed and she was so grateful to me. These letters would become a tremendous source of comfort to Ruth when she was diagnosed with a terminal illness. Leah Kraft remembers one conversation that she had with Ruth in the months prior to her death where her daughter told her reading her father's letters "helped me to survive the long nights of my illness."

Now, the entire Delaware Jewish community can read Rabbi Kraft's unique perspectives on World War II. Wilmington author and historian Toni Young worked with Leah Kraft to edit the letters transform them into a 141-page delight of a book. Designed and printed by Aztec, with photos from the archives of the Jewish Historical Society, "REFLECTIONS ON WORLD WAR II, Chaplain Jacob Kraft's Letters to Leah" the book will be available for sale from Congregation Beth Shalom after October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The cost is \$15 and all proceeds will revert to the Kraft Educational Foundation which has funded this publication.


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# EDITORIAL

## Fun Is Not A Four-Letter Word

Don't tell anybody, but I turned off CNN last night and watched Nickelodeon sitcoms with my son. Please forgive me when I confess that I laughed my head off. Perhaps it was a serious lapse of journalistic judgement to take a break from this barrage of bad news, but it felt damn good not to feel depressed about events that are totally out of my control.

As we go to press, Israel is burying its Minister of tourism Rehavam Ze'evi who was assassinated by a Palestian terrorist. In the United States, terrorism has again reared its ugly head in the form of anthrax. The correspondence sent to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle has virtually shut down Capitol Hill for testing.

As a journalist, it is my duty to report these news events. However, I also feel obligated to include some commentary.

We can't allow these horrific incidents to rule our lives!

Indeed, these events are frightening. Fear is an appropriate and often healthy reaction to an adversarial situation. the adrenalin surges through our bloodstreams making us alert, focused and primed for battle.

Unfortunately, fear can also paralyze us - rendering us powerless and despondent. This is the reaction that terrorists so fervently desire - to incapacitate their victims.

We must not allow them to shatter our spirits. Be cautious, but maintain perspective. Mourn for those who have been struck down by these despicable cowards, then end the Shiva and embrace the beauty of life.

*Lynn Edelman*  
Lynn Edelman, Editor

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A Jewish Agency Update

Dear Friends,

As you know, on October 4th a Russian plane en route from Tel Aviv to Novosibirsk crashed in the Black Sea. Most of the passengers were Israeli citizens - the majority new immigrants. The Jewish Agency immediately provided assistance to the families of the crash victims traveling from Israel to Sochy where they met with Ukrainian officials.

At least ten of the victims were connected with the Jewish Agency and its programs. The crash victims included Adi Kameri, the daughter of Aliza Kameri, the Jewish Agency Education Emissary in Novosibirsk, who planned to visit her mother for the Sukkot holiday; and a senior local Jewish Agency coordinator, Ludmilla Ashkukova, who was accompanying a group of NA'ALEH students in Israel. Her son is participating in a SELAH program in Israel. Several graduates of SELAH and Kibbutz Ulpan programs were among the victims as well.

Following the crash, the Jewish Agency immediately set up information centers to assist the bereaved families of the victims. The Jewish Agency emissary in charge of Southern Russia, Lev Shogolov, and the head of the Jewish Agency Delegation in Russia, Karol Ungar, have been joined by a Jewish Agency delegation, headed by Treasurer Chaim Chesler. The delegation, which also

included a doctor and social worker are providing 24-hour support to the victim's relatives.

On the same day as the plane crash, a terrorist killed three and wounded seven in the Afula Central Bus Station in Israel before being killing himself. One victim, Sergei Freiden, age 20, had immigrated to Israel from Ukraine just two months ago. He managed to save his pregnant wife by shielding her with his body. His wife, Natalia, who is in her ninth month of pregnancy, was lightly wounded. The Jewish Agency flew Sergei's parents to Israel from Ukraine and arranged for their lodging. The funeral took place yesterday in Afula. The Freidens have decided to honor their son's last wish and they are making aliyah.

In the past year, over 184 people (47 new immigrants) have died in Israel at the hand of terrorists. In spite of this, immigration to Israel continues, and 698 olim (600 from the former Soviet Union) are expected to arrive this week.

We will continue to send you updated information as it becomes available, and we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely yours,  
Jariv M. Sultan  
Director

Marketing and Public Affairs

## Photo of the Week Rejoicing In The Torah

Albert Einstein Academy students in the youngest and oldest grades were honored during a special ceremony held at the school. According to Jewish tradition, during the festival of Simchat Torah (Rejoicing over the Torah), we read from the last chapter of the bible in Deuteronomy. Then we roll the scroll back to the beginning and read from the first chapters of the Book of Genesis.

Albert Einstein Academy, the only Jewish Day School in Delaware, serves for students in grades kindergarten through 6th grade. The Academy is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and is a constituent of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

For more information, contact Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Head of School, at (302) 478-5026.



### PARSHA PLACE

Week of October 20 Parsha Noach Genesis 6:9-11:32

In this week's parsha our attention is focused on Noah and his family's experience in the ark. The flood has subsided and the doors of the ark have opened. God has commanded Noah to exit the ark and to release the animals back into the world. (8.15-19) God next declares that such a wholesale disaster will never be caused by God again. A covenant is established and God seals it by placing a rainbow in the sky: "This is the sign that I set for the covenant between Me and you, and every living creature with you, for all ages to come. I have set My bow in the clouds, and it shall serve as a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth" (9.12-13).

One of the cornerstones of Reconstructionist theology is the evolving nature of the meaning or value of Jewish practice and symbolism. This practice appears to date back to our earliest ancestors. Consider, for example, the meaning of the rainbow as a symbol in the ancient Near Eastern world. According to the esteemed biblical scholar Nahum Sarna, the rainbow in the ancient world was a fairly common "symbol of divine bellicosity and hostility" (JPS Torah Commentary, p. 63). Regardless of your position on authorship of the Bible, what we witness in parshat Noach is the remarkable transvaluing (evolving meaning or value) of a common symbol of belligerency and violence into a symbol of peace and reconciliation! (The warlike value of the word for rainbow ['keshet'] in Hebrew is retained in its other meaning as in bow and arrow).

The violent, warlike, symbolism of the rainbow undoubtedly arises from the timing of the appearance of the rainbow in the sky after violent storms. Yet, how a people, presumably the ancestors of Abraham, elicited another aspect of the meaning of the rainbow is a mystery. Perhaps they associated the life-renewing element of rain with the concepts of mercy and compassion and sustainability. If so, it is not hard to see how believers in an all-powerful God might have embraced the rainbow as sign of God's covenantal relationship with humanity. This is just one small example of the innovative, even revolutionary, nature of Torah.

Rabbi Howard Cohen, Congregation Beth El, Bennington, VT.

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# JEWISH PERSPECTIVES

## Communication Caution

By Sue Shaffer, JCRC  
Director

In light of the recent Anthrax outbreak, we are reminded that although caution is advised, it is important not to panic. Information from the Jewish Council for Public Affairs tells us that according to the Centers for Disease Control, to cause infection, Anthrax must be rubbed into abraded skin, swallowed, or inhaled as a fine, aerosolized mist. Additionally, disease can be prevented after exposure to the

anthrax spores by early treatment with the appropriate antibiotics. Anthrax is not spread from one person to another person.

In general, those handling mail should be on the lookout for letters and packages that are different from those usually received, including those with the following characteristics:

\*No return address, no specific name in the return address, or mail from an unknown entity.

\*First class mail, particularly letters and packages with excessive

postage.

\*Mail from a foreign country or with a postmark that does not match return address.

\*Restrictive markings, such as "urgent", "personal", "handle with care" etc.

\*Handwritten or poorly typed addresses as well as incorrect or incomplete titles or misspellings

\*Inconsistencies such as oily stains, discolorations, odor, protruding wire or foil, lopsided or uneven packages

\*Excessive material such as

masking tape, string, etc.

\*Package emits a buzzing or ticking noise, a sloshing sound or emits an odor.

If you receive a suspicious item, DON'T OPEN IT and DO NOT SHAKE OR EMPTY its contents. PLACE the envelope or package in a plastic bag or some other type of container to prevent leakage of contents. If you do not have a container, then place a COVER (e.g., clothing, paper, trash can, etc.) on the item and do not remove this cover. LEAVE the room and

CLOSE the door, or section off the area to prevent others from entering (i.e., keep others away). WASH your hands with soap and water to prevent spreading any powder. REPORT the incident to the local police. LIST all people who were in the room or area when this suspicious letter or package was received. Give this list to both the local public health authorities and law enforcement officials for follow-up investigations and advice.

If you use common sense, you will be safe!

## Who Are We Hurting?

By Todd Polikoff

On September 11, 2001 each of us was forced to re-evaluate our priorities. Many of us now look at our families, our work, and our surroundings in a much different light. We now see the difference that individuals can make as our country embraces its unique spirit and history. The Jewish Federation of Delaware asks that you now also re-evaluate your view of the Jewish Community of Delaware and the difference that you can make in the lives of so many.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware is the primary fund raising organization for the Jewish Community of Delaware. The funds raised through the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign are

given directly to Jewish Family Service, The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Hillel at the University of Delaware, the Jewish Community Center, Gratz Hebrew High School, and Albert Einstein Academy. Funds are also allocated for specific programs in Israel and in 59 countries around the world. The money that the Jewish Federation of Delaware distributes is not based on the policies of the Israeli government, the state of Delaware or those of any stream of Judaism. The condition for receipt of funds is that the agencies that receive their allocations provide for Jews in need no matter where they live.

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These are the people who are hurt - the people who receive our help based on the pledges that you make. I urge every one of you to think about your pledge. Remember who is affected when

you decide to decrease or cut your gift altogether.

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Please feel free to contact me at 302-427-2100 ext. 16, or [todd.polikoff@shalomdel.org](mailto:todd.polikoff@shalomdel.org) should you have any questions regarding the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Annual Campaign or our policies.



Todd Polikoff

## ENDOWMENT FOR THE FUTURE

### One Family - One Mishpacha

By Rachel A. Gross, Esq.  
Endowment  
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For most of us our first priority is taking care of our family. We want to know that our children will obtain good educations, that our parents and grandparents will receive excellent healthcare and that siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins will be able to maintain their quality of life.

Have you ever been on a plane

and struck up a conversation with your seatmate only to learn that he is the cousin of your brother-in-law from Ohio?

Have you ever attended a corporate meeting, where you knew no one, and found that you and the person you were sitting with during lunch send your children to the same university where they are both involved in the same sorority?

Have you ever been on a vacation, thousands of miles from home, where you met another Jewish couple, from another city or country and found that years later

you are still in touch, sending holiday cards and trading stories of your latest travels?

Maybe these chance meetings weren't random. Maybe it has something to do with peoplehood. On some level, perhaps you sensed that the people you met coincidentally were also part of your family - your Jewish family. The Jewish people are a family - a *mishpacha*.

In order for our Jewish family to thrive it must be nurtured. After we've made arrangements for our immediately family we might turn our thoughts to our whole family -

our Jewish family. Have we made arrangements for them? will our family be cared for in the appropriate manner? will the institutions, synagogues and agencies that nurtured and nourished us, our parents and grandparents be there for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren?

To discuss how you can best provide for your Jewish family across the street, across the country or across the world, please call Rachel A. Gross, Esq., at the **Jewish Fund for the Future**, 302-427-2100, ext. 19.



Rachel Gross

## UJA-Federal Agencies At Forefront Of Relief Efforts

By Stewart Ain

As they watched the collapse of the World Trade Center on television, employees at Forrest Electric's offices above Penn Station raced from the building, fearing it might become the next target of terrorists.

"By late in the afternoon when I saw all of this happening, I called UJA-Federation and said I was concerned that I had a tremendous problem on my hand with grief-stricken people who had been traumatized and needed counseling," said Philip Alheim, the firm's chairman and CEO.

"Within an hour I got a call from

the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services asking what they could do for me."

The next day, Alheim said 15 to 20 of those in need of immediate help met with crisis management counselors at the Jewish Board. In the course of the next several days, the Jewish Board sent counselors to Alheim's offices to meet with more than 100 other employees.

The Jewish Board is among a host of agencies in the UJA-Federation network that pushed other activities aside to quickly respond to the Sept. 11 Trade Center attack. Also providing crisis counseling have been FECS,

Westchester and Long Island Jewish community centers, the Jewish Child Care Association and the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty.

The Jewish Association for Services for the Aged, Selfhelp Community Services, Dorot and the Lower East Side Jewish Community Council also swung into action, immediately dispatching staff to the homes of isolated elderly Jews.

"We wanted to reassure them, particularly Holocaust survivors," said Louise Greilshemer, UJA-Federation's vice president for agency and external relations.

Stress reactions included physical symptoms such as headache, nausea, difficulty breathing, teeth grinding, chest pains, elevated blood pressure, memory loss, nightmares and panic attacks, according to Joseph Miller, a clinical social worker and assistant vice president at FECS.

"A couple of folks said they were scared to go on elevators, and the initial reaction of some is that they didn't want to go into tall buildings," he said. "Some of those same reactions were seen after the Oklahoma bombing and after hurricanes and tornadoes. The difference here is that the threat has not

gone away, and that is complicating the recovery.

"But the good news is that for most people a lot of the symptoms will go away," he added. "For most folks, those are normal reactions to an abnormal situation. I don't know of anybody who is not having trouble sleeping. For others it will take a lot longer, and some may need professional help."

Particularly vulnerable are Jews from the former Soviet Union who arrived here within the last five years, according to Anna Halberstadt, director of immigrant services at FECS.

