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ON THE TABLE: HOW TO CARVE JERUSALEM

By David Landau,
JTA

As Prime Minister Ehud Barak engages this week in Middle East summitry, there is one issue on which he can afford to make the fewest concessions: Jerusalem.

Struggling to hold together the vestiges of his governing majority before leaving for Camp David on Monday, Barak assured the nation on the eve of his departure that Jerusalem would remain undivided under Israeli sovereignty in any peace treaty with the Palestinians.

This, the premier declared in a live television appearance, was one of his guiding principles as he entered the historic and crucial negotiations.

Meanwhile, however, Israeli politicians and pundits were busily swapping what they considered reliable information about the concessions Barak is ready to make regarding Jerusalem and other key issues.

As evidence, they pointed to the premier's reluctance to share his "red lines" — or the limits of his negotiating stance — with the leader of fervently Orthodox Shas Party.

Along with Shas officials, Interior Minister Natan Sharansky of the Yisrael Ba'Aliyah Party has complained that Barak has refused to share his negotiating plans with his coalition partners. On Sunday, Shas, Yisrael Ba'Aliyah and the National Religious Party resigned from the government.

Barak's office, however, maintained that, along with his Jerusalem stance, the premier made his other red lines abundantly clear during his televised address Sunday:

*No return to the borders that existed prior to the 1967 Six-Day War;

*No foreign army inside the West Bank;

*The majority of Jewish settlers would live under Israeli sovereignty;

*No acceptance by Israel of legal or moral responsibility for the creation of the Palestinian refugee problem.

Barak himself told the nation during the address that it would be prejudicial to the national interest for him to go into detail on any of the key points, beyond the carefully chosen words he had

used.

Specifically, he declined to tell reporters whether he is ready to agree to Muslim and Christian control of their holy sites within the walls of Jerusalem's Old City.

However, a senior Israeli official presenting Barak's negotiating stance did say that Barak would ensure that the Palestinians allow complete access to any Jewish holy places that may fall inside a future Palestinian state.

Jerusalem and the refugee issue are the two most intractable issues facing the two sides as they headed for Camp David.

The fact that there will be some changes, though relatively small ones, in the pre-1967 lines taken in Israel as a given. If Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat sticks to his public demand for a return to the 1967 boundaries, there will be no agreement.

It is also widely believed that the two sides have agreed to a demilitarized Palestinian state and the stationing of Israeli troops at selected key points on the Jordan River.

Similarly, it is also believed that Israel will be able to annex three settlement blocs close to the old border — although the Palestinians are said to be demanding compensatory slices of Israeli territory alongside the Gaza Strip.

This annexation was originally proposed in the "Beilin-Abu Mazen" agreement, an informal accord negotiated during 1995 between Yossi Beilin, now Barak's justice minister, and Abu Mazen, Arafat's second-in-command.

On Jerusalem, the Beilin-Abu Mazen accord envisaged a Palestinian capital, to be called "al-Quds" — or "holy city," the Arabic name for Jerusalem — alongside the city's present boundaries.

Those boundaries — drawn up by then-Defense Minister Moshe Dayan in the wake of the 1967 war and subsequently proclaimed sovereign Israeli soil by the Knesset — do not embrace important Palestinian suburbs such as Abu Dis, Azariya and a-Ram.

These areas, Beilin and Abu Mazen believed, could develop and become a credible Palestinian capital.

Since 1995, in a tacit recognition of the

acceptability of the Beilin-Abu Mazen scheme, Israel has turned a blind eye to the Palestinians' construction of a large and impressive building in Abu Dis that is intended to serve as their Parliament building.

Other civilian and official construction projects have continued in the Palestinian areas — though not nearly as intensively as the Jewish residential construction in the ring of Jewish suburbs deliberately created in the 1970s and 1980s to encircle Jerusalem and effectively detach it from the West Bank.

The Palestinian position on the eve of the summit is that Beilin-Abu Mazen is deficient.

They insist on control of the Temple Mount and the Muslim Quarter of the Old City. They also insist on control of Palestinian areas within Jerusalem that are close to the Old City walls — such as Sheik Jarrah, the American Colony and Wadi Joz.

Informed Israeli observers said this week that while the question of sovereignty and flags over the Temple Mount is capable of resolution — especially since Jewish religious law forbids entry onto the mount — the question of sovereignty over the Palestinian areas within the city could prevent an agreement from being reached.

Unlike Abu Dis and Azariya, these areas within Jerusalem are more familiar to Jewish residents of Jerusalem, though much less so than before the 1987-1993 intifada, or Palestinian uprising.

These Israeli observers contend that even though the Palestinians are reluctant to admit it, they will concede that the Israeli areas in post-1967 eastern Jerusalem are there to stay — as part of Israel. This applies to Pisgat Ze'ev, Neveh Ya'acov, Ramat Shafat, Ramot, French Hill, Ramot Eshkol, Gilo and — the scene of the most recent controversy — Har Homa.

It applies, too, to the large settlements just beyond Jerusalem: Ma'aleh Adumim to the east, Beit El to the north and the Gush Etzion bloc to the south.

The Palestinians must realize, say these observers, that no Israeli government could turn over any of these areas and hope to survive politically.

But the Palestinian negotiators are insisting



Former Barak coalition member Natan Sharansky, has bolted in protest of the Prime Minister's participation in the Camp David Summit.

that the Palestinian people live under their own sovereignty — and this includes not only the 500,000 Palestinians living in the Greater Jerusalem area, but also the 180,000 who live within the present city limits.

Arafat wants the residents of Sheik Jarrah, for example, not only to vote for the Palestinian Parliament — a right Israel has already recognized — and to carry Palestinian passports, but to live on Palestinian sovereign soil.

But to carve up the city would flatly contradict Barak's pledge of a "united Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty."

Hence the intractability of the problem, despite the two sides' purported pre-summit concessions.

A solution will require further flexibility and ingenuity if they are to emerge reasonably satisfied — and with their respective declarations of unswerving allegiance to the Holy City intact.



The Gavel Passes...

Barbara H. Schoenberg, outgoing JFD president welcomes her successor John A. Elzufon during Federation's 66th Annual Meeting at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth in Wilmington. Complete photo and editorial coverage on pages 16 & 17.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Jewish Secret In Spain Shalom Cantor Leeman

I always enjoy Ed Jaffe's columns in The Jewish Voice — especially the ones dealing with visits to points of Jewish interest in foreign lands.

I was particularly pleased with his recent experience traveling in Spain and wanted to share my experience in the same country 40 years ago.

It was the summer of 1960. I was a college student traveling through Europe. I was going to be staying in Madrid over the weekend and since my Aunt Freda had told me we had a touch of Spanish ancestry (which no one can confirm), I wanted to visit a Spanish synagogue. I asked around in my broken French for the location of the Madrid synagogue and got blank stares. Finally, I happened to meet some Moroccan Jewish young people who had recently migrated to Madrid. When I told them I wanted to visit a synagogue, they invited me to join them at their synagogue on Friday night. We met at a designated spot, and they took me to an

apartment building. They gave a special knock on the door, and we were ushered into a very elegant apartment. The living room was quite large and resembled the main sanctuary of a synagogue. There had been no indication either outside of the building or outside of the apartment that this was a synagogue. When I asked them why the synagogue's presence was so secretive and why a certain knock was necessary to gain us entrance, they told me that Judaism still remained a banned religion under Franco's regime so it officially did not exist in Spain. If I did have any Spanish ancestors, I felt very close to them that evening for I got a slight sense of what it must have been like to hide one's faith during the Inquisition.

How wonderful that 40 years later the Jewish presence is alive and well and easily accessible in Spain!

Sincerely,
Ellen S. Meyer

To my friends in the Jewish Community:

You may have heard the news. I am in fact leaving the Wilmington Community at the end of June. It has been my pleasure to serve as Cantor of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (AKSE) for the last seven years. Barbara and I could not have asked for a better place to begin our family, as our three children became part of the AKSE family as well.

Now, as my seventh year comes to an end, I have decided to take a sabbatical. We are planning to spend some time in Israel before returning to the United States, where

we are currently planning to settle in Maine.

To the many wonderful families whose lives we became a part of, may you continue to thrive in every way. May your Torah studies and Mitzvot bring you to new levels. We have certainly come to realize that Wilmington is really blessed with so many wonderful individuals. It will always be a special place for us because of you. Your kindness and support have been deeply appreciated.

Very truly yours,
Cantor Daniel J. Leeman

EDITORIAL

Blessed Are The Peacemakers

As we go to press, Camp David again plays host to two Mid-East leaders. Like their predecessors Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egypt's Prime Minister Anwar Sadat, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat have a difficult road to travel. Then, in 1978, and now, in 2000, political pundits warned that violence would follow in the wake of a summit breakdown.

The current confab almost ended before it began. Just hours before the summit opened, Barak's fragile coalition government began to fold. Shas, The National Religious Party and Yisrael Ba Aliyah bolted, expressing concern that this self-proclaimed "hawkish dove" will pursue the peace prize at great cost to Israel's security.

Indeed, Barak delayed his departure to the United States while the Likud Party staged an unsuccessful attempt to topple his regime and force early elections. He arrived in Washington disappointed yet undefeated. With his mandate still intact, Israel's peace warrior appeared eager to parry with his Palestinian partner and conclude the framework agreement first orchestrated at Oslo.

Although he has a legislative minority in the Knesset, Barak has a popular majority who support his decision to participate in the Camp David summit. In a survey conducted Monday for the Israeli daily newspaper *Yediot Achronot*, 53% of 502 people surveyed believe that the prime minister has the authority to make concessions to the Palestinians towards the goal of peace.

Like the United States, Israel is a democratic country. The leaders of both great nations are committed to making the goal of peace a reality. Both men are accountable to their governments and to the people who elected them into office as they make decisions that impact national security. As American Jews, we have a special stake in the success of the peace process. Yet, we cannot dictate the terms of an agreement that our Israeli brothers and sisters must live with.

