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DuPont Honors George Levitt

By Connie Kreshtool

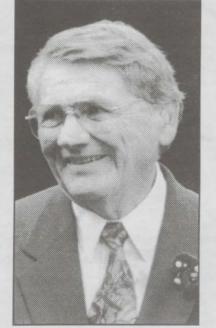
As part of the celebration of its bicentennial in 2002, DuPont is issuing six silver coins to honor those whose scientific achievements over the past 200 years have made a difference in people's lives and brought the company fame and fortune.

One of the six coins will carry the likeness of Delaware's own George Levitt for his discovery of a new class of environmentally benign herbicides used to control weeds in the raising of the world's major food crops. George will share the agriculture coin with former DuPont Vice President Henry Wallace, a pioneer in the area of corn hybridizing and founder of Pioneer Hi-Bred, now a part of DuPont.

George's discovery-sulfonylureas-was commercialized in 1982 as DuPont Glean herbicide for use in wheat fields. Since then, DuPont has introduced these herbicides for use in corn, barley, soybeans, rice, canola and sugarbeets. They degrade quickly and naturally and require significantly less product per acre than conventional herbicides.

He retired from the company in 1986 after a thirty-year career.

He was one of two scientists to win the 1993 National Medal of Technology Award. George was honored for his "independent contribution to the discovery and commercialization of environmentally



George Levitt

friendly herbicides to help ensure an abundant food supply for a growing world population."

The other five coins will carry the likenesses of DuPont founder, E.I. duPont and his grandson, Lammot; Charles Pedersen, Nobel Laureate; and polymer chemists, Wallace Carothers, nylon; Roy Plunkett, Teflon; and Stephanie Kwolek, Kevlar.

For additional information about the coins and the DuPont bicentennial, visit the company website at: www.DuPont.com



Chai Brunch Co-Chairs (from left) David and Dorothy Bobman and Buddy and Wendy Berger eagerly anticipate the exclusive area screening of Exodus at the Baby Grand Theatre in downtown Wilmington. Brunch speaker William Millman, the helmsman of the ship bound for Palestine with a precious cargo of 4,550 Jewish refugees from World War II, made the film particularly meaningful for participants. The Chai Event welcomes and honors individuals who make a minimum gift of \$1,018 and households who contribute \$2,036 or more to the Federation Annual Campaign.

Chai Expectations Were Met At Chai/Community Event

En route to the January 20th Chai Brunch and the community screening of Exodus, William Millman braved the elements to read about "his" ship's Delaware connection. Along the Wilmington Riverfront is a plaque explaining the origins of the Exodus. The ship, built in 1928 by the Wilmington firm of Pusey and Jones as a luxury liner that sailed along the Chesapeake to Norfolk, VA, was renamed the President Warfield during World War II and operated under both United States and British commands. After the War, it was sold for scrap iron and was purchased by the Hagganah. Millman was a member of the crew who brought the ship to France to be refitted and then set sail for Palestine during the ill-fated 1947 voyage that helped establish Israel as a Jewish state.



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EDITORIAL **Keeping The Covenant**

"L'Adonai ha-aretz u-m'lo'ah.

(Psalms 24:1). The earth and its fullness belong to God. We are the caretakers of the earth, and it is up to us to protect and preserve its beauty.

On Monday, we usher in Tu B'Shevat-the New Year of the Trees-a time to celebrate our covenant with Israel, our Jewish homeland-and planet earth, home to all of G-d's creations. During a time when much of the world is chilled by the dark days of winter, we eat the first fruits of Israel's spring harvest. At Tu B'Shevat seders, we drink from the fruit of the vines and savor our rich connection with the soil, water, sand and skyessential elements of our earthly existences. It is a time for us to:

Reflect on our roles as shomrei-guardians

of those precious natural resources that sustain all life-

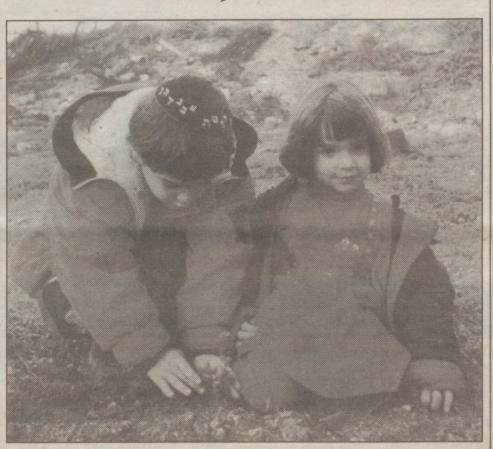
Rectify the problems of air, land and water pollution-

and Resolve to support conservation and restoration efforts that safeguard these resources for future generations.

Throughout this edition of the Jewish Voice are articles about people and projects making a positive difference in the ecology of our planet. Please read them and learn how to help! Happy Tu B'Shevat,

> Lynn Edelman Editor

Photo of the Week



Israeli children plant trees in Israel on Tu B'Shevat.



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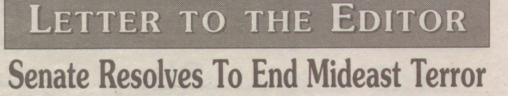
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(Editor's Note: This letter was written to Dr. Ellen Feingold who has given permission to reprint it in the Jewish Voice)

Knowing of our shared concern over the brutal terrorist attacks in Jerusalem and Haifa in the past two weeks, I wanted to bring you up to date on recent Senate actions.