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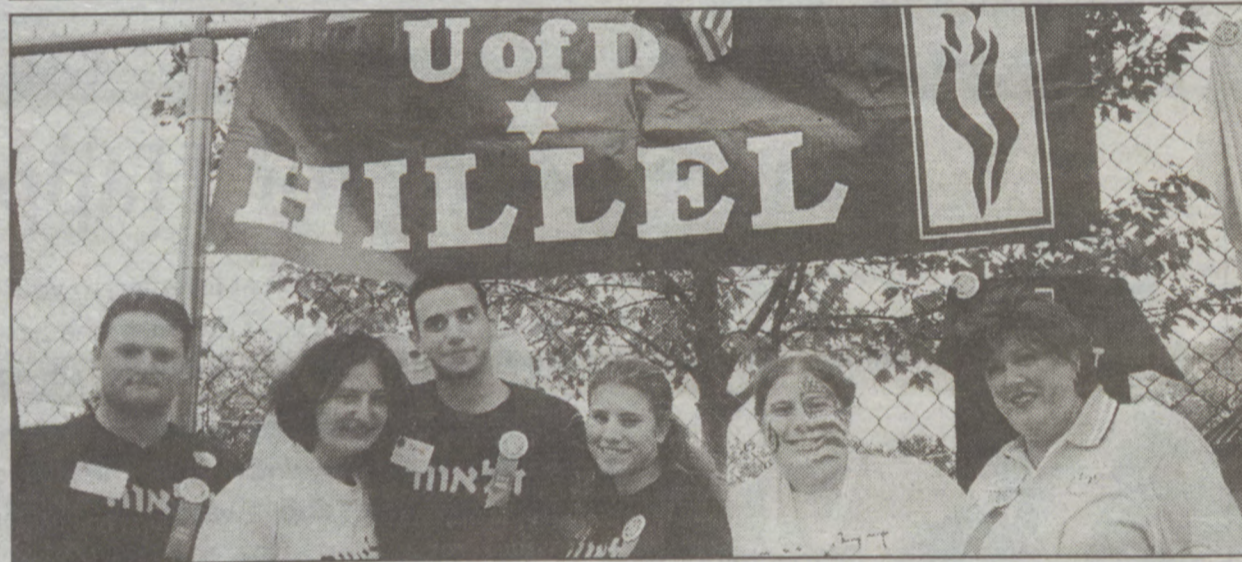
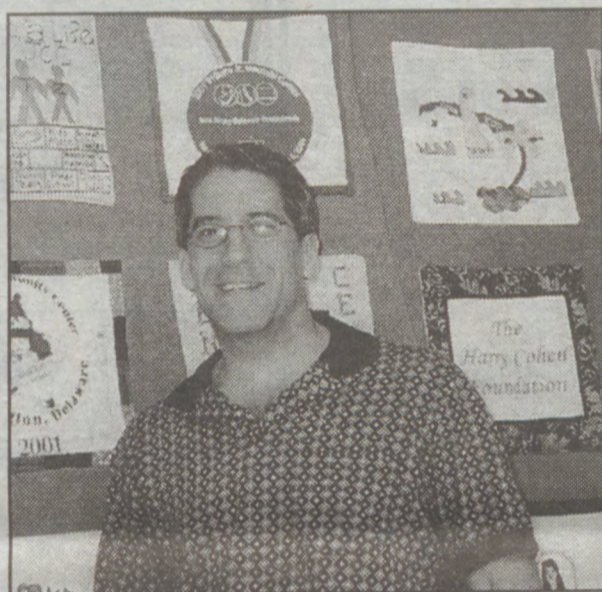
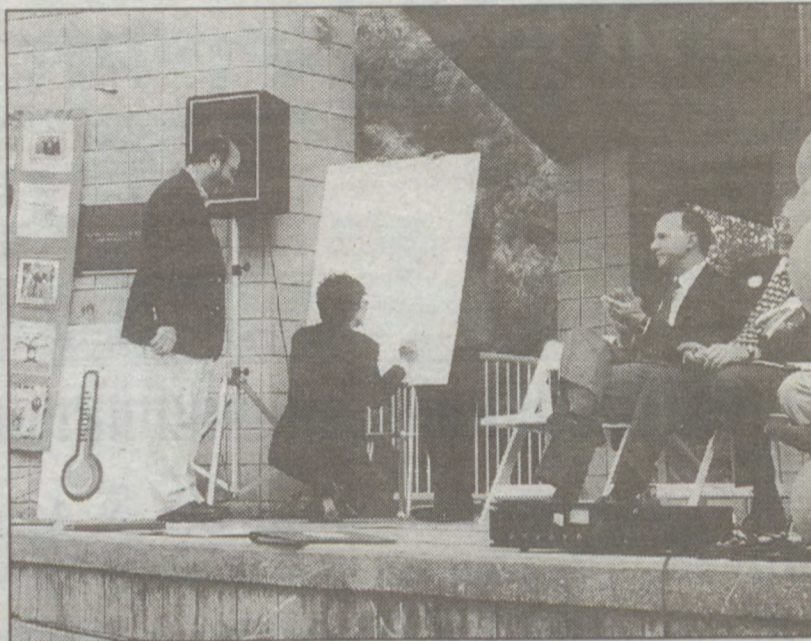
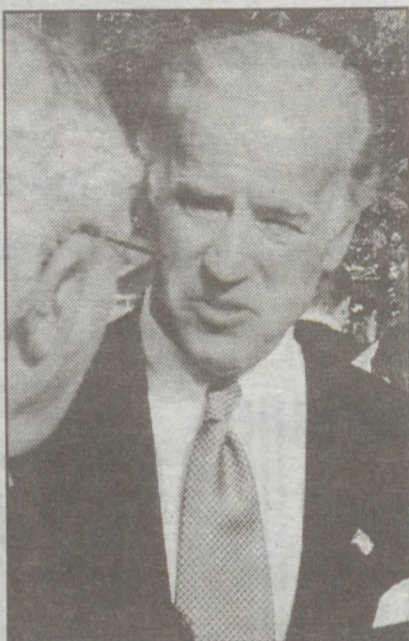


# ONE WEEKEND ...

## Snapshots From A Milestone Weekend

The Jewish community of Delaware spent last weekend joyfully marking two monumental events. From Friday night Shabbat through Sunday evening's fireworks, we rejoiced in celebration of our past, and participated in a launch of our future. The setting was the Delaware JCC which culminated its 100th anniversary commemoration with a formal dinner dance and community festivities including, games, concerts, food, and fun. On Sunday, Jewish community leaders, Senator Joe Biden, Senator Tom Carper, Congressman Mike Castle and State Treasurer Jack Markell, helped the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Community Capital Campaign "Blast Off."

Photos by Joel Glazier and Debra Steinberg



# ... TWO MILESTONE EVENTS



## COMMUNITY FOCUS

# NCCJ Honors Jewish Community Leader

Richard Stat, president of the Delaware Jewish Community Center, is among the seven distinguished community leaders to be honored by the National Conference for Community and Justice-Delaware Region (NCCJ) at its annual luncheon on November 2. The program will

begin at noon at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel in Wilmington.

Under his leadership, Stat has helped the JCC expand its services to new audiences in Wilmington and Newark. The president of the Stat Organization—a real estate development, construction and man-

agement company, he has used his expertise to help design facilities in the JCC, Albert Einstein Academy, Delaware Gratz, Jewish Family Service, University of Delaware Hillel and the Kutz Home that enhance programming.

Stat, a strong believer in the

importance of interfaith dialogue, has served as NCCJ regional board co-chair and as an agency advisory board member. His community involvement also includes tenure as president of the Wilmington Rotary Club, an organization that he previously served as chairman of the

Diversity Work Force.

The NCCJ Community Builder's Luncheon honors those individuals who provide leadership in both their professional and volunteer lives. For additional information about the luncheon, please call Lisa C. Oursler, NCCJ executive director, at 655-0039.

## Hillel Presents Simple Gifts

The University of Delaware Hillel will present a trio of musicians who perform a wide variety of ethnic folk music on Sunday, November 4th, 1:00 p.m. at the Hillel Center on campus. Simple Gifts, featuring the talents of Linda

Littleton, Rachel Hall and Karen Hirshon, will present a mix of Klezmer frailachs, American reels, Balkan dance tunes, Gypsy melodies and Irish jigs to community members for a nominal fee of \$5. Students will be admitted free.

Founded in 1989, the group has performed throughout the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States. The women, who play a total of twelve musical instruments, have appeared in such venues as the Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts, the Philadelphia Folk Festival, Longwood Gardens and the Greater Washington Folklore Society. They have recorded five albums together. Their most recent recording, "Time and Again", has won a Crossroads Music Award.

For tickets, please call the Hillel Office, at 453-0479.

## Perspectives On Bullying

The National Council of Jewish Women, Wilmington Section presents the 2001 Annual Public Affairs Forum PERSPECTIVES ON BULLYING. This panel discussion will be moderated by Senator Margaret Rose Henry with featured panelist Valerie Woodruff, Delaware State Secretary of Education on Monday, October 22 7:00 - 9:00 at the Brandywine Country Club

The panelists will speak from clinical, academic and policy perspectives and will cover the following topics:

- the extent of bullying in local schools,
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## Gratz Presents Creative Magic In The Classroom

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This day of workshops is brought to you by Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, sponsored by the Leah and Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation and will be held at the Jewish Community Center. Workshops run from 10 am until 3 pm on Sunday, November 18th. Light lunch available from 12-1 pm.

Open to all Jewish Studies teachers in the state of Delaware. Reservations required. Call Delaware Gratz to RSVP at 478-8100 by November 8, 2001.

## Journalist To Speak At Adult Institute Event

Dan Raviv, National Correspondent for CBS News in Washington, will be the guest speaker at the November 18th culminating event for the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies. Raviv, a widely quoted expert on America's relationship with Israel, will share his insights with members of the community beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Delaware JCC, 101 Garden of Eden Road in North Wilmington. Tickets are available at the JCC for the cost of \$15 per person. Admission is free for Institute participants.

He is a critically acclaimed author whose book, "Every Spy A Prince: The Complete History of Israel's Intelligence Community", was on the New York Times best-seller list for more than four months. His most recent work, "Friends in Deed: Inside the U.S. Israel Alliance", clearly explains

how the two nations have been brought together by history, politics, religion, sentiment and strategy.

Raviv's articles have appeared in *The Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Times of London* and other global newspapers.

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## Join the Delaware Jewish community for the Seventh Annual Jewish Women's Gathering...

Mindy Weisel, author of *Daughters of Absence: Transforming a Legacy of Loss*, will be the guest speaker. The book is a compilation of 12 personal accounts of growing up in the shadow of the Holocaust, written by daughters of Holocaust survivors. These women, including artists, writers, filmmakers, and others, have found a strong voice through their work, and their work has been both a life force and a lifesaver.

Ms. Weisel will be joined by Miriam Morsel Nathan, a poet featured in this book, who will read her poetry. Joy Davis, jewelry designer and daughter of Holocaust survivor Leo Brenner, of blessed memory, will display her contemporary jewelry and Judaica.

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# MATTER OF OPINION

## A Memo to American Muslims

By M. A. Muqtedar Khan

In the name of Allah, the most Benevolent and the Most Merciful. May this memo find you in the shade of Islam enjoying the mercy, the protection and the grace of Allah.

I am writing this memo to you all with the explicit purpose of inviting you to lead the American Muslim community in soul searching, reflection and reassessment.

What happened on September 11th in New York and Washington DC will forever remain a horrible scar on the history of Islam and humanity. No matter how much we condemn it, and point to the Quran and the Sunnah to argue that Islam forbids the killing of innocent people, the fact remains that the perpetrators of this crime against humanity have indicated that their actions are sanctioned by Islamic values.

The fact that even now several Muslim scholars and thousands of Muslims defend the accused is indicative that not all Muslims believe that the attacks are unIslamic. This is truly sad.

Even if it were true that Israel and the US are enemies of the Muslim World, wonder what is preventing them from unleashing their nuclear arsenal against Muslims, a response that mercilessly murders thousands of innocent people, including hundreds of Muslims is absolutely indefensible. If anywhere in your hearts there is any sympathy or understanding with those who committed this act, I invite you to ask yourself this question, would Muhammad (pbuh) sanction such an act?

While encouraging Muslims to struggle against injustice (Al Quran 4:135), Allah also imposes strict rules of engagement. He says in unequivocal terms that to kill an innocent being is like killing entire humanity (Al Quran 5:32). He also encourages Muslims to forgive Jews and Christians if they have committed injustices against us (Al Quran 2:109, 3:159, 5:85).

Muslims, including American

Muslims have been practicing hypocrisy on a grand scale. They protest against the discriminatory practices of Israel but are silent against the discriminatory practices in Muslim states. In the Gulf one can see how laws and even salaries are based on ethnic origin. This is racism, but we never hear of Muslims protesting against them at International fora.

The Israeli occupation of Palestine is perhaps central to Muslim grievance against the West. While acknowledging that, I must remind you that Israel treats its one million Arab citizens with greater respect and dignity than most Arab nations treat their citizens.

Today Palestinian refugees can settle and become citizens of the United States but in spite of all the tall rhetoric of the Arab world and Quranic injunctions (24:22) no Muslim country except Jordan extends this support to them.

While we loudly and consistently condemn Israel for its ill treatment of Palestinians we are silent when Muslim regimes abuse the rights of Muslims and slaughter thousands of them. Remember Saddam and his use of chemical weapons against Muslims (Kurds)? Remember Pakistani army's excesses against Muslims (Bengalis)? Remember the Mujahideen of Afghanistan and their mutual slaughter? Have we ever condemned them for their excesses? Have we demanded international intervention or retribution against them? Do you know how the Saudis treat their minority Shiis? Have we protested the violation of their rights? But we all are eager to condemn Israel; not because we care for rights and lives of the Palestinians, we don't. We condemn Israel because we hate "them".

Muslims love to live in the US but also love to hate it. Many openly claim that the US is a terrorist state but they continue to live in it. Their decision to live here is testimony that they would rather live here than any-

where else. As an Indian Muslim, I know for sure that nowhere on earth, including India, will I get the same sense of dignity and respect that I have received in the US.

No Muslim country will treat me as well as the US has. If what happened on September 11th had happened in India, the biggest democracy, thousands of Muslims would have been slaughtered in riots on mere suspicion and there would be another slaughter after confirmation. But in the US, bigotry and xenophobia has been kept in check by media and leaders. In many places hundreds of Americans have gathered around Islamic centers in symbolic gestures of protection and embrace of American Muslims. In many cities Christian congregations have started wearing hijab to identify with fellow Muslim women. In patience and in tolerance ordinary Americans have demonstrated their extraordinary virtues.