As the summit convenes, may the auspicious atmosphere of Camp David inspire these two Mid-East leaders. Let us voice our support for this noble endeavor and ask for G-d's blessing upon all who seek the path of peace.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

One hundred years of enmity and struggle meet at this point in time. Behind me, far too many lie buried; there has been suffering and anguish on both sides because there is an unbearably high price not only to defeat but also to victory. The time has now come to put an end to the conflict, to give hope the flower of our youth, that they may flourish undisturbed. The time has come to take decisions and to bequeath a better future to our children, a different reality from that known by our parents' genera-

tions. This is the time to devote our best resources to education, to reducing unemployment, to bridging social gaps, to equal opportunity and to taking advantage of the enormous talents of our young generation. This is the meaning of peace and security. There is no peace without a price, just as there is no peace at all costs.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak before his departure July 10 for the Camp David summit.

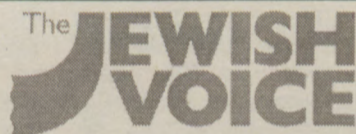
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JCRC Update

By Sue Shaffer, JCRC Director

Hate Crimes Prevention Act Passes: The Hate Crimes Prevention Act passed as an amendment to the Department of Defense Authorization bill last week by a 57-42 vote. Kudos and thanks to all community members who responded to our request (plea) for help on June 20th; you folks called/faxed/e-mailed Senator Roth's office to let him know that you want him to support the HCPA. He responded by voting in favor of it—he had previously been undecided. Our national organization believes that Senator Roth's support came as a direct reaction to our community's message. The system does indeed

work!

The future of this important legislation is unclear, however. The Authorization bill is still bogged down in on the Senate floor awaiting consideration of many more amendments. If and when the Senate does finish its work on this legislation, the HCPA will have to survive a conference committee with the House version of the bill, which currently does not include this provision. It is critical that we now make a major push to have Congressman Castle sign on a co-sponsor of HR1082; the bill currently has 192 co-sponsors, and **Congressman Castle is not one of the co-sponsors as of this writing (June 28).**

The Chair of our national

organization, JCPA (Jewish Council for Public Affairs), Dr. Leonard Cole stated: "Though this legislation may not wholly thwart hate crimes, it sends a powerful message that crimes motivated by prejudice will not be tolerated in our society. Bias-motivated crimes committed by or against any individual hurt not only that person but also chip away at the very pillars of liberty, tolerance, and dignity that support American democracy. We urge the House of Representatives to follow the Senate's lead in passing this critical legislation."

JCRC reacts to request from Baltimore Jewish Council: As a follow-up from a phone call from the Governmental Relations Director of the Baltimore Jewish Council,

Alan Schoenberg and Sue Shaffer met with the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Delaware, Richard T. Callery, MD and his staff. This followed the tragic automobile accident on June 20, when the Komet family was driving northbound on I-95, and the single-vehicle accident took place, resulting in the death of 13 year old Zachariah Komet of Baltimore, and seriously injuring his parents and siblings. A lack of clear communication among various authorities didn't allow a "Shoymer" to perform the necessary services at the Medical Examiner's facility. The body was released from the Medical Examiner's facility early the following morning to the Schoenberg

Memorial Chapel, which provided Shoymer services until the representatives of the Levinson Funeral Home of Baltimore and a rabbi representative of the Komet family, arrived to transport young Zachariah back to Baltimore for funeral and burial.

The reason for the meeting was for all parties to understand that, G-d forbid, in the event of a similar situation, i.e. the accidental death of an Orthodox Jew, the Medical Examiner's staff will make every attempt to perform their examination of the body expeditiously, thus allowing the body to be released to the care of the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, where a Shoymer will be present until time for the funeral and burial.

Trip Set To U.S. Holocaust Museum

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center is sponsoring a trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC on Thursday, August 17. A Holocaust scholar will present historical background during the ride to Washington; her presentation will be augmented by an educational video.

At the Museum, participants will receive an orientation to the regular

exhibits, as well as to special educational resources specially available to teachers. The Museum's newest exhibit opened in May; "Flight and Rescue" presents the story of the flight and rescue of some 2,200 Polish Jews via Lithuania, the Soviet Union, Japan and China made possible by visas from the acting Dutch consul, Jan Zwartendyk, and the Japanese consul, Chiune Sugihara, from their posts in Kaunas,

Lithuania.

The bus will depart from the Jewish Community Center at 7:30 a.m. and from the Interstate 95 Delaware rest stop southbound bus parking area at 7:55 a.m. Return will be approximately 5:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided on the bus; lunch at the cafeteria is on your own.

To reserve a place on the bus, please send a check for \$20.00, made payable to the Halina Wind

Preston Holocaust Education Center, c/o Jewish Federation of Delaware, 100 West 10th Street, suite 301, Wilmington, DE 19801-1628. Please indicate your full name, mailing address, phone number, and pick-up place. The fee is non-refundable after August 11, 2000.

This trip is being offered as a professional development program with the Delaware Teacher Center;

Delaware teachers who also register with the DTC are eligible for in-service credit for their participation in this program. Contact the Delaware Teacher Center at 1-800-282-8770.

For more information on the August 17 trip to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, call Sue Shaffer at the Federation at (302)427-2100, ext. 17. Space is limited, so sign up today.

ISRAEL HAPPENINGS

By Ruth Weinstein
JCRC Committee Member

WATER SHORTAGE IN ISRAEL

Israel is currently suffering from its worst drought in decades. A dwindling water supply threatens not only citizens, but trees, farming, housing, immigration and more. Without water Israel cannot grow. Jewish National Fund is moving forward on critical reservoir expansion, water recycling and

conservation projects, primarily directing its focus to that end rather than its historically successful role in planting trees.

UNEMPLOYMENT FALLS

Unemployment fell to 8.6 percent in the first quarter of 2000—down from 8.9 percent in the last quarter of 1999—according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. The bureau put the number of jobless at 203,800.

IMMIGRANT PROJECT FUND

Israeli and American donors have already pledged several hundred thousand dollars to the Starter Fund, a philanthropic effort to raise money for early stage business projects under development by immigrant scientists. The fund plans a formal launch in New York this summer.

BANK HAPOALIM SHARES SOLD

The government of Israel raised 2.5 billion shekels (about \$600 million) in the sale of 17 percent of the shares of Bank Hapoalim in June. It was the largest single offering ever to take place on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

NORTHERN AID

A three-year plan to strengthen Israel's northern border towns was submitted to the Knesset finance committee in June for approval.

Following the army withdrawal from Lebanon, the government is planning to beef up spending on infrastructure and industry development in the region. The money will also be used to lengthen the school day and open new day-care centers. Northern residents already pay reduced municipal taxes and receive income tax breaks, which will continue at least through 2002.

ENDOWING THE FUTURE

Time Travel



by Rachel A. Gross, Esq.
Endowment Director

Last week as we celebrated July 4th many of us saw people dressed in the powdered wigs and heavy clothing fashionable in 1776. We wonder how the early colonists made it through the heat and humidity of a Delaware Valley summer without air conditioning or ice!

Imagine. Imagine traveling back through the ages to a time when travel was by foot or animal power, when people grew their own food and kept chickens for eggs and cows for milk, when only candles illuminated the darkness, and when no one had seen or even imagined indoor plumbing, telephone, eyeglasses, television, aluminum foil, airplanes, leisure time, VCRs, aspirin or computers.

Now, try to imagine a time even farther back than 1776 - a time much like that described in the Torah

when our ancestors were shepherds who wandered from place to place searching for water for their herds. They lived in tents and traveled by camel.

Imagine living in that time and in the course of less than one day being transported to our world. One can imagine how staggering the sights and sounds of our world would be for these time travelers. This is exactly the scenario when Ethiopian Jews are brought from Ethiopia to their new homes in hi-tech Israel in the year 2000.

In the last year, 2000 Jews from the remote Quara region in Ethiopia joined their countrymen who came to Israel earlier in Operations Moses and Solomon. Today 1200 of them are living in an Absorption Center in Mevasseret Zion, outside of Jerusalem.

The Absorption process is difficult for all new immigrants. However, it is even more arduous for the Jews coming from Ethiopia. In addition to the regular challenges of immigra-

tion, they must adjust to life in the 21st century. These Jews have never dealt with concepts which are second nature to most of us — running water, electric lights, literacy, formal schooling, health care, and banking. Not only must they learn Hebrew, but most of these Jews are illiterate in their native language, Amharic.

The Jewish Agency and Joint Distribution Committee ("JDC"), with our help, are responsible for bringing these people to Israel, providing for their basic needs and helping with their absorption into Israeli society. One of the many ways they are helping the community is in the area of education. Special programs have been developed to assist Ethiopian Jewish children who drop out of school at an alarming rate. Those children that receive early childhood education are more likely to be able to keep pace with their peers, stay on grade level and complete their education.

Unfortunately, most Ethiopian Jewish parents lack an awareness of

the importance of formal early childhood education. They often lack the confidence and skills necessary to play an active role in ensuring their children's success in what can be an alien and intimidating school system. Even when parents want their children to participate, the families' weak economic situation prevents the children from taking part in the existing programs.

(Only 25% of Ethiopian-Israeli 2-year olds attend day care or nursery school compared to 70% attendance among the general Israeli public.)

(Only 50% of 3-year olds attend pre-school compared to 90% of the children in the general population.)

The JDC is working to raise the number of Ethiopian children attending pre-school, expand home-intervention programs that help parents strengthen their children's natural ability to learn, create special curricula appropriate for their culture and address their special needs in the area of language development.

If these programs are not funded



Rachel A. Gross, Esq.

we run the risk of a permanent Ethiopian underclass developing in Israel.

In Israel and in Delaware, endowment dollars are critical to strengthening Jewish children and families, education and culture. Planned gifts and endowments can be created to help Ethiopian Jews, local Jewish agencies and others or to provide specific programming or educational opportunities. Please call Rachel Gross, Endowment Director, at 427-2100 x 19, to discuss the various ways you can direct a planned gift.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Wilmington Business Leader Becomes Author

By Lynn Edelman
Editor

Martin G. Mand knows how to be a leader. In *"Partnering For Performance,"* this newly minted author shares the secrets of his success in Delaware's corporate and communal worlds. The book, released June 29 by AMACOM - the American Management Association, is already in its second printing.