First, let me say that I am appalled by the death and destruction visited upon innocent Israelis. Israel, a democracy and a close ally of the United States, has the right to defend itself against such attacks, as would any responsible government. Chairman Arafat can no longer behave like a passive observer of such events. In my opinion, he has a fundamental decision to make-either he stands with terrorists, and destroys any chance for peace, or he opposes terrorism, and demonstrates to the world, with unmistakable actions, a genuine commitment to vigorously pursue a peaceful solution. This must be pursued via legitimate methods of leadership, negotiation and diplomacy, not duplicity, intimidation and terror.

As Chairman of the Foreign Relations

Week of January 26

Committee, I moved through the Senate a resolution urging the President to suspend all relations with Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority if they fail to destroy the infrastructure of Palestinian terrorist groups and pursue and arrest terrorists whose incarceration has been called for by the government of Israel. This resolution, was passed unanimously, and the House has acted with similar urgency. I have personally condemned the vicious attacks and feel strongly that the United States should stand shoulder to shoulder with Israel in our efforts to stamp out terrorism and the infrastructure that supports them.

As we struggle to secure our safety here at home, we must not forget the global nature and reach of terrorism. Please know that I will continue to work to combat terrorism here in the United States, in Israel, and in any place where it threatens freedom-loving people. Sincerely,

Joseph R. Biden, Jr. United States Senator

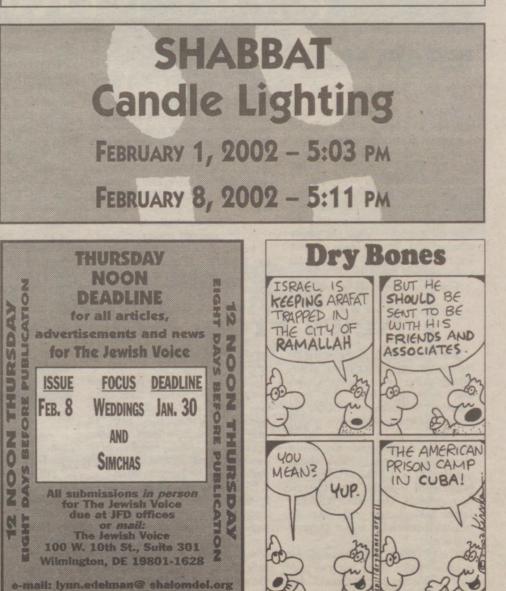
Exodus 13:17-17:16

PARSHA PLACE Beshalach

by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin During our 40 years sojourn in the desert, we were attacked by the nation of Amalek. While the battle took place, Moshe stood on the top of a hill and raised his hands towards the heavens. This reminded the Jewish people to subject their hearts to the Almighty so that they would succeed and be victorious over Amalek. The Torah states, "And the hands of Moshe were heavy and they took a rock and paced it under him and he sat on it'

Rashi, the great commentator, informs us that Moshe sat on a rock and not on pillows because he did not want to sit in comfort while Jews were in danger and suffering. He wanted to feel their suffering and to share it. Rabbi Yeruchem Levovitz teaches that this is a lesson for us on how to feel another person's suffering. Don't just imagine the pain of another, but do something physically to actually feel his pain.

Empathy is such an important attribute that we should make every effort to feel for another person. By being aware of how a little discomfort bothers us, we can have greater empathy for others — especially those coming to our door or meeting us in the street ask-



(Exodus 17:12). Why did Moshe sit on a rock and not on pillows?

ing for tzedakah!

FEDERATION FOCUS

Show Israel You Care

The Jewish Council for Public Affairs, the umbrella organization for Jewish Community Relations Councils and Committees throughout North America, offers the following ways to express your solidarity with Israel during this time of crisis

As many of you know, the Israeli economy has suffered a great blow due to the drop in tourism over the past several months. We urge you to visit Israel in this time of crisis, both to show your solidarity and to help boost the tourism industry. In addition to making Israel one of your travel destinations, Karen

Shapira, chair of UJC's Israel and Overseas Pillar, suggests supporting Israeli institutions as another way of showing solidarity during this difficult period. We would therefore like to propose a few more ways in which you can help the Israeli economy

Support your Favorite Israeli **Cultural Institution**

With fewer and fewer tourists traveling to Israel, the museums, theatres, and other cultural programs have seen a rapid decline in membership and attendance. The arts are an integral and life-affirming component of Israeli society

and it is imperative to show our support for these institutions. For more information, please visit the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs website http://www.mfa.gov.il Put Israeli Products in your

Mishloach Manot

Purim is quickly approaching (Feb. 26) and with it, the mitzvah of giving mishloach manot (shlach manos) to friends and family. This year we would like to encourage you to use Israeli products in your mishloach manot. There are a wide variety of Israeli foods and wines that are available in the U.S., as well as a number of Israeli companies that export Israeli foods and food baskets. The Israeli Exporters Catalog is one website that may be helpful in identifying Israeli products exported to the United States, and can be accessed at http:// www.export.org.il/

Personalize the Grief: So many Israelis have been killed in terrorist atrocities in recent months and years that we tend to become desensitized to the horror. Along with the media, we often get caught up in the numbers game - how many killed, wounded, etc., even though Jewish tradition teaches that each person is an entire uni-

verse unto himself (nefesh achat olam ma'le). To preserve the memory of each victim, the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs website posts information about everyone who has been murdered in a terrorist attack since September. The website posts pictures of the victims, similar to the pictures and paragraphs about the victims of 9/11 that have been included in the pages of The New York Times in recent months. To access this website, go to http://www. mfa.gov.il, scroll down to the section on Palestinian Terrorism, and click on "In Memoriam.