It is time that we acknowledge that the freedoms we enjoy in the US are more desirable to us than superficial solidarity with the Muslim World. If you disagree then prove it by packing your bags and going to whichever Muslim country you identify with. If you do not leave and do not acknowledge that you would rather live here than anywhere else, know that you are being hypocritical.

It is time that we faced these hypocritical practices and struggled to transcend them. It is time that American Muslim leaders fought to purify their own lot.

For over a decade we have watched as Muslims in the name of Islam have committed violence against other Muslims and other peoples. We have always found a way to reconcile the vast distance between Islamic values and Muslim practices by pointing out to the injustices committed upon Muslims by others. The point however is this - our belief in Islam and commitment to Islamic values is not contingent on

the moral conduct of the US or Israel. And as Muslims can we condone such inhuman and senseless waste of life in the name of Islam?

The biggest victims of hate filled politics as embodied in the actions of several Muslim militias all over the world are Muslims themselves. Hate is the extreme form of intolerance and when individuals and groups succumb to it they can do nothing constructive. Militias like the Taliban have allowed their hate for the West to override their obligation to pursue the welfare of their people and as a result of their actions not only have thousands of innocent people died in America, but thousands of people will die in the Muslim World.

Already, half a million Afghans have had to leave their homes and their country. The war has not yet begun. It will only get worst. Hamas and Islamic Jihad may kill a few Jews, women and children included, with their suicide bombs and temporarily satisfy their lust for Jewish blood, but thousands of Palestinians then pay the price for their actions.

The culture of hate and killing is tearing away at the moral fabric of the Muslim society. We are more focused on "the other" and have completely forgotten our duty to Allah. In pursuit of the inferior jihad we have sacrificed the superior jihad.

Islamic resurgence, the cherished ideals of which pursued the ultimate goal of a universally just and moral society has been hijacked by hate and call for murder and mayhem. If Binladen were an individual then we would have no problem. But unfortunately Binladen has become a phenomenon - a cancer eating away at the morality of our youth, and undermining the spiritual health of our future.

Today the century old Islamic revival is in jeopardy because we have allowed insanity to prevail over our better judgment. Yes, the US has played a hand in the creation of Binladen and the Taliban, but it is we who have allowed them to grow and

gain such a foothold. It is our duty to police our world. It is our responsibility to prevent people from abusing Islam. It is our job to ensure that Islam is not misrepresented. We should have made sure that what happened on Sept. 11th should never have happened.

It is time the leaders of the American Muslim community woke up and realized that there is more to life than competing with the American Jewish lobby for power over US foreign policy. Islam is not about defeating Jews or conquering Jerusalem. It is about mercy, about virtue, about sacrifice and about duty. Above all it is the pursuit of moral perfection. Nothing can be further away from moral perfection than the wanton slaughter of thousands of unsuspecting innocent people.

I hope that we will now rededicate our lives and our institutions to the search for harmony, peace and tolerance. Let us be prepared to suffer injustice rather than commit injustices. After all it is we who carry the divine burden of Islam and not others. We have to be morally better, more forgiving, more sacrificing than others, if we wish to convince the world about the truth of our message. We cannot even be equal to others in virtue, we must excel.

It is time for soul searching. How can the message of Muhammad (pbuh) who was sent as mercy to mankind become a source of horror and fear? How can Islam inspire thousands of youth to dedicate their lives to killing others? We are supposed to invite people to Islam not murder them.

The worst exhibition of Islam happened on our turf. We must take first responsibility to undo the evil it has manifest. This is our mandate, our burden and also our opportunity.

Muqtedar Khan, Ph.D. Director of International Studies, Adrian College, MI Association of Muslim Social Scientists Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy.

## A Tank Driver's Yom Kippur

David a 19 year old tank driver in our IDF just faxed this Yom Kippur recollection to his parents in Jerusalem:

Dear Abba and Eema: (Mom and Dad)

I hope that your Yom Kippur tefilot (prayers) and fast went well in Ramot. I am here in the area of the Tarmit IDF outpost near the Egyptian border of Rafiach as you know. I had thought that my Erev Yom Kippur yesterday would allow me some time to eat properly, learn a little from my daf yomi, and get 'ready' for Yom Kippur here in our base. I was 'off duty' and outside my tank at about 10AM yesterday, when we were summoned by our commander to get into our tanks for immediate action. We knew that Shimon Peres was nearby meeting with Arafat at the Gaza Strip airport to make 'peace' and another 'cease-fire.'

I was supposed to have a big lunch with the other soldiers before Yom Kippur, but instead I was back in the tank and we were given instructions to start firing in the direction of the Arabs who were

shooting at us and throwing their daily firebombs. We kept firing and maneuvering for 2-3 hours and missed our big lunch. The Arabs had used houses in their area from where they had been digging and making tunnels to bring in arms from Egypt.

They had planted and detonated a big bomb under our outpost, causing the wall to fall, injuring 3 of my friends who were taken to Soroka Hospital in Beer/Sheva. We were scoring direct hits on the PLO shooters and their buildings. Our commander had told us that we may be fighting through Kol Nidrei time.

We had our usual tank 'rations' inside these tanks and were noshing while shooting, looking at our Yom Kippur clocks when we would have to stop eating while shooting the tank missiles. It was getting close and at 4:30PM, we were given orders to 'turn off the tanks.' I raced to my bunk to try and quickly shower down and find a few sandwiches in our fridge. We assembled for Kol Nidrei in a nearby room and our Yom Kippur began on time.

My commander told me that we should be ready throughout the night for possible further action. We were told that Arafat had promised Shimon Peres that he was sending his PLO forces to chase away the shooters of Rafiach and our outpost who shoot nightly at us. We are located in an area that guards this smuggling of arms from our 'good peace partner, Egypt,' to our 'bad peace partner, PLO.' Our commander spoke to our IDF chaplain and told him that it was pikuach nefesh (saving of a life) and that the orders from Tel Aviv were to rebuild as quickly as possible the exposed 'fallen wall which had been the area of the morning bomb. So my other soldiers were told at 9 PM after Kol Nidrei to start the rebuilding work after the IDF chaplain ruled that we must violate Yom Kippur to get this job done. We knew that the PLO troops were supposedly 'guarding' the area from the other Arab shooters.

At 11PM last night, the soldiers who were rebuilding the wall and the surrounding area in the darkness of Yom Kippur night began to

be the targets of more Arab shootings and firebombs as the Arafat instructed PLO forces stood by doing nothing to stop this action. My commander woke us up again and at 3 AM of Yom Kippur, I was back in my tank to start immediate bulldozing of those homes that were left standing from where the shooters and tunnel diggers were hiding. Our squad continued for several hours into the morning of Yom Kippur and we were using everything we had, even as we fasted away.

Abba and Eema, you know that since you raised me and I graduated 12 years of Horev School, did my hesder/yeshiva/army, that all of our holidays were somehow observed in its entirety by me. Well, last night and today on Yom Kippur, I never violated as much of a holiday as I did working to defend those buddies of mine and Eretz Yisrael, down here in Rafiach near the Tarmit Outpost.

We were told that there were major losses of injuries and deaths to the Arabs and that none of our soldiers were hurt. At about 10 AM today on Yom Kippur, we brought

back our tanks and started to daven shacharit (morning service) of Yom Kippur. We knew that we would have to pray faster as we would have to finish Neeilah (the concluding service of Yom Kippur) before shkiya and did not know the next order from the commander if we had to go back into action during this laughable cease fire.

Somehow, Abba and Eema, I was able to keep fasting. I made it through the shofar, weak, tired, and dirty, but kept the fast. I wrote this quick note in Hebrew which I hope you could translate to send to Uncle Yossi in New York, so that after Yom Kippur there in the air conditioned shul in Manhattan, he would be proud of his nephew in Rafiach down near Gaza Strip.

I love you, I am proud to be a Jewish soldier, and I look forward to Eema's prepared dinner for Sukkot when I get 48 hours of chofesh (leave).

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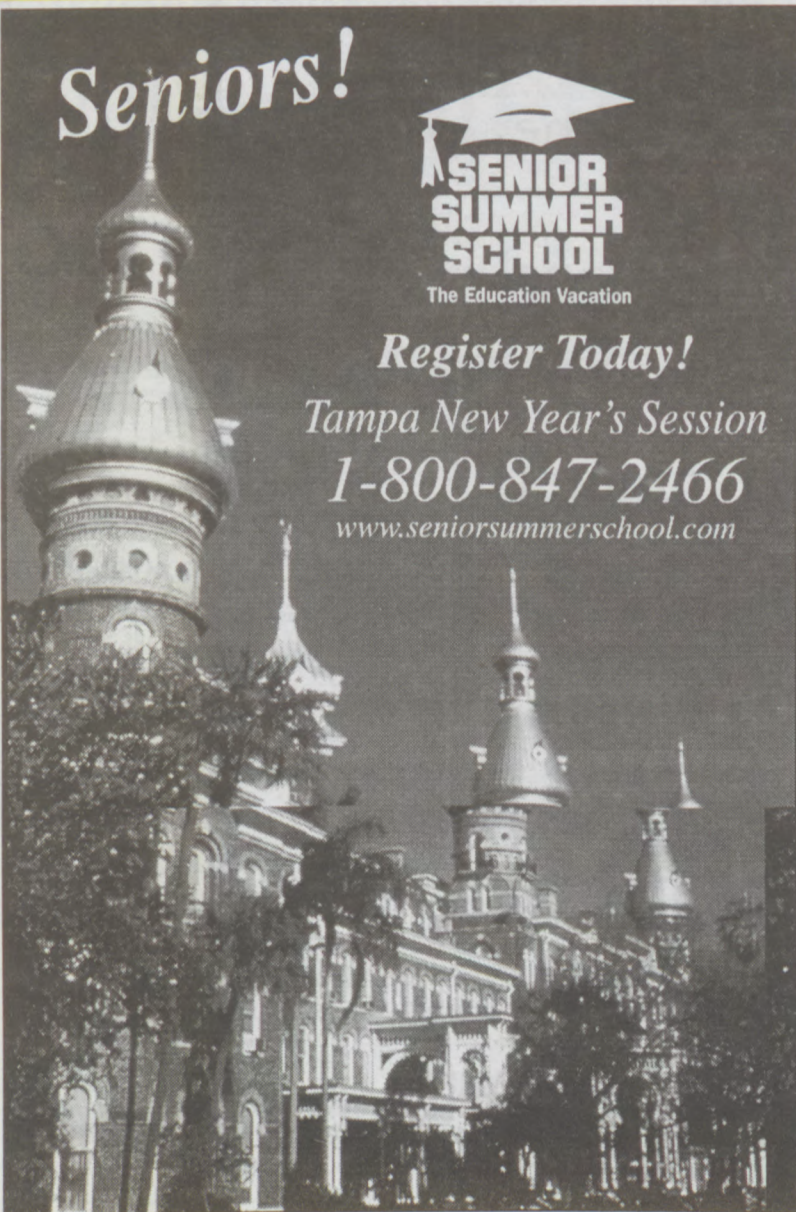
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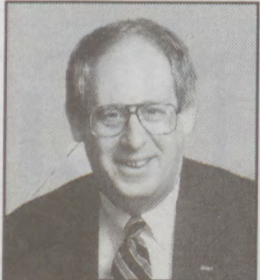


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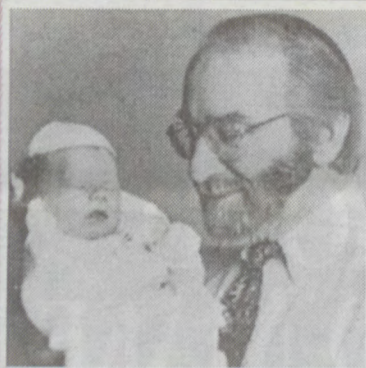
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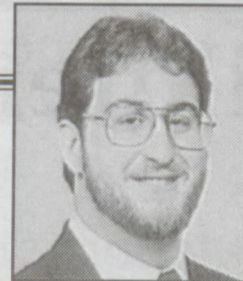
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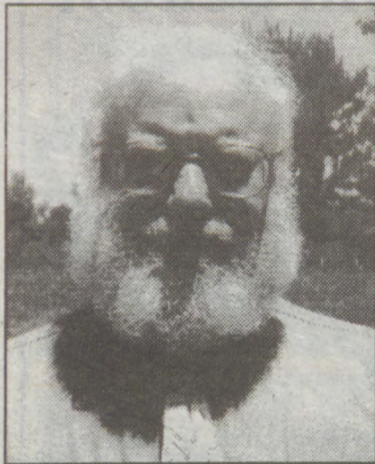
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## Speaking Of God



Rabbi David Wortman

**By Rabbi David Wortman**

We live in a sophisticated, western world. We are committed to rational thought and the scientific method. For us, there is no conflict between science and religion because religion is myth not fact. This is our public persona.

Inside, many of us are struggling with God. Like Jacob, we wrestle with angels. Unlike Jacob, we are afraid to express our thoughts. To talk about God feels hokey. Our innermost spiritual dimension remains hidden from all except the mind's eye.

Jacob held his own during the struggle, until dawn. At the appearance of the dawn, the tension ended

— the struggle resolved. From this it is clear that our inner conflict with God can only be settled when it is seen in the light of day.

For us to achieve true spiritual fulfillment, therefore, we need to overcome our reticence and learn to speak about God, "at the rising of the dawn."

Talking about the struggle is not easy. Blaming God is easier. "Why is God doing this to me?" "How can there be a God when there is evil in the world?" These questions show anger at a Being with whom we have no relationship. To acknowledge the tension implies a direct and personal relationship. This is hard.

Yet, developing the willingness to speak about God, to use God-language in our vocabulary eases the struggle and is transforming.

This is nurturing the spiritual aspect of our lives. Spirituality does not necessarily mean attending spe-

cial programs or services. Neither is it only engaging in personal exercises. Rather, spirituality is acknowledging the struggle, persisting until dawn and emerging with a closer relationship with the Creator.