Mand is the Chairman and CEO of Mand Associates, Limited, a consulting, speaking and writing firm based in Wilmington. He drew upon his extensive experience as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Northern Telecom Ltd. (now

Nortel Networks) and as Vice President and Treasurer of the DuPont Company to write the book which he describes as "a legacy to the business community."

Mand created the book from his life experiences as a "numbers man." It is practical, hands-on and written in a non-technical, narrative style. His co-author, William Whipple, III, is a Wilmington attorney and financial consultant who served as Manager of Financial Studies for DuPont. The two men offer readers more than 50 years of expertise in leading corporations to financial success.

Throughout the book, readers "listen in" on conversations between a chief executive

officer and chief financial officer of a "make believe" company. "They are discussing the real and tangible benefits of implementing a new and enhanced role for Finance," said Mand.

A member of the Delaware Jewish community since 1961 when he married Wilmington native Shelly Cohen, Mand has significant experience in lay leadership of Delaware communal organizations. He is a past President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, The Kutz Home and of his synagogue, Congregation Beth Shalom.

Therefore, he is confident that his book will have tremendous value to heads of non-profit and government organizations who want to achieve success in the competitive 21st century marketplace.

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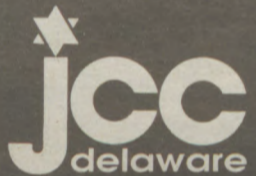
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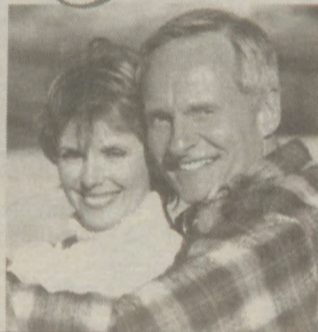


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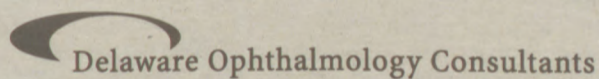
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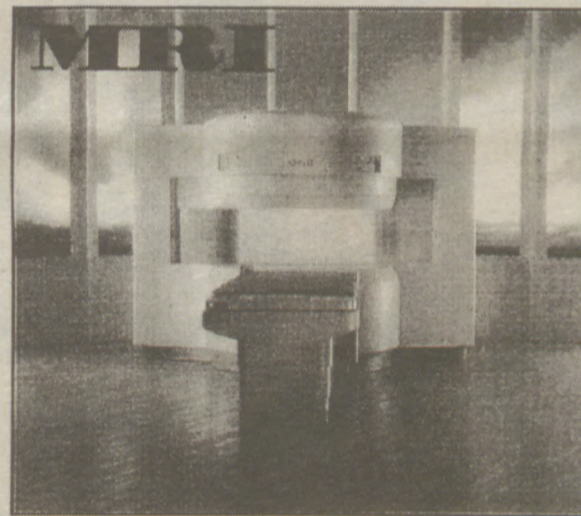
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INSIDE DELAWARE

Fall Opening For JCC Full-Day Pre-School

By Lynn Edelman
Editor

Although it is only mid-July, it is not too early to enroll your child in the brand new JCC Full Day Pre-School Center in Newark. The Center, scheduled for a grand opening in September, will provide a high quality Jewish day care environment for 50 children ages six weeks through 4.

Located on 420 Willa Road near College Avenue and Park Place in Newark, the Center is near the University of Delaware campus and is accessible to I-95 and other major highways. It will be open five days a week from 7:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Children will enjoy Shabbat and Jewish holiday programming as well as an introduction to the Hebrew language. Parent educa-

tion programs will help families reinforce the rituals and celebrations introduced in the classrooms.

Like the North Wilmington Center this new JCC pre-school facility will closely adhere to guidelines established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

The need for a full-day Jewish pre-school in this area was documented by the 1995 Demographic

Study commissioned by the Jewish Federation of Delaware. According to Adina Mattes, chairperson of the Greater Newark Outreach Committee, "The Jewish population is steadily growing in this region which includes several communities in neighboring New Jersey and Delaware." Mattes added that the Study backed up what working parents already knew - the current half-day pre-

school program offered at Newark's Temple Beth El is insufficient to meet the needs of families who work full-time outside the home. The JCC will continue to administer this half-time program when the new facility opens in the fall.

For additional information about the new Newark site, please call Susan Gentry, at (302) 478-5660.

Albert Einstein Academy Has Active Spring Session

By Jennifer Berry
Jewish Voice Intern

Students at Albert Einstein Academy finished out the past school year with community involvement, fun, and education. On May 10, David Zussman, a sixth grade student of the Academy performed with the Adas Kodesch

Shel Emeth Troupe and sang Israeli songs at Borders Books in celebration of Israel's Independence Day. On May 22, the student body competed during their game-packed annual Field Day, participating in races, a balloon toss, tug-of-war, and other games. The Field Day coincided with Lag B'omer, a Jewish holiday marking the end of

a plague during the time of Rabbi Akiba. Parents and students alike participated in the Parent Education Program entitled "Life After Einstein." The program, an interactive session with Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Head of School, and 5th and 6th graders and their parents, focused on ways to keep children active in their faith after they

depart Albert Einstein Academy and its Judaic studies program.

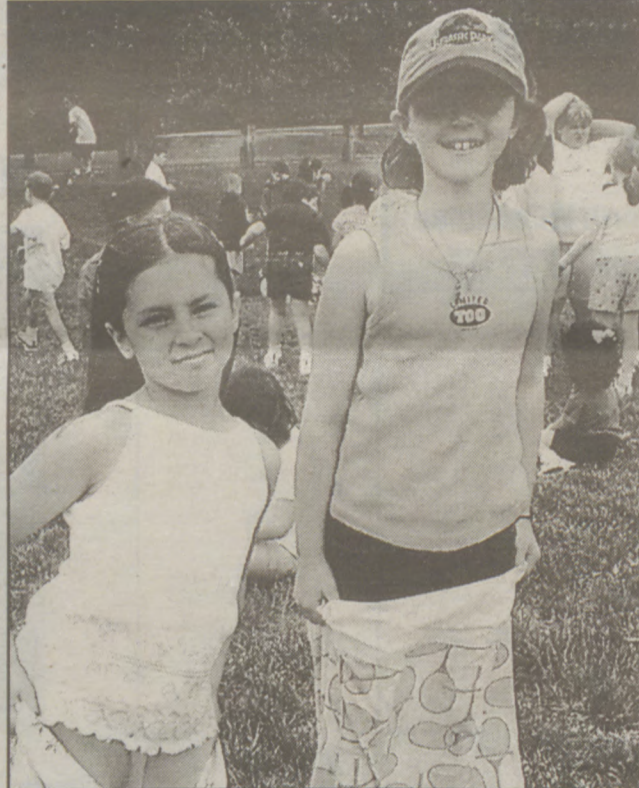
Albert Einstein Academy is the Jewish day school in the Brandywine Valley. Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, AEA serves children from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade in a comprehensive program which combines

Jewish studies with secular academic courses. The school offers enrichment activities such as computer, music, swimming, art and gym plus before and after school care.

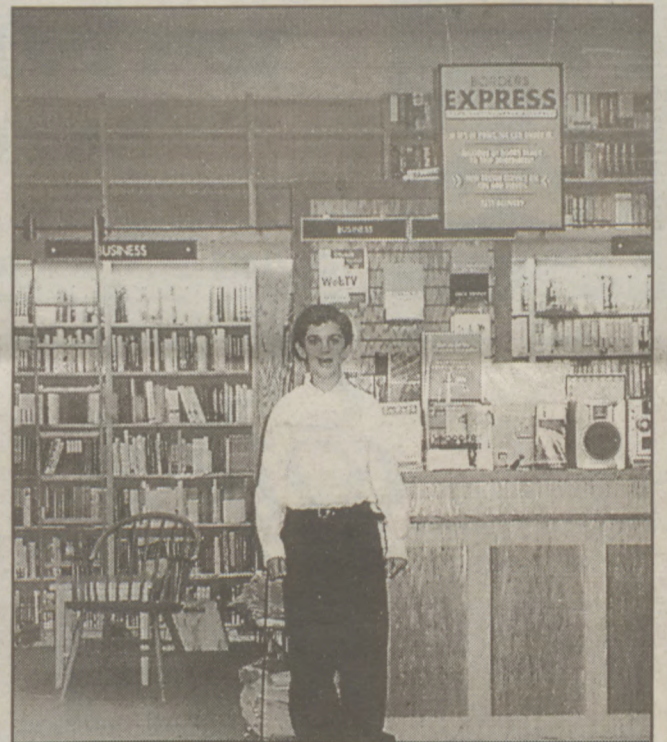
Open Houses are slated throughout July and August. To make an appointment, please call Sharon Marshall, at 478-3026.



Albert Einstein Academy holds successful Parent Education Program.



Albert Einstein students enjoy Field Day.



David Zussman, a 6th grade student at Albert Einstein, sings with AKSE Troupe to celebrate Israeli Independence Day

ORT's Women Of Vision Brunch A Success



Ruth Rosenberg, Brandywine ORT's Women of Vision honoree (center) is surrounded by Pepi Dunay (left), National President of Women's American ORT, and Lynn Warner (right), member of the National Board of Directors of Women's American ORT.

By Sylvia Wagman
Special to the Jewish Voice

In May, 2000 friends and supporters of Women's American ORT from the tri-state area gathered at pace One for the Brandywine Women of Vision Brunch honoring Ruth Rosenberg. Rosenberg, a past president of the Brandywine

Chapter of ORT, serves as associate chair of the ORT Young Leadership Outreach Resource Team and is the youngest member of the organization's National Board of Directors.

National President, Pepi Dunay, and National Board member Lynn Warner were guest speakers at the

event which also honored local Women of Vision. The \$7000 raised at the event will benefit the ORT Resource Center of ORT Operations USA.

ORT will be featured on the PBS series Visionaries which will air Sunday, July 16, 1:30 p.m. on WHYY TV 12.