ENDOWMENT FOR THE FUTURE

Tu'Bshvat - New Year For The Trees

By Rachel A. Gross, Esq. Endowment Director

Tu B'shvat, the New Year for the Trees, falls January on

28th. The fact that we have a New Year for the trees demonstrates that Judaism places great importance on trees. The Torah states, "when waging war against [a city] ... you shall not destroy its trees ... because you may eat from ... and you shall not cut them down." (Deuteronomy them 20:19)

As Jews we plant trees in Israel

by donation and in person. As

school children we all learned about the legend of Washington chopping down the cherry tree (a grave offense), were introduced to Johnny Appleseed, who planted apple trees throughout the country, and celebrated Arbor Day in the spring.

Trees offer shade, produce food, anchor the topsoil and help clean the air we breathe. Trees also provide beauty. Our lives are inextricably interwoven with the lives of trees. We are taught to

revere them

When you look at a fruit tree what you see is only a tiny fraction of what you get. Even when all the fruit has been consumed, there remains vast potential in the tree. It has the ability to produce more fruit, and more, for many generations. The Jewish Fund for the Future is similar to a fruit tree and, therefore, has chosen a tree as its logo. In a very real sense, endowment funds provide fruit for the community. Funds that are "planted" today will grow and in

time they will produce "fruit." The fruit is a stream of income that will nourish the community each year while the corpus of the fund remains rooted to provide fruit to the community in the future.

Please contact Rachel A. Gross, Esq., our Endowment Director to discuss how you can plant your roots in the soil of the Delaware Jewish community so that your tree will produce fruit for generations to come. Call Rachel at 302-427-2100 x19 or email her at Rachel.gross@shalomdel.org.



Rachel Gross

ISRAEL NOW AND FOREVER

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The Israel NOW initiative was launched in Spring 2001 because our family in Israel was under constant and indiscriminate attack and we, the North American Jewish community, could not keep silent.

We needed to make our voices heard. We needed to rally and educate and advocate and provide financial support. Then, terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and Israel's brutal reality became our own.

For a short time, we became dis-

tracted. We saw only ourselves. And only America's needs and only America's suffering. Therein lies the danger for Israel.

We, the North American Jewish community, can never lose sight of Israel. We can never lose sight of all that great State means to the Jewish people. Its health and well being and security are synonymous with the health and well being and security of all Jewish people, wherever they live.

Our commitment cannot waver

In fact, now more than ever, we can identify with the financial and psychological impact that terrorism has had on Israel over the past year.

We understand the sacrifices that its people have made for freedom and democracy and for us.

We also have to understand that while all of America contributes to terror relief efforts here, American Jews have a special responsibility to our extended family in Israel.

Dr. Ra'anan Gissin, senior strategy and policy consultant to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said, that the people of Israel need our support and that we, the North American Jewish community, are a beacon of light for Jews in Israel. He said that he and other Israeli Jews are the custodians of the land using all of their resources to keep it safe and secure for all Jews but they

can't do it alone. He said, they need us.

Our responsibility to Israel did not end on September 11. It just became more real.

Every one of us can make a gift to support Israel.

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware has agreed to raise \$300,000 for this campaign which will help alleviate the emotional and physical suffering of Israelis who are reeling from the effects of sixteen months of violence. Delaware dollars to: will support the following three projects:

*Purchase an armored vehicle to transport school children and the elderly.

*Fund the Israeli National Trauma Victims Hotline-A lifeline of support for grieving families and friends.

*Furnish ambulances in Delaware's Partnership 2000 region of Arad/Tamar with two Emergency Care Units which help provide critical care in crisis situations.

Because the needs are so urgent and immediate, campaign pledges will be accepted now through March with a cash deadline of June 30th.

Pledges may be made by check, VISA or MasterCard. For additional information about the campaign or to receive a pledge card, please call Todd Polikoff, at 427-2100, ext. 16.

News From Arad-Tamar

Israel has absorbed hundreds of thousands of new olim from Ethiopia, the former Soviet Union and Argentina over the past decade. More than 10,000 of these new immigrants have settled in Delaware's Partnership 2000 region of Arad-Tamar. Many are single-parent families who chose the Region and Arad in particular, because of available employment opportunities. They come from different backgrounds and often do not understand the Israeli process and society.

The "ETGAR" early intervention program helps these parents provide educational enrichment for their kindergarten children and supports their success throughout school.

Currently, 30 pairs of parents and their children meet once every two weeks with program professionals. Together, they plan an enrichment activity from a broad selection of topics ranging from parenting and family life to job training and further education.

ETGAR develops Hebrew literacy for parents and their children through enjoyable experiences such as reading Hebrew storybooks, playing a learning game or completing a puzzle together. It strengthens the ties of families with their schools and their communities by uniting everyone in the common goal of helping children learn.

The program will continue through June, 2002. ARAD MEMORIAL

PAYS TRIBUTE TO **TERRORIST VICTIM**

Arad will pay tribute to native son Danny Darai, who was killed in a 2001 terror attack while serving in the Israel Defense Forces. The community will create an attractive memorial in the Arad Halamish Neighborhood's Park Gimmel which will feature a pergola, benches and a piece of sculpture created by a New York artist. Partnership 2000 has contributed \$15,000 to the project.