There are some methods that may aid us in achieving a heightened spiritual awareness:

1. Introspection leads to self-awareness. The ability to look inside and to feel the pain of the struggle is a first step. Just as we have done during the Ten Days of Repentance, engaging in the process is more important than finding solutions.

2. Talking to a trusted and safe individual draws the tension out of the soul and into the light of day. Whether it is a spouse, a parent, a sibling or a friend, talking is a balm for the discomfort inside.

3. Ritual brings connectedness with millennia of Jewish identity. Developing one's own ritual can be

fulfilling if it is done for the purpose of spiritual enhancement. Also, the traditional rituals add another link to the Jewish chain of spiritual struggle. Just lighting Shabbat candles, for instance, can bring about a sea-change in inner peace.

4. Joining others who share the pursuit of an enhanced spirituality results in an amelioration of the sense of loneliness that results from keeping the process entirely internal.

Jacob survived until dawn, fighting all night long. The light of day brought resolution. Searching for spirituality brings us ever closer to seeing that early morning luminescence, and feeling the warmth of that other light that derives from the Divine Himself.

Rabbi Wortman serves as director of The Kimmel-Spiller Jewish Healing Center, a program of Jewish Family Service.

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## UJA-Federal Agencies At Forefront Of Relief Efforts

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"They are prone to depression, anxiety and loss of self-esteem because of the loss of their professional status here," she explained. "There are also more family conflicts because they are living in small apartments and having financial difficulties. And this attack exacerbated their existing problems."

She said one client who lives in Queens has refused to take the subway for fear of another attack that would trap her underground.

"I told her that I understood how she felt, but that if she continued avoiding the subway, I don't know how she could live that way," Halberstadt said. "I told her my building was safe, that there are police all around it, and that if she continued to avoid stressful situations, she could develop a phobia and be chronically affected by it."

She said also that there are Jews from the former Soviet Union who suffered traumatic situations when they were younger — such as losing a father as a child — and that this attack triggered "feelings of helplessness and anxiety."

"A lot of these people believed they were coming to a safer place, that they were leaving behind anti-Semitism and Chernobyl and national wars in Russia to find a safer place to raise their children," Halberstadt observed. "This has been a big blow to their hopes and feeling of security."

She added that many come from families whose members survived the Holocaust or who are survivors themselves.

"They never had the feeling of security that Americans had, so it's a double-edged sword because they may be more resilient having learned survival skills," Halberstadt said. "On the other hand, they feel very hurt by what is happening because they survived the war and the chaos that followed in Russia, and now they think, 'Here we go again.'"

Greilsheimer pointed out that because UJA-Federation is "a system that is connected together as a network, we were able to respond immediately, no matter where the call for help came from. When the city called for support for policemen and firemen, we were able to help in the neighborhoods where it was needed because of our large system of agencies."

Altheim of Forrest Electric said that five of his 71 employees performing electrical work for different firms in the twin towers were lost in the attack. Some were on the 98th floor of Tower Two and one was above the 90th floor of Tower One. Special counseling classes were held for those who escaped the building.

"The Jewish Board must have serviced more than 100 people here," he said. "They were wonderful. And we are still asking people if they need counseling. The Jewish Board said it would continue to come."

Alan Siskind, executive vice president and CEO of the Jewish Board, said his crisis teams have worked with employees at more than 100 corporations and agencies in the city and that requests continue to come in. All of the counseling is free.

The attack also has caused a great deal of disruption in the homes of thousands of families, many of whom have young children. To help families during this crisis, the Jewish Child Care Association is offering up to 10 weeks of free day care for children between the ages of 2 months and 5 years. Day care providers are in Brooklyn and Queens.

Paul Gitelson, chief executive officer of the association, said there is room for 50 children but that no one has yet accepted the offer.

"It may be too soon," he explained. "People are in a profound state of mourning and may be reluctant to have their children leave the house during the day. But single parents may decide they need this."

Gitelson pointed out also that in the days after the attack, five members of his staff obtained special police permission to re-enter their 12th floor offices at 120 Wall St. to get computers and other equipment needed to mail monthly support checks to 200 foster parents and 175 day care providers.

They used flashlights to navigate through the smoke and soot-filled rooms and carried the equipment down the steps using a hand truck. Two trips were needed to cart everything to a waiting van that transported it to the association's other office at 575 Lexington Ave.

"This was the money the families spend on the children," he said, noting that foster parents receive checks as little as \$500 a month if they have one foster child, to several thousand dollars if they have several with special needs.

The New York Legal Assistance Group is also providing free legal help for those affected by the tragedy and who cannot afford a lawyer. And Greilsheimer said UJA-Federation is guaranteeing through the Hebrew Free Loan Society loans of up to \$5,000 for those needing immediate cash for burials or because of economic hardship stemming from the attack.

In addition, FECS is offering free help to anyone who has lost a job as a result of the attack.

"The city believes 150,000 people have lost their jobs and will need some kind of employment service," said Gail Magaliff, chief operating officer/human services for FECS. "These are not only people who worked in the World Trade Center but those who worked for hotels, restaurants, travel agencies and airlines and have now been laid off."

"We're making all of our employment services available to people and asking people in the federation network if they have jobs so we can refer people to them."

Stewart Ain is a staff writer for New York Jewish Week

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## Notice

# To VICTIMS OF ANTI-SEMITIC PERSECUTION IN FRANCE Who may have had Bank Accounts in France during the World War II Period and their Heirs

The French Government has established a Commission for the Compensation of Victims of Spoliation Resulting from Anti-Semitic Legislation in Force During the Occupation (known by its French acronym C.I.V.S. and hereafter referred to as "the Commission"). Its mandate is to investigate and compensate claims by victims (or their heirs or successors) of anti-Semitic persecution in France during World War II. The Commission examines claims relating to any property frozen, blocked, looted, or Aryanized in France during World War II.

Victims whose assets were confiscated by the French or German Occupying governments will be compensated by the compensation committee set up within the Prime Minister's Office after their claims have been reviewed by the CIVS.

On January 18, 2001, the governments of the United States and France signed an Executive Agreement (the "Agreement") which sets forth specific procedures for the handling of claims against banks by the Commission, including claims relating to any kind of bank account, such as checking accounts, savings accounts and safe deposit boxes. The Agreement also provides for additional compensation for victims of anti-Semitic persecution who may have had bank accounts looted.

This notice describes the provisions of the Agreement, as well as the claims process, and provides important information about two other compensation mechanisms, described at the end of this notice. You need not be French, need not be assisted by a lawyer, need not pay any fees, and need not even have any documentary evidence in order to file a claim.

The Agreement anticipates the dismissal of three proposed class action cases in U.S. courts: two cases filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (*Bodner v. Banque Paribas*, Case 97 CIV 7433 (SJ) (MDG), and *Benisti v. Banque Paribas*, Case No. 98 CIV 7851 (SJ) (MDG), and one case filed in California State Court (*Mayer v. Banque Paribas*, Civil Action No. 302226). In each case, the plaintiffs sued banks doing business in France during World War II, for actions linked to the freezing, blocking and/or looting of account holders deemed to be Jewish under German or Vichy laws. The Federal court cases against all defendants other than two non-French banks, Barclays Bank and J.P. Morgan & Co., with which separate settlements were reached, were voluntarily dismissed on March 27, 2001. The California case was also voluntarily dismissed on June 15, 2001.

The Governments of the United States and France have endorsed in the Agreement the claims process of the Commission, and have declared their interests that this claims process be the exclusive remedy for resolution of all claims against banks which operated in France during World War II, other than Barclays Bank and J.P. Morgan & Co., (hereafter, the "Banks"), related to their activities in France during World War II. In any future case filed in the United States against the Banks, the Government of the United States will file a "Statement of Interest" with the court, explaining that dismissal of the case would be in its foreign policy interest.

### Who is Eligible to Apply

You are eligible to apply for compensation if you or your family (including heirs or successors) were Jewish (or considered Jewish under German or Vichy laws) and if you believe that you or your family may have had any type of personal or business account at a bank in France during the period from September

1939 to May 1945. EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHETHER YOU OR YOUR FAMILY HAD AN ACCOUNT, YOU MAY REQUEST A CLAIMS FORM AND FILE AN APPLICATION.

### The Claims Process

The Commission will investigate all the claims which are filed. In that process, the Commission will have access to historical information from French public archives and banks, including lists of over 56,000 wartime account holders whose accounts were blocked under anti-Semitic German or Vichy laws. The Commission will also consider any evidence provided by a claimant. If after investigating a claim, the Commission recommends compensation in a specific amount, that sum will be paid promptly by the administrator of the escrow fund and the Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations from a renewable US\$50,000,000 escrow fund, established by the Banks.

If the historical information available to the Commission confirms a claimant's account(s) and account balance(s) and there is no evidence of restitution on such account(s), the Commission is endeavoring to make awards as rapidly as possible following filing of the claim. Deductions will be made only for prior, proven restitution, relating to a specific account. There will be no deduction in the case of compensation or restitution of non-bank assets.

Under the Agreement, the Banks also have established a US\$22,500,000 fund (the "Fund"), which will be used to make payments to claimants who may have had a bank account but whose names (or the names of their relatives) do not appear on any historical list and who otherwise do not have other evidence supporting their claim. If you believe you have such a claim, the Commission will accept an affidavit in support of your claim. The Commission will refer the names and applications of claimants having no other evidence of any account to the Fund. The Fund will make initial payments of US\$1,500 to such claimant within 30 days after referral by the Commission. A second payment of up to US\$1,500 may be made by the Fund after July 18, 2002, subject to the amount remaining, if any, in the Fund. **TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A PAYMENT FROM THE FUND, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE COMMISSION BY JULY 18, 2002.**

The French Government has also established a Foundation for Memory of the Shoah. The Foundation's initial funding will be approximately US\$375,000,000, including approximately US\$100,000,000 transferred by the banks. The Foundation will distribute funds to organizations inside and outside France, including those that aid elderly or needy Holocaust survivors, and their families.

### Which Banks are Covered by the Agreement

The Agreement applies to claims against all banks doing business in France during World War II. This includes non-French banks that operated in France through branches or subsidiaries, such as predecessor banks of The Chase Manhattan Bank. As to Barclays Bank and J.P. Morgan & Co., separate settlements have been concluded and are described below. These settlements cover all bank accounts at those banks and their predecessors during World War II.

### How Do I Participate

The Commission will investigate claims in the order they are received, but will, however, give priority to claims by the aged, those in precarious financial circumstances, those in difficult social situations, and to

those subject to referral to the Fund.

To obtain information or an application form, you may write to: The Commission for Compensation of Victims of Spoliation, 1 rue de la Manutention, 75116 Paris, France.

You may also call 00.800.2000.4000 (toll-free international number) or 1,866.254.3770 (toll-free from USA).

You may also contact:

- the Simon Wiesenthal Center in The United States at 1.800.900.9036, or in France at 33.(0)1.47.23.76.37;

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Information is also available on the Internet site of the C.I.V.S. ([www.civs.gouv.fr](http://www.civs.gouv.fr)) in French and English - and soon in Hebrew. From the [www.civs.gouv.fr](http://www.civs.gouv.fr) Internet site, you may download and print the application (including the questionnaire and forms for powers of attorney and proxies), which you may duly submit to the Commission by mail or fax (33.(0)1.56.52.85.73).

You may also send your application (or a copy) to:

- The Simon Wiesenthal Center, 64 Avenue Marceau, 75008 Paris, France;

- the CRIF, 39 rue Broca, 75005 Paris, France;

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- or the European Jewish Congress, 76 Avenue des Champs Elysées, 75008 Paris, France,

- all of which organizations can assist you, at your request, in the application proceedings. To be eligible for payments from the Fund, claims must be received no later than July 18, 2002.

You may meet with representatives of the Commission in France or at contact centers at many French embassies and consulates around the world. You may also request that a representative to which you have given a power of attorney, such as the Simon Wiesenthal Center or the other organizations named above, meet with representatives of the Commission on your behalf.

### Barclays Bank and J.P. Morgan & Co. Class Action Settlements

Separate settlements have been concluded with two other banks that operated in France during World War II: Barclays Bank and J.P. Morgan & Co. These settlements are different from the Agreement described above. First, for Barclays Bank and J.P. Morgan only, the United States District Court in the Bodner and Benisti cases has certified a world-wide settlement class, such that these settlements will bind all persons who do not exclude themselves by following the procedures in the mailed notice for these settlements. Second, these settlements make available to claimants separate funds established by these banks to satisfy claims.

If you believe that you or your family had any kind of bank account with Barclays Bank or J.P. Morgan & Co. or their predecessors, in France during World War II, you may obtain information on these separate settlements. You may also obtain information on the deadlines for filing objections or exclusion requests, and the claims filing deadline by telephoning 1.800.714.3304 (in the United States), 0.800.914.842 (in France) or 1.800.93.00.011 (in Israel), or by consulting the Internet sites: [www.barclaysfrenchclaims.org](http://www.barclaysfrenchclaims.org) and [www.jpmorganfrenchclaims.org](http://www.jpmorganfrenchclaims.org), or by writing to the Barclays/J.P. Morgan Settlement Administrator at P.O. Box 9260, Garden City, New York, 11530. If you do not know the name of the French bank with which you or your family may have had an account, please contact the Commission at the address listed above.

## ISRAEL FOCUS

## Arafat Straddles The Fence

By Gil Sedan

Yasser Arafat is facing what may prove the most serious threat to his leadership since he returned from exile in 1994 to lead the Palestinian Authority.

A week after three Palestinians were killed following a Hamas-led demonstration in the Gaza Strip in support of suspected terror mastermind Osama bin Laden, Gaza remains tense.

On Sunday, the families of Palestinians killed during the

of any future demonstrations.

Those restrictions were lifted in subsequent days. On Saturday, Palestinian officials allowed the reopening of two Hamas-run universities, Al-Azhar and the Islamic University.

Just the same, angry students warned that clashes with police would recur if the Palestinian Authority failed to punish those responsible for the three deaths.