Hot Times in Newark This Summer

By Jennifer Berry
Jewish Voice Intern

If you live in the Newark area and thirst for excitement this summer, check out the Newark JCC's bus trips. All the trips whisk participants from their familiar surroundings to such sites as Washington, D.C., Gettysburg, Potomac Mills Outlet, Manhattan, and Philadelphia. Costs for each individual trip range from \$32.00 to \$77.00. Activities include chatting with Senator Joseph Biden in Washington, studying civil war strategy and shopping at Gettysburg, shopping at the Potomac Mills Outlet Mall, cruising Manhattan, and eating your heart out in Philadelphia. All trips depart from the Newark JCC, 288 East Main Street, Newark, DE 19711. Please call (302) 286-1401 to make your reservations as soon as possible. Seating is limited. Make checks payable to JCC and mail them to 288 East Main Street, Newark, DE 19711.

AROUND OUR JEWISH WORLD

Camp Survivor Is Poland's New Foreign Minister

By Ruth E. Gruber, JTA

Poland's choice of an Auschwitz survivor as new foreign minister has been enthusiastically welcomed by the Polish Jewish community.

Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, 78, was granted honorary Israeli citizenship, and made a Righteous Gentile by the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem.

"He is an excellent choice," said Stanislaw Krajewski, a member of the leadership of the Union of Jewish Congregations in Poland. "He has an unbelievable record in

Jewish affairs."

Bartoszewski was named last week to replace Bronislaw Geremek, who stepped down when the Freedom Union Party pulled out of the Polish government. Geremek, who is of Jewish ancestry, is a highly respected figure.

Bartoszewski served briefly as foreign minister in 1995. During his tenure, he created the post of special Polish Ambassador to the Jewish Diaspora as part of his decades-long commitment to improving relations between Poles

and Jews.

As a young man during World War II, Bartoszewski actively rescued Jews.

He survived eight months as a political prisoner at Auschwitz, where he was used as forced labor to build the camp complex.

Later, he joined the Resistance and took part in the Polish uprising in Warsaw against the Nazis in 1944. Recently, he was named head of the Auschwitz International Advisory Council.

"We Jews have always had very good and close relations with him,"

said Krajewski, who is the Poland consultant for the American Jewish Committee.

Krajewski added that Bartoszewski is "probably the only foreign minister in the world outside Israel who is a citizen of Israel."

SEASIDE COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE: Seaside Jewish Community has a busy summer planned. Its next event will be on Saturday, July 29 when Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt of Albert Einstein Academy in Wilmington visits. She will lead the Havdallah service and will moderate a discussion on the Jewish future in Israel and America. Havdallah will begin at 7 p.m. Bagels, lox, salads, and desserts will follow. The evening will be held at the home of Mickey and Mimi Roth's and will be hosted by Zach Roth. Roth will also teach the children to make their own tzedakah boxes. The location of this event is 4 London Circle in Bay Vista, Rehoboth. **The cost for the evening is \$8. for members, \$10. nonmembers, and \$5. for children.** If you have any questions please call either Lynn Chichi: (302) 644-2209 or Sam Mussoff (302) 227-1069. Please send reservations and checks to Seaside Jewish community, P.O. Box 876, Rehoboth, DE 19971.

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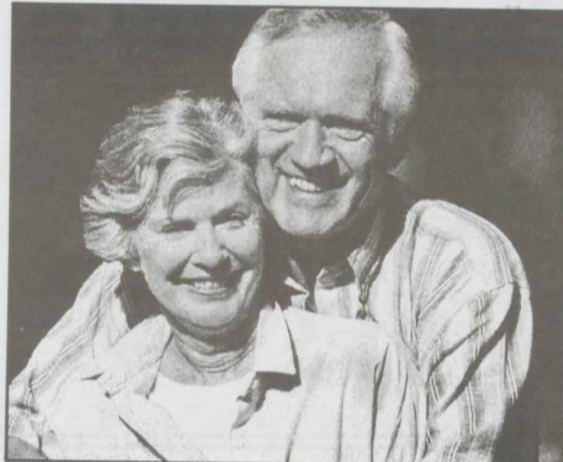
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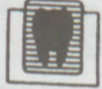
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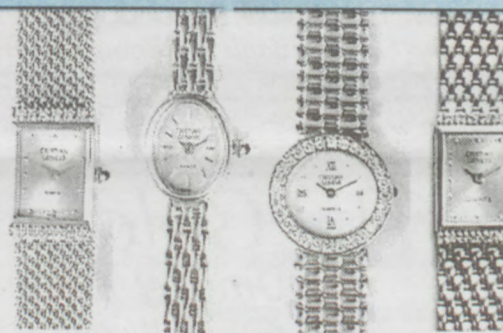
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THE RABBI WRITES

Searching For That Still, Small Voice

By Rabbi

David Baruch Kaplan
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Next week's parsha is Pinchas. We will read a description of the struggle between the prophets of Baal and Elijah. In true Hollywood fashion, Elijah demonstrates to the Israelites that Baal is a false god and that Hashem is the only true god. As a result of the struggle, Elijah commands that all the prophets of Baal be killed. Elijah is sure that he has convinced the royalty to abandon its worship of Baal. Indeed, King Ahab seems impressed, for "Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword." But Jezebel is not only unimpressed, she is now angrier at Elijah than before.

Elijah feels that he is a complete failure. He becomes despondent and prays to G-d to take his life. G-d responds with a little demonstration. (I Kings 19) 9. And he came there to a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, What are you doing here, Elijah? 10. And he said, I have been very zealous for the Lord God of Hosts, for the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword; and I am the only one left; and they seek my life, to take it away. 11. And he said, Go out, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains, and broke in pieces the

rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake; 12. And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still, small voice.

The year 2000 is very dynamic time. When Hollywood makes a movie, it is done with zest and gusto. So, we begin to expect everything to be done with a flourish and a flare. We have even made early childhood learning exciting. While television programs like Sesame Street are wonderful at capturing a child's attention, the problem is that this toddler will expect everything to be presented to her in such an exciting fashion for the rest of her life.

We also have come to expect instant results. The age of the computer has brought us wonderful conveniences. There was a time when people waited several weeks for the news. Now, we can find out just about anything at anytime about anyone in any place. The newer the computer, the faster the technology. Each day we learn how to get what we want with less delay. And the news no longer comes with one or two photographs. We are in the era of multimedia.

I am not suggesting that these modern marvels are bad or evil. I take advantage of them myself. What is difficult is that there are many things which are not created to be accessed so rapidly. We have difficulty separating that which is easily aided by technology from

that which should be done the old fashioned way. For example, although I do much research online and am thrilled with e-mail, when it comes to reading a book, I prefer reading a book. I do not enjoy reading many pages on the computer screen.

I also find that my spiritual endeavors tend to utilize old-fashioned methods. I recognize that G-d is not in the strong wind, nor in the earthquake, nor fire, nor thunder, nor Hollywood. The passage from Kings reminds me that G-d is most easily experienced in the still small voice. It is the almost imperceptible whisper that seems to emanate from within us, rather than from outside of us. I find that connecting with the Divine spark is done best by going within.

There is a story about the angels deciding to hide G-d. The first one suggests that G-d be hidden on a high mountain, but the second says that humans will eventually scale the tallest cliffs. Rather, the angels should hide G-d under the sea. The third angel answers that someday humans will build submarines and search the ocean floor. Rather, they should hide G-d in outer space. No, replies the fourth angel, humans will eventually even explore space. The only place to hide G-d is inside of the human being, to hide G-d in the human heart for that is the only place that the human will not look.

Of course, the angels are really not capable of hiding G-d. But the message of the story is important. We often go on spiritual searches

looking for our spirituality outside of ourselves. The search for G-d should really begin by going within. We think we need expert teachers, special settings, and a host of other materials. These may in fact be wonderful aides to our learning, but the primary requirement to begin the spiritual search is calm. We must quit looking for the miracle, the extraordinary. We need to be able to sit quietly and resist getting on the computer or answering the phone. We need to slow down, to remove ourselves from the rat race. Psalm 46:11 says, "Be still, and know that I am God." We need to not expect instantaneous or thundering results. Rather we need to quiet our minds and wait patient-

ly for the still small voice.

Elijah was fighting the idolatry of the prophets of Baal. We too have many false gods we worship. How many activities do we place before our spirituality? How much time do we give to our secular life and how much to our religious life? How do we divide our energy? Before we can make the commitment to a spiritual life, we need to begin to make our relationship with the Divine a high priority. Then, we will not feel the pressure to jump up from meditating or prayer. Then we will find time to read books of Jewish spiritual content. Then we will be ready to open ourselves up so that we too can hear the still small voice.

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A MATTER OF OPINION

Immigrants To Israel Fill A Need

by E. E. Jaffe

Following the formation of the State of Israel in 1948, it was envisaged that the state would develop as a predominantly agricultural nation, owing to the need to provide food and employment for the heavy inflow of immigrants. The immigration into Israel continues after 52 years of the state's existence, and agriculture has developed to the point where Israel has become an exporter of agricultural products. However, the success of agriculture was not sufficient to provide the high standard of living now enjoyed by Israelis. It is the development of science and industry and in particular modern technology that is fueling the rapid expansion of the economy. Currently there are not enough highly trained, sophisticated workers, but particularly ordinary laborers to fill the country's growing needs.

A portion of the population, the Yeshiva students and Yeshiva graduates who study nothing but Talmud are not available. As stated by Zeev Chafets in an October 1999 article in the Jerusalem Report entitled "The Talmud Market", this portion of the popu-

lation is unavailable as actual or potential workers in the Israeli economy. Chafets was very blunt, bordering on being mean, when he stated that yeshiva students who study nothing but Talmud are "unable to build a bridge, pull a tooth, unstop a drain or grow a tomato. Unhappily, there is no market for such people".

Unfortunately, there is a much practical truth in the preceding statement. But it is also true that the study of Torah, above all else, has preserved the Jewish people to this day.

The fact is that these people are indeed unavailable for truly productive work, and Israel is forced to import workers from many foreign countries. The inflow of young Jews from Ethiopia was helpful but insufficient. Fortunately, Jews or converted Jews live in several poor countries and are very happy to go to Israel and fill the expanding need for various service and labor jobs.