Wanted: **Information About Stock Donations**

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PERSPECTIVE: ISRAEL

JNF Helps Find Solution To Israel's Water Crisis

Israel's water economy is now in crisis. The Sea of Galilee-a major source of water for its citizens-is below the red line and risks irreparable damage. Shimon Tal, Israel's Water Commissioner, explains that despite repeated warnings of diminished resources, pumping has continued and the quality of the water is rapidly declining.

The region's ecological balance is changing. The water table of The Sea of Galilee is surrounded by saline water. Large-scale exploitation of the coastal and mountain aquifers over the past few years has caused saline water to penetrate the water table compromising the quality of one of the Jewish State's most precious resources.

Since Israel is a country on the 'edge of the wilderness," it must take into consideration the habitual dryness. region's Reservoirs must hold enough water to be able to bridge the gap between the rainy years and the dry years. However the current string of severe drought years, the worst in recorded history, has left few fresh resources for Israel's

reservoirs to hold. Jewish National Fund also uses some of its system of reservoirs to store vital recycled water that can be used to sustain agriculture, thus freeing up freshwater for use by Israel's people.

Despite JNF's assistance, Israel's people may not have enough water to meet their basic needs. Operational water reserves are relatively small. About half are devoted to urban use, supplying homes and industry. The remaining reserves are dedicated to agriculture.

Some agricultural water is supplied via the National Water Carrier, while other water comes from local sources, such as those in the Jordan Valley and Israel's northern valleys. Israel must create more regional systems so that water can be transported from one area to another when necessarv

Recycled sewage water is already being piped to the Negev. As a result, the Negev is virtually the only place in the country where there has not been a need to limit water use.

Any peace agreement must take water into consideration, as does

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the 1994 agreement between Jordan and Israel. Although the agreement has not been fully implemented, Israel currently supplies the Jordanians with a total of about 10 million cubic meters of water per year. The status of the water in Judea and Samaria [the mountain aquifer] influences Israel to a very great extent, and can cause a great deal of damage if not properly administered. This area is also the main water source for the Palestinian Authority according to the Oslo Accords. An agreement must be struck regarding the amount of water the Palestinians may pump from the mountain aquifer. (The autonomous region of the Gaza Strip is not connected to the Israeli water economy.)

The Israeli government has reached some decisions on how to cope with the current crisis and more effectively plan for the future

Plants will be built and run by the

recycled for use in agriculture. (3) Water conservation meas-

(4) Israel will import more of its water. While Israel has the ability to desalinate its existing resources, it is a time-consuming process. Although a cheaper alternative to importing new supplies, desalin-ization will take 2-3 years to reach faucets and Israel needs water

Despite these interventions, Israel's water supply will not be significantly augmented before 2004. Until then, Israel will be living "hand to mouth." At the present rate of consumption, there may soon be insufficient water for agriculture. Eventually, other limitations will ensue.

Fluoridation and other innovations has improved the quality of the water. From a health perspective, water quality is continually being improved. However, the taste has declined.

Jewish National Fund, with its significant expertise in land reclamation, has become involved in Israel's on-going efforts to improve the quality of water that



flows into the sea by cleansing the supplies of chemical pollution.

JNF has already built over 120 water projects that have increased Israel's water supply by over 6 1/2 percent. The organization realizes that, while building reservoirs may not solve future water problems, it may address the critical short-term shortage of recycled water that the nation's agricultural sector depends upon. JNF knows that agriculture must flourish so its people retain their connection to the land. It is also imperative to JNF that the nation's rich natural beauty is not compromised by diminished water quality. Therefore, the organization has focused its staff expertise and fundraising efforts on the current water crisis.

JNF is an integral part of daily life in Israel. Its diverse interests in the Jewish State also include:

forestation and ecology; education; research and development; community development; tourism and recreation. Diaspora Jews have an opportunity to experience a direct link to the land of Israel through their support of JNF activities.

The Delaware community will have an additional avenue for supporting JNF On Monday, March 11th,at 6:00 PM when Senator Joseph R. Biden receives the prestigious TREE OF LIFE AWARD. Ronald S. Lauder, President of JNF, will present the honor at a dinner to be held at the MBNA International Headquarters in Wilmington. For additional information, please call Sheldon A. Weinstein, Esq. at 302-571-6631.

This article was written collaboratively by Shimon Tal, Israel's Water Commissioner, Ruth and Sheldon Weinstein.







(1) Large-scale desalinization projects will be implemented.

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Rick Samuels Jewish National Fund Contrisince 1985

over the 40 years they did this. When my parents and I went to Israel, I was amazed by the progress JNF has made in beautifying the land and building water projects for the people. My family doesn't get to the deli often, but I honored my grandparents' memory with a promise to write checks to JNF four times a year. Please join me with your own promise to help keep our Jewish homeland and its people strong. Thank you."

JNF's 100-year-old promise

In 1901, JNF made a promise: We would always serve as the caretaker of the land of Israel on behalf of Jewish people everywhere. It is a promise kept through the years of the Holocaust, the conflicts of 1948, 1956, 1967 and 1973, the massive Russian

and Ethiopian immigration, and today during the current water crisis.

Today, JNF keeps the promise with even more resolve, as Jewish people around the world are tested by these most troublesome, uncertain times.

JNF is keeping the promise by building security roads so children can safely go to school and parents to work...créating recreation centers at IDF bases to help ease the tensions of military service...and constructing reservoirs and dams to preserve precious water. JNF supports research to boost agricultural production in the face of severe drought and maintains an educational presence to make Zionism a living ideal.