Arafat has been in a bind since the Sept. 11 terror attacks against

tion Arafat's sincerity, noting that he has done just enough to appear to be taking a stand against terror while leaving himself the option of allowing terror again if he concludes that the Bush administration is not serious about pressing its war against terror globally.

Arafat became the first Arab leader to condemn the attacks against the World Trade Center and Pentagon and express support for the international anti-terror coalition Bush began building.

Bush responded by making two recent statements supporting the creation of a Palestinian state.

The most recent came during a primetime news conference on Oct. 11, when Bush said he believes that if Israel and the Palestinian Authority could end violence and begin political negotiations, then "there ought to be a Palestinian state, the boundaries of which will be negotiated by the parties."

Bush also said the Palestinian state would have to recognize Israel's right to exist and treat Israel with respect.

On Monday, after meeting with Arafat in London, British Prime Minister Tony Blair also gave his support for the creation of a "viable Palestinian state."

Referring to the Bush statements backing Palestinian statehood, Hanan Ashrawi, a member of the Palestinian legislature and spokeswoman for the Arab League, called them a "marked departure from standard operating procedure."

"This is the first time that it is not basically an Israeli" document simply "given an American seal of approval," she said.

While Arafat and Bush are giving each other mutual support, there is a growing rift separating Arafat from radical Palestinian Islamists.

"The present intifada has undergone a process of Islamization," wrote Danny Rubinstein of the Israeli daily Ha'aretz. "Not in vain is it called 'the Al-Aksa Intifada,'" he said, referring to the Jerusalem mosque where Palestinian violence erupted in September 2000.

Arafat rode the Islamic wave of anti-Israel sentiment from the outset of the intifada. The move both ensured his survival and deflected criticism of Palestinian Authority responsibility for the plight of the Palestinian-ruled territories.

In Israel, right wingers — and even many former peaceniks — saw Arafat's support for the violent uprising and his tolerance of terror as proof that he never really intended to make peace with Israel.

But now, faced with American warnings that he could be considered part of the terrorist camp if he did not come out squarely against bin Laden, Palestinian police arrested several Islamic terrorists for the first time since the intifada began last fall.

But even this was done in typical Arafat fashion: Out of a list of 108 terrorists on Israel's most-wanted list that Israel had asked him to detain, Arafat had only six or eight put under "house arrest" — a comfy status that Israel says is designed to protect the men from possible Israeli reprisals.

At the same time, Palestinian authorities clamped down on media coverage of anti-American protests. Along with the newspaper editor who was arrested, a TV show criti-

cizing a police crackdown of a pro-bin Laden rally was taken off the air.

In an effort to follow up on Bush administration requests to defuse Israeli-Palestinian violence, over the weekend Arafat reportedly reached an agreement with Hamas and Islamic Jihad that the two groups would refrain, at least temporarily, from carrying out terror attacks on Israeli targets.

Publicly, however, there was no sign that the groups had reached such an agreement.

On Monday, an Islamic militant was killed in an explosion in the West Bank city of Nablus. Palestinian officials said Israel was behind the death of Hamas member Ahmed Marshoud, but Israel had no immediate comment.

It remains to be seen how far Arafat will go to stop any threats to his authority from Hamas or Islamic Jihad.

"The question is whether he is willing to risk a civil war to enforce his will," Fiegel said.

On the other hand, he added, Arafat might be more inclined to pursue a "shoot and talk" policy, which "he has long been accustomed to" when dealing with Israel.



Palestinians wave Hamas flags at a pro-bin Laden demonstration in Ramallah. CREDIT: JTA photo

demonstration threatened to organize mass street protests unless those responsible for the deaths were punished.

The threat was issued a day after a third Palestinian died from wounds suffered during the Oct. 8 clashes. Two died at the demonstration, during which 10 Palestinian police were injured.

The Palestinian Authority rejects accusations that police killed the three, saying "masked men" had opened fire.

Immediately after the demonstration, Palestinian police ordered the closure of several schools, briefly arrested at least one Palestinian journalist who had been critical of the Palestinian Authority, and kept foreign journalists from entering Gaza to prevent coverage

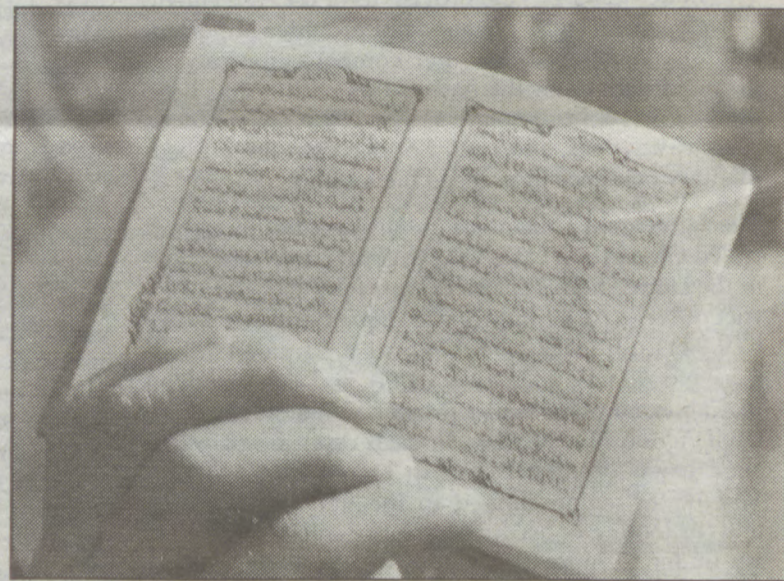
the United States.

Referring to the 1948 incident when Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, ordered the downing of a boat running weapons to dissident Jewish groups that threatened to undermine the central government, one Israeli security source called the current showdown "Arafat's Altalena."

Arafat has been forced to choose between President Bush and bin Laden — and despite bin Laden's popularity among some segments of Palestinian society, he chose Bush, at least initially.

He made the choice as a matter of survival, even if the decision ultimately pits him against Palestinian militants, who overwhelmingly support bin Laden.

Some analysts, however, ques-



A Palestinian holds up a Koran during a pro-bin Laden demonstration in Ramallah. CREDIT: JTA photo

## N.Y. Jewish Museum Shows Life Amid The Ruins

By Amy Sara Clark, JTA

The future of much of the area near the former World Trade Center is still uncertain, but a Jewish museum just blocks from Ground Zero is forging ahead with plans to build a new wing.

The Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to The Holocaust, located in Battery Park on Manhattan's southern tip, has been closed since the terrorist attacks on September 11th.

At its reopening ceremony last Friday, nearly 100 guests and speakers — including New York Governor George E. Pataki, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.) and several New York City officials — walked past National Guard checkpoints, nonfunctional phone booths, and evacuated apartment buildings to enter a museum that was built to symbolize renewal and rebirth.

Manhattan District Attorney and museum chairman Robert M. Morgenthau said the reopening of the museum is symbolic.

"The Museum represents the ability of human beings to rebuild after catastrophe and is a symbol of remembrance and renewal," Morgenthau said. "This is why it is so important that we reopen now."

The core exhibition of the museum, which opened in 1997, focuses on three themes: Jewish Life a Century Ago, The War Against the Jews, and Jewish Renewal.

"I cannot imagine a better symbol for the rebirth of our city than the reopening of this museum," Sen. Clinton said. The museum "helps us experience the incomprehensible and unimaginable. It takes us to a place that we wish we could consign to the past but unfortunately still lives in the human spirit."

By reopening the museum, Clinton added, Americans are demonstrating that "we choose life" even in the face of evil.

Clinton said it is more important than ever that teachers take their students to see the museum because it will help them understand "what we face today."

Gov. Pataki agreed.

"The entire third floor of this museum talks about the renewal of the Jewish life and experience out of the horror of the Holocaust," he said. "On Sept. 11th we faced unspeakable evil but our renewal is coming. This museum and its reopening is a tribute to that."

In response to the terror attacks, museum workers will bring the museum's student workbook, "Meeting Hate With Humanity," to public and parochial schools throughout New York City as part of its ongoing educational outreach

programs.

Visitors who arrived after the reopening ceremony felt that going to the museum allowed them to honor not only Holocaust victims but also the victims of the September 11th attack.

Clara and Tom Welbourne of Louisiana said their visit would allow them to "pay homage to all people who had gone through hardship due to fanaticism and bigotry."

The couple said they see many similarities between the Nazi ideology behind the Holocaust and the motivations of the terror attacks.

The museum also is forging ahead with plans to build an east wing, the first new construction in lower Manhattan since the World Trade Center attack.

Museum officials are "pleased to be part of the revitalization of the downtown area, and are confident

that together we all can rebuild this great city," museum director David Marwell said.

The \$60 million addition, which will more than triple the size of the museum, is projected to open in November 2003. It will house a theater, classrooms, expanded gallery space, a living history center, a library and resource center, cafe and catering hall, offices and a memorial garden.

The wing will be financed by a number of sources, including \$1 million from the State of New York, \$22 million from the City of New York, \$8 million from the City Council, \$6 million from the Edmond J. Safra Foundation and a \$500,000 grant arranged by the New York State Assembly.

Museum Trustees Bernard Spitzer, Peter Kalikow and others also have made significant contributions.

# JEWISH PERSPECTIVES

## Sept. 11 reminds Shoah survivor of Kristallnacht

By Julie Wiener  
JTA

Until last month there was always one seminal date in Fred Gompertz's memory: November 9.

On that day in 1938, Gompertz, then 14, woke in the middle of the night to "a tremendous explosion of glass."

While he hid upstairs in his family's apartment in the German town of Gelsenkirchen, Nazi thugs vandalized and ransacked his father's clothing store below.

"We were scared to look out the window," he says, "scared to be seen."

Kristallnacht — the "Night of Broken Glass" — heralded the end of Gompertz's life in Germany. While his family was fortunate enough to escape to the United States and build new lives here — Gompertz became a globe-trotting fur designer — he never forgot the fear, the broken glass and the pain of being uprooted from his home.

Almost 63 years later, Gompertz has again been uprooted from his home, a 34th-story apartment in Battery Park City, an upscale, meticulously landscaped development overlooking New York Harbor — and just yards away from the World Trade Center.

For now, the events of Sept. 11 — which came as Gompertz was sitting at his kitchen table, reading the

newspaper — remain a whirl of disconnected, nightmarish fragments.

A phone call, in which a friend in Connecticut suggested he come stay with him for a while. Peering out the window and seeing a swarm of people on the esplanade outside, some running, some with faces turned upward in horror. Flames coming out of the World Trade Center's twin towers.

Reports on television about a terrorist attack. Then everything going dark — the window covered in a cloud of black soot, the television going dead, all electricity stopping.

"There was nothing to see," he recalled. "Just black."

Gompertz remained in his apartment for almost two days, until his son — who first was told that Gompertz had been evacuated to a New Jersey shelter — came in to rescue him.

He is not sure what happened in those two days or why he stayed put. He recalls passing out at one point and falling asleep "to escape."

Unable to get up, he kept thinking about what he'd been told in kindergarten in Germany: If something unusual happens, just stay where you are so your parents will know where to find you.

He remembers listening to a portable, battery-operated radio and hearing that Battery Park City

had been evacuated. He peered into the hall, but it was dark and eerily quiet, and he "didn't dare" venture down the more than 30 flights of stairs in the dark.

The experience "brings me back to November 9," Gompertz says several weeks later in an interview with JTA at the Tribeca hotel where he is staying temporarily.

He darts back and forth across the years, from Nov. 9 to Sept. 11, stopping at one point to talk about a recent visit to his hometown at the German government's invitation.

Suddenly he is back in the present, noting how his son recently got close to the ruins of the World Financial Center's Winter Garden, a huge glass atrium that until Sept. 11 was filled with palm trees and a bustling shopping center.

"It was all flattened," he said. "It's just horrible to believe."

Impeccably dressed in a stylish wool jacket and matching black pants, Gompertz looks at least a decade younger than his 77 years. But he still is feeling disoriented, tired and unable to concentrate, overwhelmed by even minor decisions.

Kristallnacht "was a totally different experience but maybe it prepared me for such a shock," Gompertz says, his English still bearing traces of a German accent.

"I was more hurt than angry



Fred Gompertz, who hid for two days in his apartment just yards away from the World Trade Center devastation, tells how Sept. 11 reminded him of his experience as a boy in Germany on Kristallnacht, last week in the lobby of the New York hotel he's now staying in.

then," he says. "When you're small, you see it differently. You're not totally conscious of what's going on."

Now, he says, his main emotion is anger at "these stupid idiot bas-

tard terrorists."

"They destroyed my neighborhood," he says. "It was the best place to live in Manhattan. Now, even if they rebuild it, it will never be the same."

## Serendipity

by E. E. Jaffe

During the High Holidays in the synagogue, I was approached by four men, one at a time, to discuss my article about serendipity that appeared in "The Jewish Voice". Two men told me that during World War II their lives were saved by penicillin. Others were amazed to learn how this "miracle drug" was discovered. I told them that there are other perhaps more interesting serendipitous discoveries. Here are a couple in the field of chemistry/medicine of great consequence.

Luis Pasteur is better known for his contribution to microbiology than medicine. His name is forever associated with milk pasteurization; involving the heating process for the destruction of microorganisms in various beverages, particularly milk. It kills many highly damaging bacteria, including those of tuberculosis without damaging the milk.

But a very important contribution by Pasteur was the discovery of the existence of "right handed" and "left handed" crystals of tartaric acid that is frequently deposited in wine casks during the fermentation process. It was known way back in 1848 when Pasteur was 25 years old after receiving his doctor's degree at the Sorbonne in Paris that certain substances could turn polarized light (light that vibrates only in one direction) but no one understood how and why it happens. It was known that tartaric acid, depending on its source, could or could not turn polarized light. The clarification came from an accidental placement by Pasteur of a solution of the sodium ammonium salt of this acid on a cool win-

dow ledge overnight in his laboratory in Paris. Based on the selection of the particular salt and the cool Parisian climate, when the temperature dropped below 26 degrees C (79 degrees F), the crystallized salt had two different shapes that Pasteur was able to carefully separate mechanically. He then showed that the two solutions of the separated crystals rotated polarized light in opposite directions, one to the right and the other to the left. A 50/50 mixture of the two failed to rotate light at all. Compounds that rotate polarized light in opposite directions have chemical structures that relate to each other as mirror images. Like left and right handed gloves.