A case in point is the Bnei Menashe community in India. Their leader had a vision, shortly after the creation of the State of Israel, that the Bnei Menashe are Israelites. His message aroused the community. They stopped working and

began preparing for immigration to Israel. A delegation went to the Israeli consulate in Calcutta in an effort to obtain visas. The first attempt failed. In the 1970s, a group of Bnei Menashe made a decision to return to Judaism. An Israeli rabbi visited the country and became convinced that they were descendants from the real tribe of Menashe. The case for immigration was brought before the Israeli Supreme Court. Soon thereafter, the first group immigrated in 1989. More followed. They undergo Orthodox conversions and today they are scattered throughout the country and are doing well. Eventually 10,000 will immigrate into Israel. They serve in the army, run small businesses, many live on settlements and have become productive citizens.

Now, a Texas rabbi has discovered a lost tribe of Israel left over by the conquistadors who landed in Mexico centuries ago. Fleeing the Spanish Inquisition, many Jews traveled with their Roman Catholic tormentors to Spain's colonies while concealing their religion. Many practiced their faith for years after settling in the New World. Their offspring live in several parts

of Mexico. Although most of the original settlers converted to Christianity, their descendants are potential converts to Judaism. The rabbi thinks there may be "millions" of them, an apparent exaggeration.

Nevertheless, it is well known that many *conversos* came to Mexico and that Christopher Columbus left 52 families in Costa Rico on his last voyage in 1502. Other remote locations like Monterey, Mexico or Medellin, Columbia emerged as commercial centers, precisely because Jews that fled from the Inquisition sought them out as havens, according to demography experts.

The Jewish Committee in Mexico City states that Mexico's Jews number fewer than 50,000. That, however, does not include the converts discovered by the Texas rabbi. This rabbi is believed to be too liberal with his conversion policy. He holds a two centuries record for having converted about 3000 people to Judaism, most of them in Mexico. However, all his conversions are recognized by the State of Israel. One Mexican community about 100 miles north of Mexico City with a large number of offspring of the escapees from Spain

still guard a Torah, although none of them know where it came from. The rabbi converted the first 100 people in a mass ceremony. He commutes regularly from San Antonio to Veracruz where he established a congregation and performs marriages, bar mitzvahs and circumcisions. He also visits other South American countries whenever he finds qualified *conversos* for conversion to Judaism. The converted began sending their children to Israel. They are received as properly converted Jews. So far, 500 Mexican converts have made it to the Promised Land. It fills the gap of low wage workers. The new immigrants not only wash dishes and sweep floors, but they are also practicing Jews.

The Israelis are reportedly delighted to have as many *conversos* come to Israel as possible. The need for new workers is acute and the immigration from many countries are welcome additions to the growing Israeli population.

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A Guide To The Perplexed

By Morris Amitay

With events in the Middle East moving so rapidly and with the Camp David summit underway, it is important to understand the true meaning of the terms and concepts being used. What follows is a glossary (in alphabetical order, no less) which can serve as kind of a "Guide to the Perplexed". This combination dictionary and thesaurus should be helpful in figuring out what is really going on.

GLOSSARY

"A Light Unto the Nations" - see national suicide.

Abu - the name of many Palestinian negotiators.

American peace team - see "peace at any price".

Appeasement - see Israeli negotiating strategy.

Camp David - see legacy; Noble Peace Prize.

Concessions - what are expected only from Israel.

Egypt - see cold peace.

Egyptian media - see Grimm's Fairy Tales.

Goodwill gesture - an Israeli concession ignored by Palestinians.

Governing coalition - here today, gone tomorrow.

Ha'Aretz - a far left Israeli daily whose motto is "all we are always saying is give peace a chance."

Hamas moderate - a terrorist who has run out of ammunition.

Hard liners - those concerned about Israel's security - see also right winger.

Hizbollah - a social welfare organization incidentally devoted to the violent destruction of Israel.

I.D.F. - A legendary military force whose current primary mission is avoidance of casualties.

Israel - a tiny democracy becoming tinier.

Israeli Arab Members of Knesset - see Fifth Column.

Israel's best friend in the White House - see also Arab's best friend.

Israeli peace team - see manual

"How Not to Negotiate".

Israeli security - see disappearing "red lines."

Jerusalem - the soon to be divided capital of Israel.

Jihad - Arab expression of love and reconciliation.

Lebanon - see Syria.

Libya - a mortal threat to Egypt, justifying huge Egyptian arms build-up; see also Sudan.

"New Middle East" - a.k.a. "old Middle East in sheep's clothing".

Oslo Process - Israel gives - Arabs take.

Painful compromises - what Israel is asked to do; see also paying the price.

Palestinian Police - military forces fully equipped with automatic weapons and anti-tank missiles.

Palestinian media - see Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

Palestinian National Authority - a corrupt clique headed by a former terrorist.

Palestinian refugees - misnomer

for mostly displaced persons, victims of Arab neglect.

Palestinian right of return - last rites for Israel.

Phalcon - a single aircraft that can change the entire balance of power in Asia.

Pre-1967 Lines - a.k.a. "Auschwitz borders", per Abba Eban.

Pro-Israel - supporters of Natan Sharansky's letter to P.M. Barak.

Qualitative edge - Israeli technology plus "the kid in the cockpit."

Reciprocity - a concept not applicable to the PNA.

Rogue State - now; "a state of concern" according to the State Department.

Shas - an Israeli political party whose votes can never be bought - but can be rented.

Secure borders - a vanishing concept; see also defensible borders.

Senior Administration Official -

a.k.a. Dennis Ross.

Settler - pejorative term for an Israeli practicing Zionism.

State Department - a.k.a. the fudge factory - per JFK.

Summit - see photo opportunity.

Syria - a hereditary Republic.

Syrian election - 99.9% for the winner.

Syrian media - see Mein Kempf.

The Knesset - democracy running wild.

U.N. Partition Plan (1947) - what comes after Israel's withdraws to '67 lines.

U.S. aid package - President proposes - but Congress disposes.

West Bank - misnomer for Judea and Samaria.

Zionism - an archaic, illegitimate movement - according to Israeli post-Zionists.

Morris Amitay, a former executive director of AIPAC writes frequently about US-Israel relations.

Pessimistic Peaceniks

By Nechemia Meyers

For many weeks the roadways have been dominated by right-wing demonstrators with banners that attack Prime Minister Barak for "tearing Israel apart." Now, however, they face competition from left-wing peaceniks, whose placards call on the public to support Barak in his efforts to reach an agreement with the Palestinians.

Truth to be told, even the supporters of the Prime Minister have grave doubts about the possibility of a modus vivendi with the Arabs in general and the Palestinians in particular. "Ha'aretz" columnist Doron Rosenblum, a card-carrying

peacenik, gave voice to those doubts in a column he wrote this week.

Entitled "Stones", it dwelt upon the fact that countless bus loads of Arabs—ordinary people and even academics—were coming up to the recently demarcated border between Israel and Lebanon in order to hurl stones into the Jewish State. "Why," Rosenblum asks, "are masses of Arabs flocking towards a place from which we have withdrawn (up to the very last centimeter), a spot where there is today neither conquest nor staked-out territorial claims? The masses are steaming precisely to a place where we have raised our arms in concession, in order for them to

express their infinite, incessant and also atavistic hatred."

Concluding on a particularly bitter note, Rosenblum writes: "Even if some surprise arises at Camp David, and a partial or full agreement is forged, and even if some laudable accommodation concerning Jerusalem and the West Bank comes about, a Mandelbaum Gate of hatred will remain standing and children and the elderly, common folk and professors will forever come and cast stones."

Misgivings aside, people on the left are still backing Barak. "Yediot Ahronot" columnist Anat Gov, for example, has assured the Prime Minister that despite the fact that most of his Coalition partners have

deserted him, ordinary citizens still support his peace-making efforts: "We are behind you and praying that you will succeed. Moreover, we will remain behind you even if the summit meeting fails and we are forced to fight. This time, at least, we'll know that there was no alternative."

It remains to be seen whether we are indeed in an "either-or situation," whether the alternative to a far-reaching agreement is an inevitable and extremely bloody conflict, which many Israelis fear may be in the offing.

In this context it is worth recalling what I once heard Henry Kissinger say in Jerusalem. As nearly as I can recall, he declared

that Americans mistakenly believe that there is a solution to every problem if the people involved would only sit down and negotiate. But, he added, that isn't true. Some problems can't be solved, or at least not immediately.

That may certainly be the case in regard to the long-standing conflict between Israel and her Arab neighbors. If so, the best that can be hoped for at Camp David is some sort of an interim agreement that will stave off hostilities for at least a few more years.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Tchotchkes! Treasures Of The Jewish Museum of Maryland

By Joel F. Glazier

In English, the terms bric-a-brac or collectibles may be used. But from an array of Eastern European languages and finally into Yiddish comes the term Tchotchkes (various spellings allowed). The Jewish Museum of Maryland has collected 1,124 items from various homes and collections to create an overwhelming exhibit of "A World of Tchotchkes"—those treasures/trinkets/knickknacks—that are apparently part of many Jewish American homes.

During thousands of years of wanderings, Jewish people carried their most treasured possessions and religious items. Immigrants arriving in American in the last hundred years or so were able to squeeze in a few treasured but simple items along with the Jewish

ceremonial objects that have been passed on through the generations. Perhaps as a sign of permanency, American Jews started to collect new, real, concrete objects of American abundance. For the most part these were not articles of necessity but nevertheless small trinkets which decorated kitchen shelves, dining room walls and living room table tops.

The exhibit concentrates on items with Jewish meanings. While snow globes of Washington D.C may not be on display, snow globes of "I Luv Jerusalem" are proudly shown. Busts of Beethoven or George Washington may be in The Smithsonian collections, but the Legends, Leaders & Heroes sections in Tchotchkes! has statues and reliefs of Golda Meir, Einstein and even a Punching Rabbi hand puppet. Many familiar items from

B'nai Mitzvah celebrations are included in the Family Jewels section—yarmulkes, imprinted t-shirts and even mini-bottles of wine with the date and name of the celebrant.

One could predict every Jewish American home has received souvenirs from trips to Israel and these are nicely given prestige in this museum. Included are Coca-Cola bottles in Hebrew, Hebrew language t-shirts, even 18 vials of sand and Dead Sea Water brought back from Israel. Not forgotten are the wall plaques of the mid-eastern hands and camel covers from the Old City souk.