JNF Blue Boxes remain as an important symbol of our commitment to Israel. But keeping this promise requires much more to move forward in the many areas essential to preserving the quality of life in Israel.

It is never too late to join JNF in keeping the promise for a safer, more secure, more productive Israel. And now is the time to make an additional gift on behalf of the land and its people.

Please join Jewish National Fund's *Keeping the Promise* campaign by making a generous contribution today. Be a part of strengthening our proud homeland by keeping the promise now and forever!

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ON THE SPIRITUAL SIDE The Relevancy Of God

Rabbi David Wortman,

Director The Kimmel-Spiller Jewish Healing Center of The Jewish Family Service

In my nearly 29 years in the rabbinate, I have frequently been told, "I cannot relate to the concept of God because His description in the Bible is anathema to today's values and principles." The complainant would continue with a litany of God's biblical attributes: jealous, vengeful, anthropomorphic or any one of many other adjectives. This uncomfortable person concludes with expressing doubts about the biblical God and disbelief concerning God's relevancy today.

The opening portions of Exodus provide an insight into

God's manifestation in each generation. In the first portion, Shemot (Ex. 1:1-6:1), God speaks to Moses from the Burning Bush. He tells Moses that His name is Ehyeh-Asher-Ehyeh. This name is difficult to translate, as the Hebrew experts will note. I would suggest that it means I-Am-What-I-Will-Be.

This translation may appear not to help in understanding the nature of God, especially out of context. What does I-Am-What-I-Will-Be mean? One may infer its meaning from the following portion, Va'era (Ex. 6:2-9:35). Ex. 6:3-6 reveals a fascinating concept. God says to Moses that to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob he was known as El Shaddai - the nurturing God. They did not know Him as HaShem - the merciful and compassionate God. He instructs Moses to tell the people that he is now to be known as the latter.

Taken together, God is saying

that He manifests himself in each generation in a manner that is consonant with the continually evolving orientation of the human soul. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were the first three generations of Israelites. To make His identity and authority clear, He needed to nurture them, bring them along in their religious maturation. He appeared to them in a manner that they would believe.

Moses' generation was no longer in need of nurturing. After many years in slavery, after constant daily suffering, the Israelites needed a God who is compassionate and merciful - a God who will redeem them and lead them to freedom.

I-Am-What-I-Will-Be, therefore, means that just as He tells Moses that He has been El Shaddai and HaShem, God will continue to manifest Himself in new, generationally relevant ways. The late biblical scholar, Mitchell Dahood, once identified more than 100 names for God in the Book of Psalms alone. Were He to speak to us directly as He did to Moses, I suspect that we might learn yet another name.

So, one might respond to our skeptic that the biblical revelations only give us a glimpse of the Divine nature for our ancestors. It is up to us to discern His current manifestation (which may be different for each of us). If we achieve this understanding of the Creator, or at least commit ourselves to the quest, then God is indeed relevant. Like a precious diamond in which each facet reflects the beauty of the gem in a different light, so, too, can we relate to one facet without losing the intrinsic wonder of the whole. Knowing this, we can allow Him to enter our souls, uplifting us and enhancing our spirituality.



Rabbi David Wortman

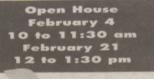
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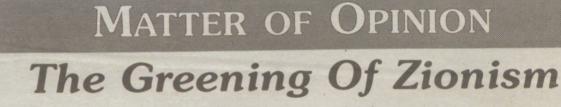
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By Nechemia Meyers

At a time when most established Zionist movements are fading away, an energetic new one has

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been established. It is called the Green Zionists Alliance, and hopes to have a number of delegates at the 34th World Zionist Conference that will be held in Jerusalem this

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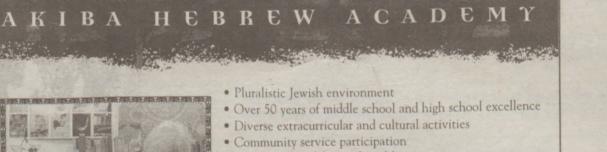
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summer. The Alliance was set up by Americans who are both devoted Zionists and ardent environmentalists. Some work for bodies like the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or are associated with voluntary groups such as the Sierra Club. Also attracted to the Green Zionists have been members of specifically Jewish environmental organizations like the Coalition on

Environment and Jewish Life. Leading spokesman for the Alliance is Reconstructionist Rabbi Michael Cohen of Manchester Vermont. Outlining some of the goals that it will be pursuing in Jerusalem, Cohen said: "We will, for example, propose that the Jewish Agency appoint an Environmental Officer who will have extensive authority to review