Such compounds are referred to as Dextra (D, right) or Levo (L, left) rotatory forms. Many compounds of specific structures show this phenomenon. Its practical significance comes from radically different physiological effects of these forms on human beings. For example, vitamin C (ascorbic acid), the type that rotates light to the right is an important vitamin; the one that rotates it to the left has no biological activity and is not a vitamin. The partially effective drug against Parkinson's disease called L-dopa rotates polarized light to the left, while the corresponding D-dopa is ineffective. L-adrenalin is many times more effective as a hormone than D-adrenaline.

Recently a new finding of great importance was made. The drug Thalidomide can also be separated into two such forms. Although the D form is safe and effective, the L form is an active mutagen (an agent that causes biological muta-

tions). When the drug was first discovered and administered as a sedative, mostly in Europe, to pregnant women against morning sickness in the 1950's and early 1960's it was a 50/50 mixture of the two forms. As a consequence, numerous, tragic birth defects were discovered in their offspring. In 1965, thanks to an Israeli doctor who administered the drug as a sedative for a leprosy patient, he discovered that it had a profound positive effect on the swelling caused by leprosy. It evidently reduces growth of blood vessels. The effect of the two separated forms is still under study.

Another serendipitous discovery of great importance in the fight against cancer was made by Barnett Rosenberg at Michigan State University. The chemical compound cisplatin had been known for over 100 years but because of the accidental observation by Rosenberg and his team it became a powerful "new" drug.

In 1961 Rosenberg noticed that when cells undergo mitosis (cell division) their behavior approximates those of sprinkled iron filings on a sheet of paper under the influence of a magnet. As a consequence, he was interested in seeing what would happen to growing bacteria under the influence of an electric field. He put two platinum electrodes into a cell containing bacteria and nutrients. To his astonishment the density of the bacteria dropped precipitously, due to inhibition of cell division. Upon experimental elaboration the team established that the agent responsible for blocking of cell division was the compound dichlorodiammine-

platinum that had formed by reaction of the electrodes with the medium under the influence of light. Unlike the finding of L. Pasteur, this compound exists in two forms that do not rotate polarized light but differ in the location of the chloro and ammine groups in the compound's structure. The so-called trans compound is symmetrical, more stable and predominates, while the cis form is asymmetrical, and more elusive. It was found in 1965 that the cis compound disrupts bacterial division. This compound was tested on mice with cancerous tumors and was found to show significant retardation of tumor growths. The antitumor activity is due to destruction of cancerous cells before affecting healthy cells. Mice and later dogs and monkeys did survive cisplatin (the abbreviated name of the cis compound) after toxicity doses were determined.

In 1972 NCI (National Cancer Institute) started human tests with intravenous administration of cisplatin. A high degree of antitumor

activity was observed. The development of this agent slowed significantly when it was found that it was toxic to human kidneys. Soon it was discovered that upon high dilution there is virtually no detrimental effect on kidneys. Careful studies have shown that the agent cisplatin binds to DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) causing the molecule to become distorted and therefore inhibiting replication with consequent cell death. Now it is used effectively in combination with other drugs. Whereas testicular cancer was killing 80% of patients, the use of the new therapy of cisplatin cures 95% of all testicular cancers. It is also effective in remission of 50% of small cell lung cancer. It is generally used to treat solid tumors found in testicular, ovarian, lung and bladder cancers.

In both described cases, the accidental or serendipitous discoveries led to very useful information and new or miracle drugs. Further important developments in this field have been made and others are still in progress.

Join the Zionist Organization of America on  
Sunday, November 4, 2001, 5:00 p.m.  
at Philadelphia's Adam's Mark Hotel  
for a tribute to  
Philadelphia Jewish Community leaders  
Gary and Vicki Earlbaum,  
featuring distinguished guest speaker  
Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr., chairman of the  
Senate Foreign Relations Committee.  
For reservations call, 212-481-1500  
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# JEWISH ARTS AND CULTURE

## Eye On the Arts

By Paula Shulak

This column is a potpourri of information about some exciting cultural events and products available in our area over the next few weeks.

If you are looking for a different kind of gift for Chanukah, why not check out a new video, for the kids produced by a firm right here in Delaware? **FAMILIES OF ISRAEL** is a gem of a journey to discover how people really live in the country so dear to us. Two children, one on a kibbutz and one in Jerusalem take us through an average day in their lives, one to which our children can definitely relate. The video, produced by Arden Media just north of Wilmington, shows Americans just how similar life in Israel is to our own lives. From the morning ritual of teeth brushing to a bedtime story, we follow Inbar and Yoad as they go to school, play, shop and carry out normal activities. And we hear Hebrew spoken as an everyday language (although of course the narration is in English). This is a real plus for students who sometimes think Hebrew is just in a prayerbook. References to Arabs as neighbors are good as is the fact that this is an educational film not a preachy one. It is fun to watch. The one strange aspect is that both these children live in fairly religious communities which is not always the case in Israel where there are so many secular Jews. Nevertheless, it is an excellent video and would make a great gift. It is available for just \$19.95 by calling 800-765-5885 or at [www.familiesoftheworld.com](http://www.familiesoftheworld.com).

**The National Museum of American Jewish History** in Philadelphia is presenting a film series on three Mondays in October called Image and Identity. On October 22nd, you can see *Delta Jews* and on October 29, *Yidl in the Middle*. All three films document the history of Jews in America and the struggle between assimilation and tradition as revealed in areas as disparate as Orthodox New York, the Mississippi Delta and small town Iowa. All films begin at 7:30 PM at the International House, 3701 Chestnut Street. Tickets are available at Upstages, 215-569-9700. Additional programs at the museum itself on Independence Square include Klezkids (klezmer music and history) on November 4, A Veteran's Day program on November 11 and Sunday Cinema on November 18 with the film, *Jewish American Patriots*. The Jewish Museum is a rich resource just a stone's throw away in Philadelphia. Call 215-923-3811 for more info.

On Sunday November 11, another opportunity presents itself in Philadelphia when Har Zion Temple hosts the world premiere of a Broadway musical entitled **KINGS**. The story is based on the lives of Saul, David and Solomon and has been written by Esta Cassway (a Philadelphia resident) and Eliot Weiss, an award winning composer. A Broadway cast has been assembled for this preview of what may become a New York hit eventually and this is a chance to

get in on the ground floor. The show contains many musical genres including blues, jazz and gospel. For more info or to get tickets at \$50 each call 610-667-5000.

Finally here is a review of a new play currently appearing at the Wilma Theater in Philly, which has a strong Jewish feel. Jason Sherman is not a playwright with whom many Americans are familiar, but after seeing the US premiere of his latest play "Patience", based on the Biblical story of Job, that will change. This production is a powerful look at the unpredictability of life and not only is sensitively directed, brilliantly acted and magnificently staged but also has a multiple message for our times. To quote just a few of the pithy sentiments in the play,

"You have everything you need, but do you need everything you have?" "Time didn't invent us - we invented time. We can't let it control us."

"All we know for certain is that we can't be certain." "You can affect things...you just don't know how, when and why." I think you get the idea. Woven throughout this comic tragedy are the strains of the song "For All We Know" which in the author's words "spoke to one of the themes of the show; how do we know we're making the right choice with our lives?" In the show the ambitiously arrogant Reuben (stunningly portrayed by David Chandler) loses everything - business, wife, children and brother -but unlike his Biblical counterpart he does not have any faith to sustain him. He

journeys back and forth through time looking for answers to make sense of his life, asking if redemption is possible in this modern materialistic world which is often ruled by chaos. Along the way he meets a Rabbi who is looking for a tenth man for a minyan and we are treated to some wonderful wisdom. "We're modern Jews," the Rabbi tells Reuben, "but we still have inside us these old World Jews from Europe" who tell us how to act and what to do. In the end, Reuben find a satisfactory reply to his question but we are left to ponder a bit longer. Sherman, a renowned Canadian playwright, does not shy away from tough subjects and I hope we will hear a lot more from him.

The technical effects in the show are unbelievable, thanks to

Director Blanka Zizka, Set Designer Jeremy Woodward, Lighting Designer Russell Champa and Sound Designer Eileen Tague. From the first thump of a handball coordinated exactly with actors' movements to the ubiquitous bench which appears in almost every scene as a different object, to the eerily brilliant lighting producing such things as a moving onstage subway and a car's computer - the staging was truly magnificent. The entire cast excelled but in particular, Chandler and Jay Edwards (as the Rabbi and three other different roles) stood out. My only criticism is that the second act was a bit too long, but don't let that deter you. This is a play you should not miss so try to get to the Wilma Theater before October 21. For more info call 215-546-7824.

## "Shiksa Goddess" Wendy Wasserstein Shares Life's Stories

By Joel F. Glazier

"**Oy Vey, Hillary's Jewish,**" headlined The NY POST a year ago. "I figured if Hillary [Clinton] can be Jewish, I can be a shiksa," said award winning playwright Wendy Wasserstein at a recent lecture at Wilmington's Playhouse Theater. "Growing up in Brooklyn, and attending Yeshiva Flatbush, I never thought I was deliberately being isolated but when my mother started pulling me out of school to attend classes at the June Taylor Dance Company, I wondered if I should not have been at Yeshiva classes instead."

Wendy Wasserstein never hides her Jewish upbringing in her plays and essays, nor did she in her lecture about her "Life in the Theater", which was sponsored by The Delaware Humanities Forum. "Shiksa Goddess" is the name of her recently published book of essays that chronicle how she spent her forties. Her acclaimed comedy *The Sisters Rosensweig* had all Jewish characters and *The Heidi Chronicles* followed a woman through the changing times of 1964 through 1989. "My writing is character driven and I take time to get to know the people who are in my plays," she told **The Voice**.

"I wouldn't want an audience of only upper-class Jewish women to come to *The Sisters Rosensweig* or only feminists for *The Heidi Chronicles*. I wouldn't want an audience of all Wendy Wassersteins for any of my plays. That would be terrible!" The world wide success of her plays proves that not only Jewish audiences find her works witty, humorous and serious at the same time. She received the Pulitzer Prize and the Tony Award in 1989 for her play *The Heidi Chronicles*. The screenplay adaptations for *Heidi* and *Sisters Rosensweig* as well as for the musical *Chicago* were also written by Wasserstein and more recently she penned the screenplay for *The Object of My Affection*.

Has she been surprised by the acclaim of her Jewish themed shows in areas away from New York? "Well I'm more surprised by where they were **not** received well.

Jerusalem's production did not go over particularly well due to something being lost in the translation for the Jewish audience there," she laughed, but added, "In WASPY London, my play was called "Kosher!" Tell me, was it blessed by a rabbi?"

Wasserstein does get temporarily serious when discussing her art. "Plays provide a sense of community that movies do not. Plays are written to be performed—they are both Literature and also something that is Done," she shared from The Playhouse stage, where her own *Heidi Chronicles* had been performed years before. "I also spend so much time in my own work space with my characters that casting becomes a big consideration for me—each actress changes the work in some way in every performance."

She recalled being delayed at Tel-Aviv's airport as Prime Minister Rabin and Perez were returning from "the handshake" ceremony at The White House. "Security kept us waiting for hours but I actually saw Rabin and Perez pass by me. Ironically my trip to England to see *The Sisters* was delayed by that historical event but the same event provided a backdrop to the play." A bomb scare caused the theater in Greenwich to be evacuated. The stage manager re-assembled the audience in a near by park and the show went on using the hills and trees as the props. "The Israeli Ambassador to England and other British officials were in the audience and it hit me that if there had been an incident in the theater that night, a simple performance of a play would have become an international incident."

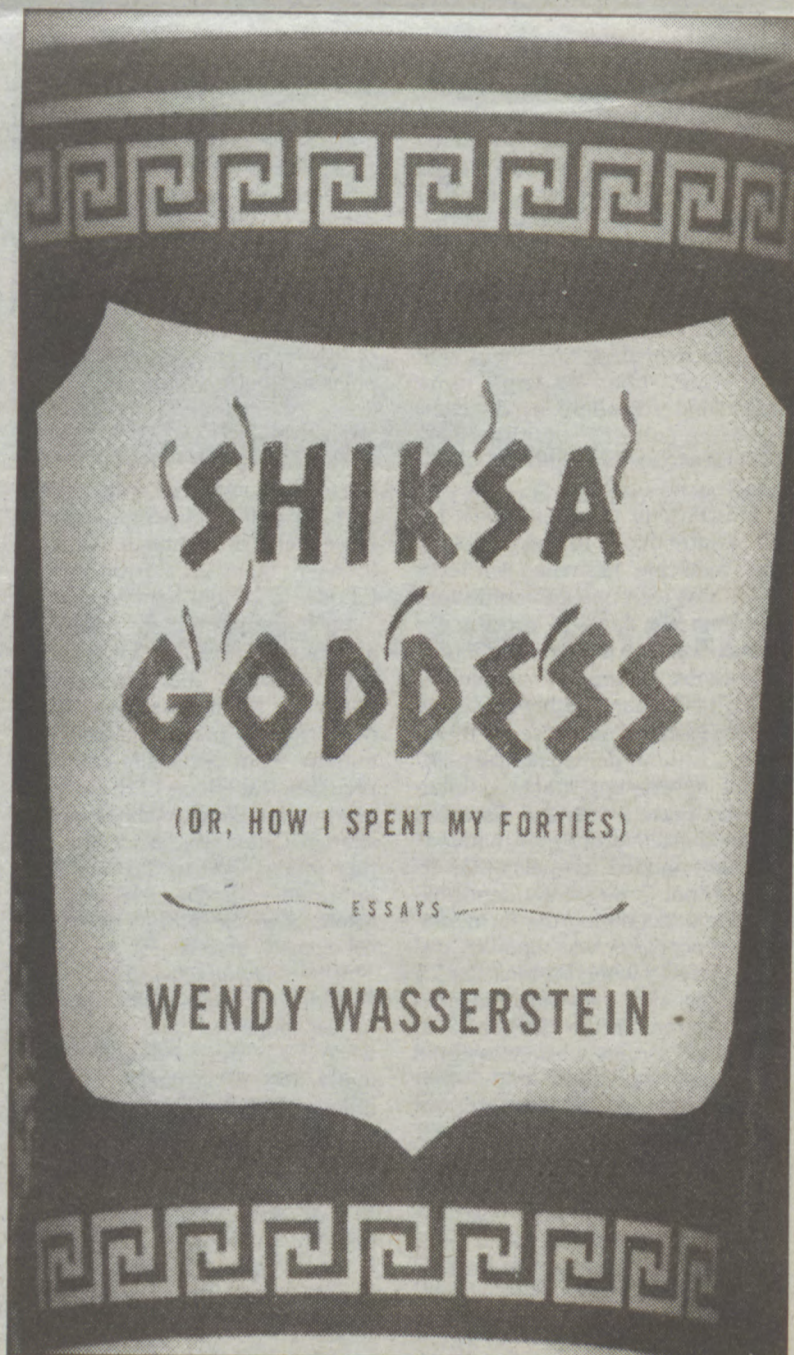
"Sunrise, Sunset"

A major life event for Wasserstein was the birth of daughter Lucy Jane in 1999. "There were long hospital stays as Lucy Jane was born premature. Helping to keep the hospital staff and doctors humored helped me through the ordeal." Wasserstein told The Playhouse audience that being a mother has been her biggest life changing experience. In her play, *Isn't It Romantic*, which contrasts the lives of a Jewish and a Gentile woman, the playwright relates how

the Jewish woman's mother continues to "phone her grown up daughter daily to sing 'Sunrise, Sunset.'" The Gentile mother warns her daughter, "You can't blame everything on me as I wasn't home enough for you to blame everything on me."