Happy "Challah" Days exclaims the t-shirt on display in the Jewish Spoken Here section and the Global Jewish Village items include Hanukkah Menorahs from several continents as well as the often seen



The Jewish Museum of Maryland is located at 15 Lloyd Street in Baltimore. Tchotchkes! is on display through September 24.

The Jewish Museum of Maryland makes a worthwhile outing

East Baltimore is where Maryland Jewish History began. The Lloyd Street Synagogue, built in 1845 and nicely preserved is part of the Jewish Museum complex. The Lloyd Street Synagogue is used for special events and, b'nai mitzvah and weddings. Its Ark contains Torah scrolls saved from Nazi destruction and a ground floor men and women's mikvah. On the same block is B'nai Israel Synagogue, Baltimore's oldest operating synagogue built in 1876 is also part of this small section of the city, which is an easy drive down I-95 from northern Delaware.

The museum, whose staff can provide tours of the historic synagogues, is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday 12 noon to 4:00 (410-732-6400); www.jewishmuseummd.org. Current exhibits include Tchotchkes! and a history of Baltimore's synagogues which nicely displays the familiar movement of Jewish population from center of cities to uptown and eventually north and western suburbs—a pattern familiar to Wilmington, Philadelphia, Washington, DC and other east coast cities.

Still present on the adjacent Lombard Street, nicknamed by street signs as Corned Beef Row, are 3 functioning delicatessens—Lenny's, Weiss's and Altman's. All provide over-stuffed sandwiches and these eateries provide a nice way to add to the day without necessitating a visit to the crowded, nearby Inner Harbor complex of restaurants and tchotchke filled shops.

but rarely used samovar carried over from Russia. Marching Through Time display has a parade of figurines from Bar-Mitzvah cake top figures to Russian matryoshka (stacking) doll Tefillin Men.

A comment book is available for patrons to include a tale of their favorite Tchotchke and if you are wondering if you should take the time to visit a display of what you already possess, have seen, or have or have not thrown away, the answer is "Yes!" Now those items

that continue to collect dust in your home can be considered museum pieces. As it is written on the wall of the museum, from Rabbi ha-Nasi, in the book by Nancy Sherman, "Pirke Tchotchkes", "How many tchotchkes should a man choose for himself? As many as space allows and tenfold."

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Lodz Ghetto Dictator Recalled In New Memoir

By Sarah Horowitz

When Chaim Rumkowski, the Nazi-appointed head of the Jewish Council, beseeched his fellow Jews to hand their children over to the Germans, some thought he was doing the best he could under difficult circumstances. Others saw his actions as a radical betrayal.

Lucille Eichengreen calls Rumkowski a "dictator" and an "egomaniac." She writes about her firsthand encounters with him in her new book, "Rumkowski and the Orphans of Lodz."

The writer was a teenager when she was sent from her home in Hamburg, Germany, to live in the Lodz Ghetto in Poland. Rumkowski, the elder of the ghetto, had been the director of the Jewish orphanage in Lodz. In the ghetto, Eichengreen met some of his former charges. They told her frightening stories of sexual abuse. Eventually, she worked for Rumkowski as an office clerk.

"As I started working with him, I was convinced that what they [the other children] told me was true because he molested me, too," Eichengreen said in an interview from her home.

Eichengreen is also the author of an earlier Shoah memoir, "From Ashes to Life: My Memories of the Holocaust." Now in her mid-70s, she finally decided to tell the story of her experiences in the Lodz Ghetto.

"It took me 55 years to tell it. It is the truth. It is what happened. There was no reason not to tell it. I should have probably told it sooner

but I didn't. It was too difficult."

Eichengreen's father was killed in Dachau in 1941. Several months later she, her mother and sister were sent from their home in Hamburg to Lodz. In 1942, her mother died.

"Hers was a typical ghetto death: we had no tears, no family, and no friends to mourn with us," Eichengreen writes.

She is unambivalent in her assessment of her former boss, Rumkowski.

"He was a dictator. He was an egomaniac. He had money printed with his name on it. He had a terrible temper. He would hit people when he was displeased. And he had power beyond anything reasonable, which meant if you displeased

him he could have you deported so it was very, very frightening."

Eichengreen remembers Rumkowski as saying that if he could save 100 Jews, everything would be worthwhile.

"I found that statement appalling to save 100 out of 200,000. How can you find this anything to be proud of?" she said.

"I felt devastated that he gave up 20,000 children to the Germans on request, my sister among them, without inciting us to riot. I found it unacceptable then, I find it unacceptable now. You don't ask parents to give up [their] children."

Rebecca Camhi Fromer, a Berkeley writer and editor who collaborated on the book with Eichengreen, felt it was important to

put Rumkowski in context. She points out that others in the Lodz leader's situation behaved very differently.

Among them were Eliyahu Myshkin in Minsk and Janusz Korcak in Warsaw, who risked their lives — and lost — in their efforts to save fellow Jews.

In the book's afterword, Fromer writes: "The role of the Elder was difficult and unenviable, particularly as it became clear he had inherited a post that called upon him to determine on a daily basis the fate of thousands of people. Could he preserve a delicate balance between life and death by acceding to German demands and turning over to them the young and the old, the weak and infirm? Was it to be: Life for an hour

is also life?" or the injunction from Maimonides: "Better be all killed than one soul of Israel be surrendered?"

Fromer said Eichengreen wrote her second book for the children.

"Lucille was anxious to tell it from the point of view of lighting a candle for the children who were his victims. I believe her motive was to put a name on some of these children who were lost."

"Rumkowski and the Orphans of Lodz" by Lucille Eichengreen with Rebecca Camhi Fromer (Mercury House, 168 pages paperback, \$16.95).

Sarah Horowitz writes for the Jewish Bulletin of Northern California.

Sounds Like Summer: Two New Folk CDs

By Paul Wieder

It's summer, and that means charcoal, mosquitoes... and summer camp. Whether you're going or just wish you were, you're going to need some acoustic guitar-based folksongs to capture the feeling.

The worn-smooth songs of Paul Simon, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan, and James Taylor have long been joined around the kosher campfires by those of Debbie Friedman, Julie Silver, and Jeff Klepper. New to the song circles are Noah Budin and Beth Schafer.

The Cleveland-based Budin is an alum of perhaps the most accurately named group ever: Four

Guys Standing Around Singing. This a cappella quartet focused on quirky fare like "(Your Love is Like a) Roach Motel" and a rap version of Poe's "The Raven," but it was also capable of lovely harmonies and stinging social criticism.

As a solo performer, Budin follows this eclectic pattern but infuses it with biblical and Jewish-holiday references. The title track of his debut album, "Hallelujah Land," is a rollicking, banjo-backed account of the Exodus, while "Standing at the Bottom of Ararat" recounts Noah's journey. "One Life," "Early in the Morning," and "Joshua's Band" are surveys of

Jewish history, linking key events with common themes of faith, individual action, and civil rights.

The musical styles in "Hallelujah Land" range from folk to country to gospel, but nearly all are rousing and engaging. Three tracks calm the mood down a bit: "With These Hands," a meditation; "As We Gather in Your Presence," a call to prayer; and "Jerusalem in My Heart," a comforting farewell.

Budin's friendly baritone recalls Bob Gibson's, and his songwriting and delivery are much like that of Paul Stookey (of Peter Paul and Mary). "Hallelujah Land" offers messages of friendship and social

responsibility in a setting that is both Jewish and fun-just like summer camp.

One standout track is "Sukkat Shalom," in which Budin ties the harvest holiday of Sukkot to hunger relief. Beyond this appropriate but seldom-made connection, the song is notable as part of the new trend of Sukkot songs.

On his outstanding debut CD, "Tov," Rick Recht uses a "Suka" as a metaphor for inclusiveness. And on her second release, Beth Schafer offers her own song called "Sukkat Shalom."

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FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING - A TIME FOR TRANSITIONS

Reflections On A Presidency

**By Barbara H. Schoenberg
Outgoing JFD President**

The June 21st Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware was a time for transitions. Barbara H. Schoenberg ended her term as president and passed the gavel to John A. Elzufon. As she presided over her final Federation Board meeting, she offered the following poetic reflections on her term in office:

As a community we have come a long way,

And each of you has a role to play.

We have many accomplishments we can point to with pride

Like the cooperation amongst our agencies, as they work together side by side.

After the population study over five years ago,

And hours of discussion, are there Jews there?, is it so?

In Newark, we have finally stopped talking the talk,

And with vibrant programming we are walking the walk.

JFS Relationship Center, JCC without a single wall.

In Newark they have had a presence on Main Street since last fall.

The programming is meaning-

ful and quite well attended. Our ignoring this population has finally ended.

The need for full day pre-school and day care in Newark will be met With G-d's help, in September it will open, it's a safe bet.

The Center has worked non-stop to see we meet this date.

To Jeff Metz, my sincere appreciation and thanks, he's been really great.

Our Kutz Home is totally renovated; we should feel very proud.

We have accomplished a mitzvah for the elderly crowd.

And our day school, Albert Einstein is thriving as well

At Gratz, over a hundred students, it should make us all quell.

JFS's healing center has taken off with a flourish,

The programming allows our souls to be nourished.

Hillel's growth at the University is good for the Jews,

Each of these things needs financial support, not new news.

Finally our JCC more Jewish programming than ever before,

For infants to seniors, next year there will be even more.

Nothing comes from the air; it requires hard work.

Not one single person, their responsibility can shirk.

By now if there's one thing about me you should know

It's that emotions and opinions I readily show.

My motivation is from the heart, from my toes I do care

I surely will miss sitting in this chair.

And now to you, John Elzufon, I gratefully pass the buck.

With a sincere mazel tov and my heartfelt wishes for good luck.

John A. Elzufon Looks Ahead

(The following remarks are excerpted from his first official speech as president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware)

"In June, 1940, Jews - alone, without friends, and with no one to defend them - began arriving at Auschwitz. What happened then will never happen again.

We will not let it happen because your dollars raised through the Federation system that are sent overseas make it clear to the world that we are connected to every Jew in every country.

Last year, I had the privilege to participate in an overseas mission to the Crimea in the Ukraine. There, a small group of us teamed up to deliver food to an elderly lady named Lenina, whose health prevented her from leaving her apartment, and her poverty prevented her from leaving the Ukraine.