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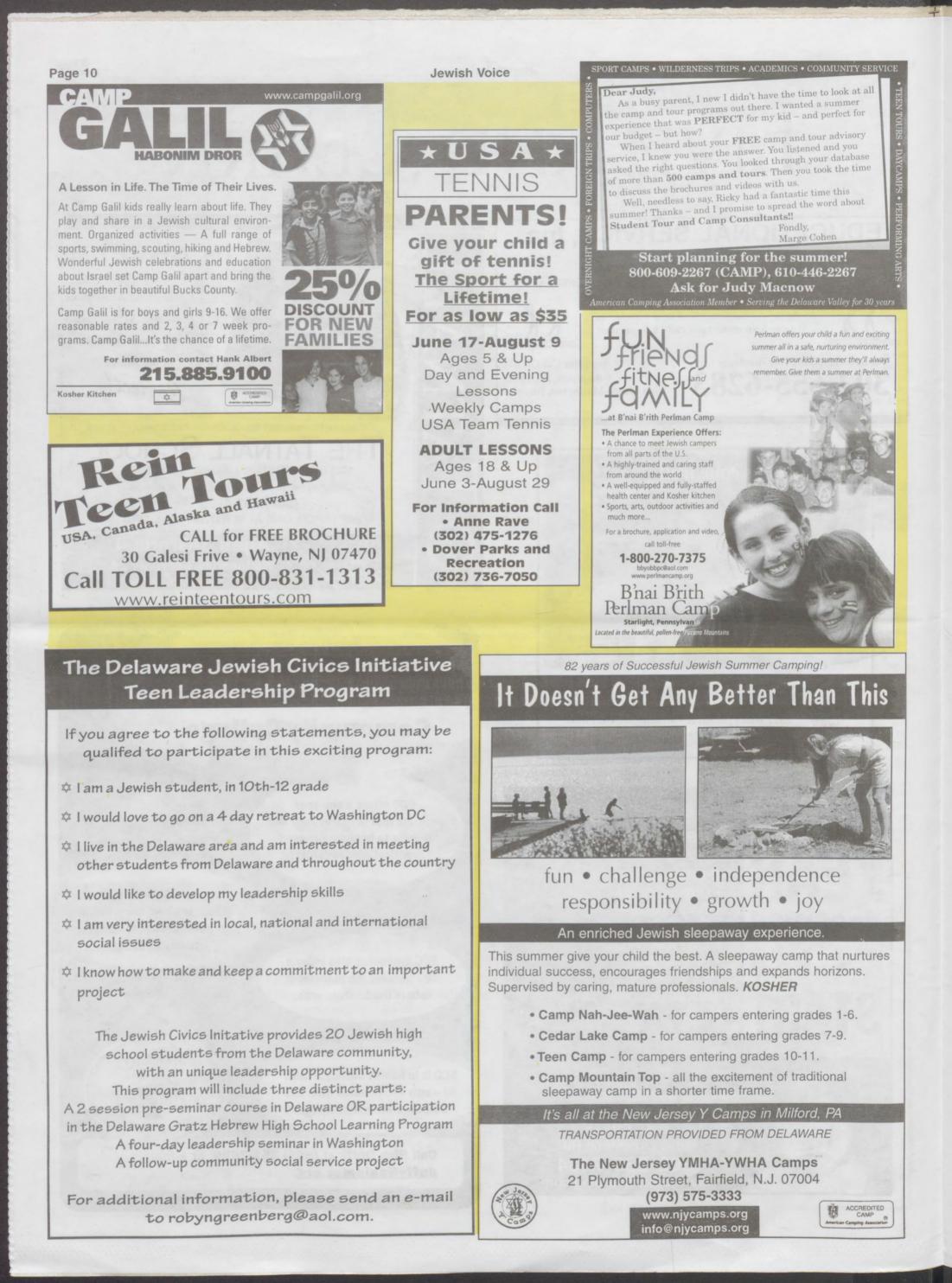
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the ecological implications of Zionist-funded activities and require full environmental impact statements in regard to those activities. "Our list doesn't end there," he

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goes on. "We'll do our best to encourage efforts being made by the Jewish National Fund and others to preserve open spaces, protect endangered species, promote waterway restoration, reduce the use of pesticides, etc.

Some of the veteran parties have criticized the establishment of this new one, for which, they say, there is no justification. Rabbi Cohen disagrees, arguing that "while all elements of the Zionist movement are pro-environment, the movement still requires a group that will put environmental reforms on the agenda and strive to have them implemented. Of course," he adds, "our Alliance has views on a variety of matters and will cooperate with other groups on such issues as religious pluralism, human rights and the peace process.

As a rabbi, it is only natural that Cohen should find support for his views in the Bible. "According to our tradition and text (Genesis 12:7), the Land of Israel was assigned to us as a sacred trust. That includes caring for its soil, water, air and animal life. Zionism stands not just for returning the People to the Land, but also for the care of that very land so that the Jews may thrive on it.



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DELAWARE PERSONALITIES

Federation Community Capital Campaign

By Lynn Edelman Editor

Profiles In Giving:

(The first in a series of articles profiling members of the Delaware Jewish community who are participating in the Federation community Capital Campaign)

Meet Lynne Ellick

As a professional interior designer, Lynne Ellick could appreciate the blueprints for the Federation Community Capital Campaign on two levels. Her trained eye appreciated the design of the new Jewish Community Center Family Campus and the renovations proposed for the Kutz Home and Hillel at the University of Delaware. Her heart was touched by the description of the many programs, services and innovations that the Campaign will help to fund.

Ellick was particularly impressed by the plans for an elevator at the Kutz Home. "My mother-in-law was a resident of the Home for many years and she always was treated with love and respect by everyone on staff," said Ellick, adding that her late husband, Gene, an advertising executive, designed the new logo for Kutz and Jewish Family Service, another agency that will benefit from Capital Campaign funds.

She was grateful that Leslie Newman presented her with an opportunity to honor the memory of her husband and his mother through a Campaign contribution. "It's our family's way of giving back to the community and setting an example for future generations," she explained.

Ellick, a former board member of Congregation Beth Emeth who – during some thirty years as a congregant has headed the Religious Education and Festivals Committees – feels strongly that Jews must stretch themselves financially to ensure the future of Jewish institutions here in Delaware, in Israel and elsewhere in the global Jewish community. "We simply cannot afford to

see a synagogue shuttered or a JCC lock its doors forever because the Jewish community did not adequately plan for the next generation," she concluded.