Does the 51 year old mother, Wendy Wasserstein, plan to sing "Sunrise, Sunset" to her own daughter? "Why I guess so, or how

else would she know the song?" she answered in her usual questioning tone. Ending her comments to the audience, she reminded them it has been a song which has helped keep Americans upbeat despite the recent tragedies. "God Bless America" she expressed, but added with a smile, "An anthem of a song, written by Irving Berlin, a Jewish composer, an artist, a writer."



# OUR JEWISH NATION

## Faith-Based Bill May be Split In Two

By Sharon Samber, JTA

President Bush's faith-based initiative may be split into two bills, postponing the contentious issue of direct government funding for religious groups.

Such a move would be welcomed by Jewish groups because it would postpone the more controversial aspects, which have divided the Jewish community.

Along with virtually everything else on the domestic agenda, the faith-based initiative, which has raised so many concerns in the Jewish community, has been eclipsed since the Sept. 11 terror attacks in New York and Washington.

And as the Senate and White House continue to confer, a new approach may separate the legislation into two parts.

That would allow consensus issues to be dealt with now, while leaving more controversial issues such as charitable choice for another day. Charitable choice allows religious institutions to bid for government contracts for providing social services.

The consensus bill likely would include incentives for charitable giving and other ways to assist charities, a welcome move for relief organizations that have suffered in the past month because donors have focused on groups that help terror victims.

Before Sept. 11, there was an

assumption that work would progress slowly on the Senate's alternative to the U.S. House of Representatives bill passed in August.

Sens. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.) and Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), the co-sponsors of the legislation, were taking a methodical approach and were sensitive to the church-state issues surrounding the legislation, say observers.

The administration wanted to push hard for the bill after Sept. 11 but encountered opposition, said Dan Gerstein, Lieberman's press secretary.

"It was not the right time or environment to paper over differences," he said. "The differences are real and significant."

A White House spokesperson would only say that the administration is pleased with the bill's progress and will continue to work with the Senate to determine points of consensus.

Stanley Carlson-Thies, the associate director for law and policy at the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, said that if the bill is separated into two parts, people could "look at it with fresh eyes."

Lieberman has said that he supports work on a larger bill at some point in the future.

Ever since Bush started to make good on his campaign promise to increase the role of faith-based

organizations in social service programming, Jewish groups have been wary of the anticipated changes.

Some Jewish organizations still fear the Bush administration's effort to increase partnerships between the federal government and religious institutions runs the risk of eroding the separation of church and state.

The drive to enact a consensus bill sits well with Jewish groups.

"We should pass legislation that reflects the common ground," said Richard Foltin, legislative director for the American Jewish Committee.

A bill that attempts to tackle all the issues together will never pass, he added.

Other Jewish groups — primarily Orthodox — want faith-based institutions to play a greater role in providing social services and want to lower the wall that separates church and state, as long as minority religions are protected. Faith-based programs are successful, they argue, and it is wrong to continue denying government funding to religious institutions.

However, it is important to pass legislation as soon as possible so that charities can get help, said Nathan Diament, director of the Orthodox Union's Institute for Public Affairs.

Diament, whose organization and other groups that support charitable

choice met with White House officials Monday, said a consensus bill does not remove the need for another phase of the faith-based initiative.

Diament conceded that splitting the legislation into two bills could make it harder to pass the charitable choice provisions next year.

Many Jewish groups are not supporting the House faith-based bill, which allowed religious groups to get direct federal funds for a range of social service programs.

The Anti-Defamation League called the bill "the most seriously flawed and constitutionally objectionable 'charitable choice' legislation that has ever reached the House floor."

Other groups, including Hadassah: The Women's Zionist Organization of America and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, maintained that the bill would expose religious institutions to government scrutiny and does not provide safeguards against proselytizing.

Even when signs of compromise did emerge from the House bill, there was no way to tell how the compromises would work. For example, to avoid proselytizing, the bill ordered that religious organizations must make secular social service alternatives available to those who request them — yet it was unclear how such requests would be implemented and monitored.

A scaled-back version of the bill would highlight the ways that religious groups can form partnerships with the government in non-contentious ways.

"We should direct our energies to try to make the recent spirit of giving permanent," said Julie Segal, former legislative counsel for Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. "By changing laws regarding private funding and charitable donations, we could serve those in need with the Constitution's blessing."

It's not a new thing for religious-based organizations to receive funding for charitable services. But Jewish federations, for example, take great care to follow guidelines and safeguards so there is no blurring of church-state separation and no religious coercion.

Many Jewish organizations worry that those checks and balances will not be in place as religious institutions assume a larger social service role.

When it was first introduced in 1996, charitable choice allowed religious institutions to bid for government contracts to provide services to welfare recipients.

Over the past several years, charitable choice supporters have attempted incrementally to expand the approach adopted by welfare programs to other social services through various pieces of legislation.

## Rabbi On Trial, Could Face Death Penalty

By Suzanne Pollak, JTA

It's been almost seven years since the former head of one of the largest Reform congregations in southern New Jersey walked into his living room and saw his wife of 29 years lying face down in a pool of blood, the victim of a brutal beating with a lead pipe.

Since that time, Rabbi Fred Neulander quickly sunk from a revered member of the Jewish community into an inmate confined to a small jail cell, awaiting the verdict of a jury that could sentence him to death.

Although the long-awaited murder trial only began Monday, much of the events leading up to the Nov. 1, 1994 murder of Carol Neulander are already known.

Testimony is expected to dwell around infidelity and disreputable characters allegedly hired to be hit men.

The trial has enough intrigue to bring in Court-TV cameras, which are expected to roll through much of the trial and is carried across the United States.

Local Jewish reaction has ranged from initial shock to sadness and anger.

Stuart Alperin, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey, says he is not particularly concerned about the attention now that the trial has started.

"I don't think it has any effect on how it affects the Jewish community," Alperin said. "It's a controversial case, because he is a clergyman. But it would be no different if he was a prominent priest."

Through it all, Neulander has maintained his innocence. No mur-

der and conspiring to commit murder. He was freed on bail.

Then in May 2000, two men came forward and confessed to the murder, alleging that Neulander hired them to kill his wife.

In light of the confessions, a Camden County grand jury reindicted Neulander on charges of capital murder, felony murder and conspiracy, and the judge revoked his bail.

Besides lies and love, the trial also is expected to feature testimony from at least two of the rabbi's adult children — Matthew, an emergency medical technician, and Rebecca, who was on the phone to her mother shortly before her death — and employees of the Classic Cake Company, which Carol Neulander had formerly owned and still worked for at the time of her murder.

Myron "Pep" Levin, Neulander's racquetball partner who claims the rabbi told him he wished his wife was gone, has served prison time for fraud. And Soncini is now married to the Cherry Hill police officer assigned to her immediately following the murder.

The trial, expected to last four weeks, will feature testimony from these people as well as the rabbi himself.

On the trial's first day, Neulander showed little if any emotion.

Family members were obviously pained by some of the first day's proceedings, especially the airing of the 911 tape of Neulander's gasping voice as he made the original call to police.

But Neulander's gaze was fixed.

His only movements came as his fingers brushed his lips and cheeks from time to time.

Shortly before the murder, Neulander and Jenoff spoke about "how to do it neat, how to do it clean and how to keep suspicion off Mr. Neulander," Lynch said in his opening statement.

"This was no burglary ladies and gentlemen. They came into this house to kill. She opened the door to her killers. A series of blows rained down upon her head. They came to kill and they carried out their purpose," Lynch told the jury.

Lynch also worked to discredit Neulander, noting that for a time, he lied to the police about his affair with Soncini. He said Neulander is guilty, adding, "He planned it. He plotted it. He paid money to have it carried out."

But defense attorney Jeffrey Zucker said there were too many gaps in the case for any juror to find Neulander guilty.

He said Neulander may be "a person who betrayed, a person who disappointed. But that is not what he's on trial for."

He spoke harshly of the people who will testify, saying Soncini's comments "get more and more detailed against Neulander the further she went along." He accused Jenoff and Daniels of trying to lessen their jail sentences by testifying.

Of Jenoff, he said, "This is a man by his own admission could not sift out truth and fantasy. His whole life was a fantasy."

Jenoff's testimony will paint him as "a sick, demented person who was desperate for money," Zucker

der weapon has been found. No fingerprints were obtained. And almost all the witnesses against the rabbi come with enough baggage to undermine their credibility.

The two confessed hit men, Leonard Jenoff and Paul Michael Daniels, have pleaded guilty to aggravated murder and await sentencing following this trial.

Jenoff, a former congregant of Neulander who says the rabbi offered him \$30,000 for the killing, once told people he worked for the CIA and now admits that he lied to offset his failures and low self-esteem.

He had a "severe, severe alcohol problem," according to James Lynch, the attorney prosecuting the case for the state.

Daniels leads "a difficult life," including drug abuse, Lynch said Monday during his opening statements in the trial.

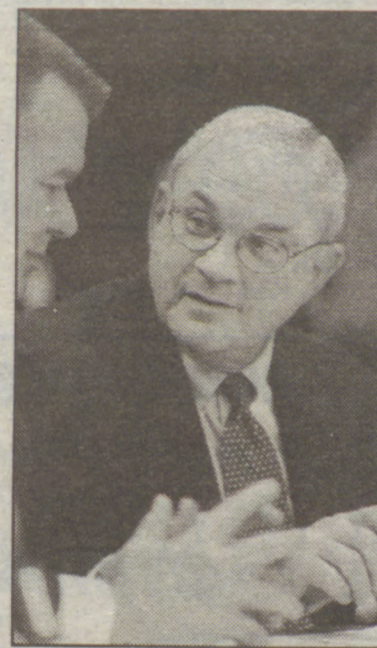
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said.

Zucker also questioned the police investigation against Neulander, noting that a sharp knife was found beneath a cushion about three days after the murder. It was also discovered that Carol Neulander's purse with a large amount of money was missing; yet Cherry Hill police didn't learn of this until later.

Testimony is expected to continue for weeks as many people, Jews and non-Jews alike, continually monitor the TV news and check their local newspapers to see if the prime witnesses are disreputable people out to get Neulander or if the former rabbi really hired someone to kill his wife to avoid a messy divorce.

# MILESTONES

## In Memoriam

### CYNTHIA IMBER

Cynthia Imber, 76, died September 24 in Wynnewood, PA. She was a founding member of Philadelphia Volunteers for Israel and served on the board of directors of Friends of Akim. Her devotion to Israel was also evidenced by her long-term involvement in Hadassah.

Mrs. Imber was also professionally involved in the Jewish community. She was an administrative assistant for the Israel Aliyah Center in Philadelphia for more than two decades and worked as a nursery school teacher at Adath Israel and as a librarian at Har Zion Temple.

The widow of Aaron Imber, she is survived by her son, Dr. Paul Imber and daughter-in-law, Cindy Imber of Delaware; her daughter, Harilyn Galiotta and son-in-law, Dr. Jerry Galiotta; her sisters, Joyce Joseph and brother-in-law, Arthur Joseph and Dorothy Ann Bernstein and brother-in-law, Robert Bernstein. She also is survived by her beloved grandchildren, Marc, Jennifer, Steven, Jessica, Erica and Aaron.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Friends of Akim, Philadelphia Chapter, c/o Gloria Dunoff, 407 Bowman Avenue, Merion Station, PA 19066 or to the American Red Cross, September 11th Disaster Fund, P.O. Box 98089, Washington, D.C. 20090-7089

### HYMAN

Marvin Raymond Hyman, died October 13. He was the husband of the late Frances. Mr. Hyman was predeceased by a son, Scott Hyman and is survived by a daughter, Randee and son-in-law, Michael; a sister, Dolores and brother-in-law, Albert Gurewitz. Shiva will be observed at the Powell residence. Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### KOZAK

Sara Kozak, 88, of Annapolis,

MD (formerly of Wilmington) died October 13<sup>th</sup>. She was a member of the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, The Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary and the Annapolis Chapter of Hadassah.