The caseworker assigned to Lenina visited her twice a week, gave her food, helped clean her apartment and worked with her to reclaim her heritage. She showed Lenina how to light Shabbat candles,

and say the blessings in Hebrew.

Through a translator, Lenina told us that without the help of the American-Jewish community, she would be dead.

As I watched her, eyes glistening with gratitude, I realized that she was about my mother's age. If my great grandparents hadn't left Russia many years ago, this is how my parents would live.

And so, in this most unlikely of places, in this cramped apartment in a run down building, in a poor city situated in one of the most historically anti-Semitic nations on Earth, I understood what it means to: *Honor your father and mother*

For all of these elderly Jews scattered throughout the world are our fathers and our mothers. The dollars you give to Federation that are sent overseas tell them and tell the world that they are not now and never will be alone!

But as important as our overseas commitment is, 2/3 of the money raised by Federation stays in Delaware. It is here that we have a

unique opportunity and the greatest challenge.

Over the years, the Federation and its agencies have found themselves squeezed by both the rising cost of providing programs, the rising community needs for programs, and a series of relatively flat campaigns. Despite these challenges, the heads of these agencies have exhibited tremendous creativity, energy, dedication and professionalism in working with their constituents.

If we are to help the Jews of Delaware as well as our fellow Jews overseas, we must rise to a challenge unlike that which we have ever faced before. In so doing, we will elevate ourselves.

By way of explanation, I share the story of a man with three friends. He was particularly close with one friend and saw him often. Another, he saw periodically, while the third received very little of his attention.

One day, the king send a message to the man summoning him to the place. The king invited him to

bring a friend along, if he chose to.

Frightened, the many approached his best friend, who turned him down. The second friend offered to accompany him to the palace gate, but no further. To his great surprise, the third friend agreed to stand by the man's side as he met with the king.

In our story, the king is G-d who has summoned the man to the heavenly throne on his death. The best friend who would not accompany him was the wealth the man had accumulated throughout his lifetime. Riches are meaningless after death. The second friend that would walk with him as far as the palace gate was the man's family because they can go no further than the cemetery.

However, the friend that he barely spent time with during his lifetime yet agreed to stand by him represented the good deeds and *mitzvot* that the man had accomplished during his lifetime.

If it is the mission of the Jewish people to repair this world then it is truly a mitzvah to ensure the conti-

nunity of the Jewish people!

We have an opportunity to secure the future of Delaware's Jewish community - in North Wilmington, in the greater Newark area, in all of Delaware.

The challenge facing this community is twofold:

1. Increase our community's endowment funds to ensure that there's money available to meet future needs and challenges.

2. Increase the annual campaign so our agencies can move forward with the programming our community needs and ensure that the overseas needs of the Jewish people are also met.

Let me say in clear and unequivocal terms that I reject the predictions of those who tell us our goals are impossible or that it would take a miracle to succeed. As Chaim Weitzman once remarked: "Miracles sometimes happen but we have to work terribly hard for them."

Yes, it will be hard work, but this community can do it. We can do it by working together.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

An Auspicious Evening For Delaware's Jews

What is the significance of the 66th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware? This special June evening was a time to reflect, rejoice and renew our collective commitment to building a strong and vibrant local and global Jewish community. Some 130 members of Delaware's Jewish community participated in this festive program at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth in Wilmington.



Time to Recognize Outstanding Achievements...
Immediate Past President Leslie Newman recognizes Outgoing President Barbara Schoenberg with an exquisite menorah.



Time to Say Shalom and Thanks...
Federation Executive Vice President Judy Wortman pays special tribute to Judy Stiebel, Office Manager at the Jewish Federation for more than 17 years.



Time to Celebrate New Beginnings with Loved Ones...
Members of the Elzufon family include: (Standing, from left) Bertram Jacobs, John and Lena Elzufon. Seated: Florence Jacobs, Freda Jacobs

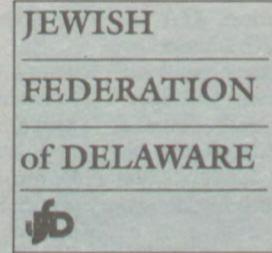
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Time for Leaders to Chart Their Course...
 Several incoming officers of the Federation and members of the Executive Committee gather in celebration.
 Standing: Leslie Newman, Former President, Chair of the Nominating Committee and Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign Planning Committee; Miriam F. Edell, Chair of the Endowment Committee; Suzanne Grant, Vice-President; Barbara Schoenberg, Immediate Past President
 Seated: John A. Elzufon, President; Dr. Barry S. Kayne, Vice-President; Dr. Michael R. Samuels, Treasurer. Additional Executive Committee Members include Toni Young, Past President; Donald F. Parsons, Esq., Vice President; Beth Moskow-Schnoll, Esq., Secretary; Benjamin Berger, Esq., Assistant Secretary; Alfred J. Green, Assistant Treasurer



Time to Honor Those Who Lead Federation Agencies...
 Standing, from left : Jewish Community Center Executive Director Jeff Metz; JCC President Amy Leviton; Immediate Past Gratz President Jerry Grossman; Jewish Family Service of Delaware President Glenn Engelmann
 Seated: Hillel at the University of Delaware President Gene Danneman, Jewish Family Service of Delaware Executive Director Dory Zatuchni; Kutz Home Executive Director Karen Friedman



Time to Honor the Love and Support of Families...
 Members of the Schoenberg family include: (Standing, from left) Dr. Francis Hirshout, Joshua S. Schoenberg, Jean Hirshout, H. Geoffrey Schoenberg, Alan Schoenberg, Edward Gordon
 Seated: Barbara H. Schoenberg, Beatrice Hirshout, Phyllis Gordon, Sylvia Hirshout



Time to Honor Past and Present Federation Presidents...
 Standing - left to right: Leslie Newman, Barbara H. Schoenberg, Toni P. Young
 Seated: Dr. Bennett N. Epstein, Stephen E. Herrmann, Esq., John A. Elzufon, Bernard L. Siegel



Time to Seek Spiritual Guidance for the Challenges Ahead...
 Standing: Rabbi David Wortman & Judy Wortman, John & Lena Elzufon, Alan & Barbara Schoenberg
 Seated: Rabbi Leonard Gewirtz, Rabbi Emeritus, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth and Rabbi Sanford Dresin, spiritual leader of AKSE.

MILESTONES

GREEN

Philip Green, 90, formerly of Stratford Apts., died June 10. He had been a salesman for Delaware Candy and Tobacco and Delmar News for over 50 years. After his retirement in 1987, he taught Isometrics. His wife, Sylvia, died in 1987.

He is survived by his two sons, Dr. Jerold R. and Ronald; sisters, Ida Warowitz and Frances Greenberg.

He was interred in Beth Emeth Memorial Park.

LEHRER

Henry Lehrer, 96, of The Kutz Home in Wilmington, died July 4. Born in Horodenka, Austria-Hungary, Mr. Lehrer was a former resident of New York City, Albany, NY and Pittsfield, MA. He was the owner of an Albany, New York locksmith business for more than 40 years and was very active in that community's Knights of Pythias Lodge. His family describes him as an animal lover.

He was married to Sylvia Greenwald Lehrer for 70 years

until her death in 1989. He is survived by two sons, Marvin Lehrer of Henderson, NV and Robert Lehrer of Wilmington, DE and a daughter, Esther Mindlin of Pittsfield, MA. He also is survived by seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

REBACK

Mark Reback, 57, of Claymont, died June 20. He is survived by his

sister, Harriet Kaufman.

WEINBERG

Beatrice Weinberg, 76, of Flushing, NY died June 28. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, David; sons, Ira of Eastchester, NY, and Mark of Wilmington; daughters-in-law Joanne and Gail and grandsons, Michael, Daniel, and Scott. Donations in her memory may be made to the AKSE Centennial Room Renovation Fund, Washington Avenue and Torah Way, Wilmington or to the

Clearview Senior Center, 208-11 26th Avenue, Bayside, NY 11360.

The Jewish Voice extends condolences to Diane I. Fayer of Bear, DE on the death of her mother, Valentine Kalman and to Connie Kreshtool of Wilmington, DE on the death of her sister, Nancy Melnik.

May their memories be a blessing and a source of comfort to the bereaved.

Birthright Death Cuts Short Student's Jewish Journey

By Brian Seidman, JTA

Joseph Ferraro, 20, traveled on the Birthright Israel program looking to explore his Jewish heritage.

His advisers say Ferraro found a connection to Judaism during his 10-day trip to Israel, but barely had time to absorb it before his life was cut short.

Ferraro, of Rochester, N.Y., died last Friday of bacterial meningitis shortly after he returned from his trip.

At the Western Wall, Ferraro wore tallit and tefillin, and told his Birthright group that he was moved by thoughts of his grandmother as

he stood there.

By the end of his trip, Ferraro wore a Star of David, and had plans to extend his journey by remaining with a friend in Jerusalem.

But flu-like symptoms convinced Ferraro to return home with his group, and he died nearly two hours after arriving at Newark International Airport.

A message on the Web site of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, which helped sponsor the trip, urged students who had "direct personal contact" with Ferraro to contact their physicians. Bacterial meningitis spreads

through the sharing of saliva, including kissing, or the sharing of silverware or food.

Ferraro, a film student at the Rochester Institute of Technology, decided to film the Birthright trip with the intention of editing it and making copies for the other group members.

At the beginning of the 10 days, the deaf and hearing students remained separate, Rosenfield said. Ferraro was one of the students who knew sign language.

"He helped with bridging the two groups. I couldn't believe at the end of the trip how well they were mixing. Joe was part of the reason this happened."

While in Israel, the students wrote letters about their experiences. Ferraro chose to share his letter with his group.

"I have learned a lot about myself, my family, and my religion in the last 10 days. I remember an hour and a half on day four I spent talking and arguing with myself about staying longer in Israel. I knew I should stay. I knew I had commitments at home. But this is a big experience, once in a lifetime, [and] I don't know if I will ever come back," he wrote.

"For a high school dropout, this was a dream come true, making me think of how much I love my family and how much I want to learn about

Jewish culture."