For further information about the Federation Community Capital Campaign, call Seth Bloom at (302) 798-9366 or email him at <u>sb@wpoassociates.</u> com.

Avodah Dance Ensemble Comes To Wilmington



Dr. Jo Anne Tucker

The Avodah Dance Ensemble, a New York City based modern dance company, will be in residence in Wilmington February 25 through March 3 conducting a series of workshops and performances during Shabbat and church services which explore the theme of forgiveness. The residency is part of the Forgiveness Project-an effort to build bridges between communities which is inspired by the works of former South African leader Bishop Desmond Tutu. The Project is funded by a generous grant from The Nathan Cummings Foundation.

Avodah founder and artistic director Jo Anne Tucker, invites the community to participate in workshops on Monday, February 25 and Wednesday, February 27, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew in Wilmington.

"Those who attend will have an opportunity to explore the theme of forgiveness from a variety of perspectives-forgiveness of self, forgiveness in a relationship, forgiveness between communities and forgiveness between self and God," said Tucker, adding that all workshop participants may join the Avodah ensemble in performance during Shabbat services on Friday, March 1st at Congregation Beth Emeth and again on Sunday morning, March 3rd during church services at Saints Andrew and Matthew.

Tucker, a member of the Doctor of Ministry faculty at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, is currently working on a new dance piece called "Tent, Tallit and Torah" which she hopes to introduce during the March 1st Shabbat program at Beth Emeth.

For additional information about the Avodah workshops, please call Saints Andrew and Matthew at 302-656-6628.



Avodah is a modern dance company that uses ancient sacred texts to connect and reconnect our spiritual selves to God and community. Reaching deep wihin the Jewish tradition, using dance, music and movement, Avodah strives to strengthen and further define Jewish idenity. Reaching out through cross-cultural collaborations Avodah, which in Hebrew connotes "service" or "worship," builds bridges to the larger community

ISRAEL PERSPECTIVE First Person Report - The Mockingbird

By Nathan Cherny

When I transferred Eve Boaz (68), from Shaare Zedek Medical Center to the Hospice at Mount Scopus last month I knew I was saying farewell. Death is a frequent visitor in my professional life. It is usually expected and timely. On that wintry Jerusalem morning, what I did not realize was that I was also saying farewell to her committed partner Avi.

Eve was dying of cancer of the cervix. She was cared for by her 22 year old daughter, Edith, and by her ex-husband Avi. Despite having divorced many years ago, Eve and Avi were the closest of friends. Though the marriage had not worked the love endured and Avi had nursed and supported her. through her battle with cancer. He was a loving gentle man, committed to his ex-wife and mother of his daughter. He was ever by her side.

In the spirit of Harper Lee, Avi Boaz was a mockingbird. At seventy-two he was a gentle, generous and vulnerable man. Crippled by polio, he was severely disabled. Even with the aid of his cane, he had a slow lumbering and unsteady gait. Avi, an architect and construction engineer, was an unusual man. An American Jew and a committed Zionist, in the years after his divorce he had made his life with the Palestinians of Beit Jalla. There he lived and worked. He was a well known and beloved character in the small hillside town of, predominantly Christian, Palestinians. He had been involved in tens of building projects in Beit Jalla, Bethlehem, Beit Sachur and Har Gilo.

Though he was a Jew and an Israeli, his closest friends were Palestinians.

He remained in Beit Jalla until his Palestinian friends urged him to move out. The town had been infiltrated by the Fatah militants who, against the will of the locals, were using the town to shoot across the valley into the Jewish neighborhood of Gilo. From my living room, I could here the shooting.

Even while caring for Eve, Avi maintained his close contacts with his friends in Beit Jalla. He had rented a home in nearby Har Gilo and was renovating it. It was there that he planned to care for Eve in her final days.

Twelve days ago, Eve and Avi remarried in an emotional service at the Hospice at the Mount Scopus Campus of the Hadassah hospital. Despite all that had passed they were still in love. In the shadow of her impending death, they had wanted to be reunited. It was a wedding with no dry eyes.

Two days later Eve was dead. After the traditional seven days of mourning, it was only two days ago that Avi started getting out again. He returned to his project of completing the home he had been preparing for Eve. That was why he was in Beit Jalla today. He was buying building supplies among his friends.

This afternoon Avi Boaz was abducted by members of the Fatah whilst shopping in Beit Jalla. He was tortured and murdered. His mutilated body was dumped in a near-by orchard.

The Fatah is the military wing of Yasser Arafat s PLO.

Today I will walk shoulder to shoulder with Israelis and Palestinians who will attend Avi's funeral. This was a cruel senseless murder of a man who epitomized the hope for coexistence.

Slow moving and trusting. Avi would have been the easiest of targets. The militants of Yasser Arafat s Fatah kill mockingbirds at close range and with a devastating cruelThis is the face of terror and it is intolerable.

Dr. Nathan Cherny is the Director of Cancer Pain and Palliative Medicine in the Oncology Department at Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem.

Postscript: Avi entered Bethlehem with a Palestinian friend and was stopped at a Palestinian police checkpoint. In front of police, PLO terrorists removed the Palestinian forcibly from the car, forced Avi to drive off. The Palestinian friend contacted the Israeli army, who called the Palestinian police to verify the information. Palestinian police lied, denying all knowledge. Avi's body was found in a Palestinian controlled village of Beit Sahur. His body was riddled with 20 bullets shot at point-blank range. Another victory for the "heroes" of Palestinian "resistance", those brave souls who target unarmed cripples, women and children. The same day they shot two women on their way to a wedding in Jerusalem, after stopping the car and talking to them. One was killed, a 42-year old mother of two.