Mrs. Kozak was preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert; a brother, Abe Baker and a sister, Ann Adelson. She is survived by her daughter, Roberta Goldstein and son-in-law, Jeffrey Goldstein of Annapolis; and three grandchildren, Hal Goldstein of Baltimore, MD; Felice Goldstein of Drexel Hill, PA and Debbie Goldschmidt of Atlanta, Georgia and her husband, David Goldschmidt.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802 or to the Jewish Convalescent and Nursing Home, 7920 Scotts Level Road, Baltimore, MD 21208

### MILBOUER

Eva Leah Milbouer (Levin), died October 12. She was the beloved wife the late Myron Milbouer and devoted mother to daughters Henrietta Szold "Penny" Milbouer of Houston, TX and Anne Milbouer of Boston, MA and mother-in-law to Shep Glass. Predeceased by a brother, Benjamin Szold Levin and a sister, Marietta Terrell, she is survived by siblings, Sarah Cooper of Cockeysville, MD and M. Jastrow Levin of Baltimore, MD. She was a loving grandmother to David Norton, Jennifer Nelson, Louis Myron and Rosa Guilfoyle Nelson and great-grandmother to Elizabeth Anne Nelson.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Hadassah, 3723 Old Court Road #205, Baltimore, MD 21208 or to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

### OLICKER

Samuel Olicker, 92, of 8205 Society Drive in Claymont, died October 11. He was an army veteran of World War II who worked as an upholsterer until his retire-

ment. He is survived by his son, Melvin; his sister, Ida Resnick and two grandchildren. Funeral services were held in Randolph, MA. Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 1096 Old Churchmans Road, Newark, DE 19713.

### ZATUCHNI

Jacob Zatuchni, 81, physician, clinician, teacher and author; succumbed to cancer on Friday, October 5, 2001

For 56 years, Jacob Zatuchni practiced medicine in Philadelphia. His ability to combine the teaching of medicine, clinical research and a productive practice kept him at the forefront of medicine - earning him a rare combination of professorships at both the Temple University School of Medicine and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Since 1987, he held the position of Senior Diagnostician and Director of Clinical Services of the Section on Cardiovascular Diseases at Pennsylvania Hospital. He continued caring for patients daily until the moment his recent illness required immediate intervention.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Dr. Zatuchni attended Central High School where he received the Barnwell Gold Wreath Award and Barr Ferree American History prize. In 1941, he graduated with honors from Temple University. He received the Alumni Prize from Temple University School of Medicine for the highest average in 1944, the year he graduated.

Dr. Zatuchni was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant during World War II, but his military service and medical career were put on hold while he recuperated from a severe bout of tuberculosis. At the time, there was no drug to cure the disease, only crude therapeutic remedies, including prolonged hospitalization. Throughout these peri-

ods of hospitalization, Dr. Zatuchni continued to provide medical care for his co-patients. He would later contrast that primitive therapy to the marvelous advances in medicine to which he contributed and witnessed.

After serving residencies at both Eagleville Sanatorium and Temple University, Dr. Zatuchni became a Clinical Assistant in Medicine at Episcopal Hospital. He would eventually be honored with many appointments including Head of the Section of Cardiovascular Diseases and Director of Medicine. His record of service to Episcopal Hospital continued uninterrupted for thirty-seven years. In 1987, Dr. Zatuchni assumed the position at Pennsylvania Hospital that he held until his recent illness.

In his early clinical career, Dr. Zatuchni collaborated with many noted physicians including Edgar William Chamberlain, the father of Cine-radiography, the process commonly known as motion picture x-rays. This work led to the first measurements of a heart in action. Dr. Zatuchni continued in both individual and collaborative endeavors that would lead to many medical advancements including the first description of cancer in Scleroderma and the first identification of clotting in the heart itself. Over the course of his career, Dr. Zatuchni authored over 200 peer-reviewed articles and the medical textbook *Notes on Physical Diagnosis* (F.A. Davis, Phila. Pa. 1964). Due in part to his significant contributions to the literature, Dr. Zatuchni has been in constant demand as an expert on internal medicine and cardiology. Since 1994, he served as referee for manuscripts submitted to the *Annals of Pharmacotherapy*. He was also a frequent lecturer on a range of medical topics including the use and abuse of Diuretics, Echocardiography and Angina,

eventually giving over 140 lectures and presentations.

He once estimated that over the course of his teaching career he had personally instructed over 5,000 medical students. In 1965, Temple medical students honored Dr. Zatuchni by dedicating their yearbook to him. Additional honors and awards included membership in Alpha Omega Alpha (1956) and Sigma XI(1956), the Distinguished Achievement Award from the American Heart Association (1985) and the Honored Professor Award from Temple University School of Medicine (1989).

Dr. Zatuchni was long associated with the Heart Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, serving as its President in 1984. He also held positions with The Philadelphia County Medical Society, the Philadelphia College of Physicians, the Southern Medical Association and the New York Academy of Sciences. In addition, Dr. Zatuchni was a member in many national professional and scientific societies and was a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, the American College of Chest Physicians, the American College of Physicians and the Council of Clinical Cardiology of the American Heart Association.

In 1945, Dr. Zatuchni married the former Evelyn Schwartz and they remained married for over 51 years, until her death in 1997. He would often say that he had only two passions in life, one was medicine and the other was Evelyn. Dr. Zatuchni is survived by his children Dr. Stephen Zatuchni, Dory Zatuchni, Beth Zatuchni Waldor and Michael Zatuchni, by his nine granddaughters and by two sisters and a brother. Donations may be made to Jewish Family Services of Delaware, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19803.

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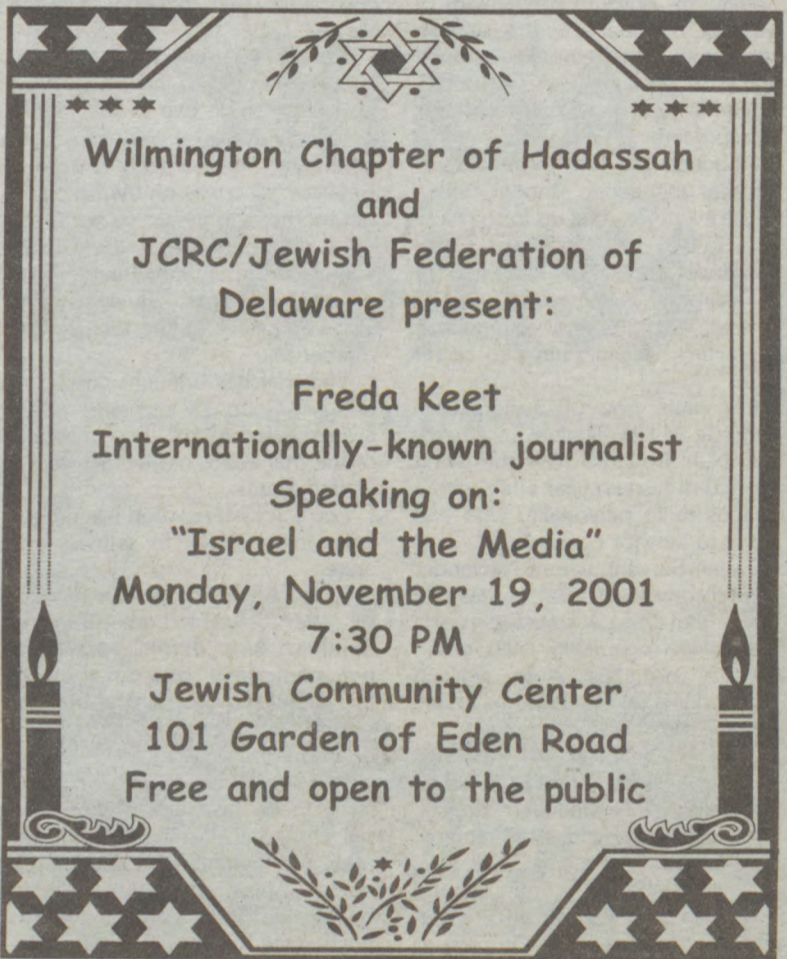
## NACHAS NOOK

### Mazel Tov Brent Greer!

On October 13, 2001, Brent Greer became a Bar Mitzvah at Machzikey Hadas Congregation in Claymont. Brent is the son of Elyse and Frank Vincent of Arden, the grandson of Sheila and Burt Krinsky of New Castle and the great grandson of Eve Schwartz of Claymont.

Share your life-cycle event!

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### Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah and JCRC/Jewish Federation of Delaware present:

**Freda Keet**  
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### BETH EMETH SLATES "GARAGE" SALE

Beth Emeth Sisterhood Used But Not Abused!! Semi-Annual Sale Wed Nov 7-Thurs Nov 8 9:00 am, 300 W. Lea Blvd Ladies, Mens, children's clothes, kitchen items, books, toys, antiques, collectibles and much more! Donations accepted beginning October 21st For more info: (302) 764-2393

### LEARN HOW TO STOP BULLYING

Perspectives on Bullying -The National Council of Jewish Women to host a panel discussion on Monday October 22, 2001 from 7-9 at the Brandywine Country Club. The panel will be moderated by Senator Margaret Rose Henry, with featured panelist, Delaware State Secretary of Education, Valerie Woodruff. The panelists will speak from clinical, academic and policy perspectives on the topic of Bullying. For information or to request an invitation please contact Stacy Horowitz at 302- 478- 9238 or Ellen Rigrodsky at 302- 984-1908 or e-mail [Rigrodsky@msn.com](mailto:Rigrodsky@msn.com)

### TWO JFS PROGRAMS HELP PEOPLE COPE

Refilling the Well. This is designed for people who are constantly giving of themselves, coping with sick family members, aging parents and/or being caregivers with no spiritual resource for replenishment. Thursdays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. begin-

ning November 8, 2001. Please call JFS at 478-9411 to register.

### SPIRITUAL HEALING AFTER LOSS

The purpose of this group is to augment bereavement groups by adding religious healing to the process - what to do after shiva? How does Judaism respond to the end of mourning. Mondays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. beginning November 12, 2001. Please call JFS at 478-9411 to register.

### MEET YOUNG JEWISH PROFESSIONALS...

And singles of Delaware during several fall events in October and November. Join the group for a hayride to a haunted house and a spin through a corn maze on October 27th at Frightland. On November 7th, travel to Philadelphia's famed Art Museum. On November 17th, get in the Shabbat spirit with Havdallah and games then take a hike (literally) as the group journeys to Hawk Mountain. Need a midweek break? Every Wednesday is volleyball night at the Delaware JCC. Play ball then meet for dinner at an area restaurant. To find out more, call (302) 655-5563 or visit the group online at [www.yjad.org](http://www.yjad.org).

### FRIENDS AND FAMILIES-SUPPORT AND INFORMATION

Jewish Family Service of Delaware and Marriott's Foulk Manor South have joined forces to present a new education and discussion series. On October 23, MariAnn Fox Wolskee, MS, will present "Celebrating Family and Friends"-practical and fun ideas for spending time together. On October 30th, Elton G. Grunden, LCSW, Director of Services for Older Adults

at JFS, presents "A New Way of Caregiving"-responding to changes, memory loss and frailty. Then, on November 6th, Martha C. Frost, vice president of the board of the Delaware Interfaith Coalition on Aging will present "Planning for the Future"-how to access resources for emotional and financial support.

All programs are scheduled for Marriott's Foulk Manor South, 407 Foulk Road in Wilmington. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. Speakers and discussion sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to 655-6249.

### UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA SLATES JEWISH FILM SERIES

"The Other Israel: A Documentary Film Series will be presented during October and November on campus at the University of Pennsylvania. Call Dr. Nili Gold, (215) 898-6335 for details.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 25TH, AT 7 PM 1996 WAS A GOOD YEAR FOR FOR TOURISM

Amit Goren was eleven years old when his Alexandria-born father decided to move the family to the U.S. and start a tourism agency. Amit never recovered. While his younger brother and his father became well adjusted Americans, Amit and his mother longed to return to their native Tel Aviv. For over 10 years, Amit documented (on camera) his family's visits to Israel and the multiple partings from it after those visits. He also filmed his father's return to Alexandria and the family's life in the U.S. Amit Goren returned to Israel as an adult. He is currently living in Tel Aviv. The film is a concentrated, heart-ranching,

personal and universal document of the emotional plight of immigration, even when other aspects of it seem to be in place.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 8TH, AT 7PM

### BECAUSE OF THAT WAR

Directed by Orna Ben-Dor Niv. Israel, 1988. 90 min. An award winning documentary about the impact of the Holocaust on the lives of second generation survivors: two popular Israeli Rock figures Yehuda Poliker, singer, and Ya'kov Gilad, lyricist. It is a story of a Sephardi and Ashkenazi - of the working-class and intellectuals. Poliker's father, Jacko, is from Saloniki and was deported by the Nazis to an extermination camp. Gilad's mother, Halina, is a writer and poet, from Warsaw, whose memories haunt her work. The film interweaves interviews with the parents and sons together with performances by Poliker of his rock songs which deal with the memories.

### SCHMOOZE WITH BETH EMETH CONGREGANTS

Beth Emeth Congregation, affiliated with Reform Judaism, will hold a Get Acquainted Party for new members (1999-2001) and potential members on November 4th, 2001 from 2-4PM at the home of David and Claudia Tuttleman, 8 Red Oak Rd. Please RSVP to Adele Kessel 478-0776.

### DELAWARE GRATZ INVITES YOU TO VISIT DURING OUR OPEN SCHOOL WEEK

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School invites parents to participate in its three upcoming Open School Week classdays. come and attend classes with your children on Tuesday, December 4th and Thursday, December 6th, from 7:00-9:05 p.m., as well as Sunday, December 9th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For additional information, please call Marlene Milunsky, Principal, at 478-8100.

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NOV. 9TH - 4:34 PM

## YOUNG JEWISH PROFESSIONALS AND SINGLES OF DELAWARE

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- October 21<sup>st</sup> Brunch Winery Tour
- October 27<sup>th</sup> Frightland Haunted House, Hay Ride and Corn Maze
- November 7<sup>th</sup> Philadelphia Art Museum
- November 17<sup>th</sup> Havdallah & Games
- November 18<sup>th</sup> Hike at Hawk Mtn. Volleyball Every Wednesday, 6 pm at DE JCC - Dinner After

Info and RSVP - (302) 655-5563 / (302) 764-6555 or [www.yjad.org](http://www.yjad.org)

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