Rabbi Ari Israel, another of the trip's chaperones and the director of The Rochester Hillel, delivered a eulogy at Ferraro's funeral Monday.

"I have rarely seen a college student express himself or the love for his family in such ways," Israel said.

Members of the Rochester Hillel have discussed completing Ferraro's film in his memory.

Rosenfield spoke to many of the students from the trip after Ferraro's death. "They saw Joe and how much the trip meant to him. It was a tremendous experience. We can't explain why these things happen; we just have to take care of each other through this."

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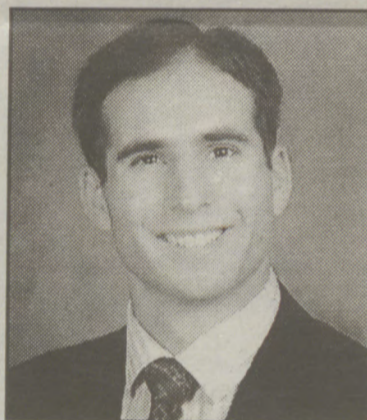


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Brett Levy

Levy Earns Academic Accolades

Brett Levy, 22, son of Roger and Danna Levy of Perth, was awarded the Stanley J. Stein Senior Thesis Prize by Princeton University where he graduated cum laude in May. The award is given annually by Princeton's Program in Latin American Studies to the student who writes the best senior thesis on a topic related to Latin America. Levy, who majored in history, wrote his thesis about United States foreign

relations with Guatemala in the 1950s.

A member of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington and a graduate of Brandywine High, Levy is spending the summer teaching a capella singing and musical composition to high school students in Massachusetts. This fall, he will begin a one year fellowship with the Disability Rights Advocates, a non-profit law firm in Berkeley, California.

Delaware State Bar Assn. Honors Rubenstein

Harvey Bernard Rubenstein, Esq., a past president of the Delaware State Bar Association was honored recently by the Association with its First State Distinguished

Award. Established in 1979, the award recognizes a Delaware lawyer who demonstrates "exemplary leadership and service dedicated to the cause of good citizenship".

Rubenstein, a past president of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, founded the Delaware Law Review, served as

a legislative attorney in the state House of Representatives and participated in numerous civic activities.

Past recipients of the award have included H. Albert Young and the husband and wife team of the late S. Samuel Arshat and Roxana C. Arshat.

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It's A Girl

Michelle Daria Shulkov was born June 10, 2000. Parents are Andrey and Svetlana Shulkov of Hockessin. Kveling grandparents are Izya and Klara Gomer of Claymont and Victor and Evdokia Shulkov of Svetogorsk, Russia.

Tanzer Named Presidential Scholar

Katie Tanzer, daughter of Daniel and Hinda Tanzer of Wilmington, was named a Presidential Scholar at State University of New York-Binghamton where she received a bachelor's degree in Judaic Studies. After spending her summer as a counselor with the Teen Travel Camp sponsored by the JCC Klein Branch in Philadelphia, Katie will begin work towards her master's degree in Jewish Communal Service at Brandeis University's Hornstein Program.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline published in *The Jewish Voice*. Please provide entries in the same format as seen on this page. *The Jewish Voice* fax number is 427-2438.

DO YOU CANOE?

Young Jewish Adult Professionals and Singles of Delaware - men and women in their 20s and 30s - have planned a full day of fun along the Brandywine River. Spend Sunday, July 16 canoeing with new friends. The group will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Wilderness Canoe Trips, Rte. 202 and Concord Pike. Please bring lunch, a beverage and a change of clothes. The cost for the day is approximately \$24. For details, call Phil at 652-6688.

MINGLE WITH JEWISH SINGLES

If you are 40 or older and would like to meet new and interesting single people, join Singles Mingles for their only social activity this summer! Group members will meet at the Brandywine Regal

Theatre on Naamans Road, Sunday, July 23. Catch a movie and go out for dinner after the flick. For more information, call Elinor Abend at 778-4432.

HAVE A BALL THIS SUMMER

Volley your way through this summer with Young Jewish Adult Professionals and Singles of Delaware. Single men and women in their 20s and 30s meet every Wednesday evening at 6 at the Delaware JCC on Garden of Eden Road in North Wilmington. Work up an appetite then go out to dinner with your fellow players. Play is non-competitive and dinner is pay as you go. For more information, call Phil at 652-6688.

JFS OFFERS BROAD SPECTRUM OF PROGRAMMING

Jewish Family Service of Delaware, serving all denominations, has ongoing workshops for individuals interested in women's issues, healing services, family court mandated divorce workshops for adults and children, yoga and meditation classes, and bereavement support groups. To learn about these and other programs at the agency's Wilmington and Newark locations, call JFS at

478-9411.

CALLING ALL LIVNOT ALUMNUS

Livnot U'Lehibanot, an Israel Experience program for young adults ages 21-30 in Jerusalem and Tzfat, will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a reunion at Camp Sternberg in the Catskill Mountains, August 24-27. This program, which incorporates hiking, study and community service work, boasts over 2000 North American alumni. For further information about the reunion, call 1-888-LIVNOT-0 or visit their web site at www.livnot.org.il

COME TO ISRAEL THIS FALL

Join the Jewish Federation of Delaware for a Mission to Israel, November 5 through 13. Spend time in Israel's north, tour Jerusalem and meet the people of Arad and Tamar, Delaware's Partnership 2000 communities. Anticipated costs are \$1836 per person/double occupancy plus extra expenses for tips and a bus to and from the airport. Final mission costs may change and are subject to final confirmation of airline and hotel expenses. A voluntary minimum Annual campaign gift of \$500 is encouraged for

each participant. Last year's event was a sell-out. If you are interested in participating, please call Rhonda Falk, campaign director, at 427-2100, ext. 16

FRESH AIR FUND HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Delaware families are needed to host underprivileged children from New York's inner-city this summer. The Fresh Air Fund, an independent non-profit organization provides transportation and insurance coverage for these boys

and girls, ages 6-12. The children enjoy sharing the simple pleasures of summer-swimming, bike-riding and barbecuing with their host families. Friendships are forged which can last a lifetime.

If you can share your summer with a child who might not otherwise have a vacation, please call (302) 323-9383 or email FreshAFund@aol.com For additional information about the organization, visit their website at www.freshair.org

Sounds Like Summer

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Her second album, "Lev B'Lev," finds Schafer as a cantor of a Florida congregation. A more reserved set than Budin's, Schafer's collection is powerful in the quiet way of prayer...well, after the folk-rock intro of "Hinei Ma Tov," that is. Aside from this track and the fresh, hip-hop-influenced "Lo Alecha," the songs are meditative and moving.

This is especially true of the trilogy "Zeh Hayom," "All These Vows," and "We Remember Them," about meeting, losing, and moving on. The first of these three is a duet with Julie Silver, already a star in the Jewish music world, about forming friendships. The second takes place on Kol Nidre night; the third is inspired by Yizkor, the memorial service. It is impossible not to think of loved ones gone when hearing these heartfelt songs.

Elsewhere on the album,

Schafer touches on Torah, faith, and community, mingling the words of liturgy with her own poetry. While there are plenty of Jewish albums that focus on the joy of being Jewish, the songs of "Lev B'Lev" deal with more personal, contemplative aspects of the tradition. Schafer's first release, "May the Words," focused on the Shabbat prayers.

Here, she moves both beyond the bounds of time and into the depths of a soul. "Lev B'Lev" is a sweet, tender collection, perfect for a rainy summer afternoon.

If you know someone who is headed for camp this summer, one way to make sure they have something to listen to besides *ahem*-Britney Spears is to sneak "Hallelujah Land" and "Lev B'Lev" into their duffel bags. And if you forget, they fit nicely into care packages.

Paul Wieder is a public relations associate at the Jewish United Fund in Chicago.

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Young Jewish adults, aged 21 - 26 who have never been to Israel with a peer group, are being offered the opportunity to enjoy two educational and fun-filled weeks exploring their heritage in Israel for the unbeatable price of \$300 including round trip airfare from New York. These trips are made possible by the Birthright Israel gift. Created by philanthropists Charles R. Bronfman and Michael H. Steinhardt, the Birthright Israel gift covers roundtrip airfare from designated cities and ten days of programming in Israel for Jewish young adults who have never before participated in a peer group trip to Israel with the balance of the program costing only \$300. The Birthright Israel gift can also be applied to programs longer than 2 weeks. Livnot U'Lehibanot is the hiking, study and community service program with campuses in Jerusalem and Tzfat.

This is an ideal opportunity for young Jewish adults with minimal background in Judaism, to see and experience Israel and learn more about their Jewish heritage in a traditional yet non-denominational, open and questioning environment. A number of different programs have been scheduled between now and the end of the year. Visit the Livnot website at www.livnot.org.il for full program information, a downloadable application form, and additional details about the programs.

The New York office can be reached at 1-888-LIVNOT-0 or (212) 613 1413, or e mail livnot@livnot.org.il. For more information about the Birthright Israel gift, call Birthright Israel at 1-888-99-ISRAEL or visit www.israelexperience.org.

Acceptance is subject to the terms and conditions of Birthright Israel and Livnot U'Lehibanot.

Delaware Commits To Settle Holocaust Claims

The Delaware Department of Insurance, in partnership with the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims, wants to help Delaware residents resolve outstanding claims on insurance policies held by victims of the Holocaust.

Delaware Insurance Commissioner Donna Lee H. Williams explained that "...We want to be able to say that we have done everything possible to reach all potential claimants and pay Holocaust-related insurance claims in a fair and expeditious manner." She said that families of those

who are believed to have held active dowry, education, and life insurance policies that were affected by the Holocaust can submit claims to the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims (ICHEIC). As part of the program:

-The ICHEIC and participating insurers will accept claims for review and comparison to a list of known outstanding policies that has been compiled from existing documentation.

-The process will include a review of pertinent documentation and interviews with families to determine

legitimate claims in need of settlement.

-Additionally, the ICHEIC and participating insurers have established a \$90 million humanitarian fund to provide additional support for claimants.

To receive a claims packet, you can: Write to the International Commission, P.O. Box 1163, Wall Street Station, New York, NY 10268. Visit the ICHEIC web site at www/OCJEOC/org

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