Albert Einstein Academy Students Excel at "Bee"

Do you know what country began as a British penal colony? How about the least populous state in New England? These were just some of the questions asked of Albert Einstein Academy fifth and sixth graders recently during the Geography Bee sponsored by the National Geography Society. Jeffrey Wagman was the winner for the second year in a row, while Sarah Alexander took second place and Amanda Becker nabbed third place honors. The ten finalist from each grade included: Mary Blumenfeld, Brett Caroll, Josh Isaacs, Aryeh Kuller, Daniel Metz, Talia Tiffany, Sarah Zussman, Niki Grant, Michael Cohn, Emma Finkelman, Kayleigh Fretwell, Lauren Harad, Matt Klein, Jeffrey Stanton, Sophia Sawicki, Nate Scott and Sydney Pensky. The entire school body was proud of the knowledge and good sportsmanship exhibited by students.

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INSIDE DELAWARE

Activity, Comfort, And Caring At Kutz Home

By Sheila Mensch Special to the Jewish Voice

If one looks at life as a process, any portion of it can be enjoyable. Life can be enhanced by the warmth and caring of others, by pleasurable activities, relaxation and attractive surroundings. For more than 40 vears, members of the Delaware Jewish community have turned to the Kutz Home when they have found it difficult to live independent-

Holidays are a cause for celebration at Kutz Home. We mark the New Year (both secular and Jewish)bake latkes for Chanukah and hamantaschen for Purim-attend Shabbat and High Holyday services in the Home's synagogue. Residents act in original plays, attend concerts and participate in trips.

Several residents participate in the University of Delaware's Academy of Life-Long Learning. Others enjoy a broad-range of craft programs, pet therapy, large and

small group discussions, travelogues, Jewish humor and Yiddishkeit programs and an unending series of parties.

We are proud of our outstanding intergenerational program. Students from Albert Einstein Academy and all Wilmington area synagogues visit throughout the year. There is no lack of interesting activities at Kutz Home.

The facility prides itself on its reputation for individual attention and quality medical care. All residents receive personal care with all the activities of daily living. Registered nurses are on duty on a 24 hour basis. Certified Nursing Assistants tend to personal and skilled nursing needs of individual residents and assist them in the activities of daily living. The Home's medical director is on call around-the-clock.

The Rehabilitation Department provides physical, occupational and speech therapies as needed-a podiatrist visits bi-monthly-and the Home's psychiatric consultant advises staff on the care of residents with emotional and dementia-related problems. Transportation is available to visit medical specialists.

The Kutz Home is a Medicare and Medicaid certified long-term care facility

The Home's social services staff assists residents and family members



Resident Harry Turkin enjoys Kutz Home New Year's Eve Party with his daughter Carol DeWitt and son-in-law Bruce DeWitt.

with adjustment and other concerns. Counseling sessions, support groups and resident council meetings empower residents to make choices in many areas of their lives. Family members are also supported through groups.

The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home is the realization of a dream of a group of Jewish women-the Bichor Cholem Society. Some 90 men and women make their home

in this attractive, modern skilled nursing facility. Funds from the Kutz Home Auxiliary, the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the many generous contributors to the Friends of the Kutz Home preserve the reality the Bichor Cholem Society's dream.

For additional info call 764-7000. Sheila Mensch serves as Director of Admissions for the Kutz Home



Resident Anna Kattler with her great-grandson Dani Asor.

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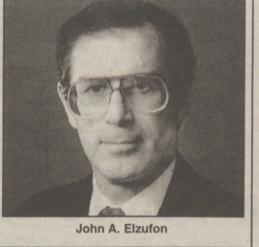
John A. Elzufon, president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, will be the guest speaker for the Sunday, February 10th brunch at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation in Wilmington. The community is invited to attend the 9:30 a.m. breakfast program which will focus on the Federation Community Jewish community. Capital Campaign.

Elzufon is managing director of Elzufon & Austin, P.A, a law firm he started in 1982. His area of

practice is general litigation with an emphasis on professional liability defense and products liabilities defense.

His talk will focus on Federation's plans for expansion and renovation at the Garden of Eden Road complex and elsewhere - to meet the needs of Delaware's growing

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• "The challenge of lesbian Rabbis to the traditional notions of heterosexuality in Judaism. • "The representation of Jews in

the work of Charles Dickens.'

• "The internet – cyberspace – as a new means of social networking in the Jewish community and its impact on Jewish organizational behavior."

• "The pattern of anti-Semitism and Jewish identity in Vienna in the

These are some of the lectures to be presented in the series: "Issues and Ideas in Jewish Studies" at the University of Delaware during the Spring semester starting on February 12 and continuing on tuesdays until May 7. the series is designed to provide exposure to the intellectual the University of Delaware and the surrounding areas of Philadelphia and Baltimore. Topics cover a broad spectrum of research and thought on the history, literature, culture and philosophy of the Jewish community in a variety of contexts. Speakers include University faculty (Dr. Rena Potok, University of Pennsylvania and Dr. Sonat Hart, Baltimore Hebrew University); Rabbis from the community (Rabbi David Kaplan, Temple Beth El); and persons affiliated with private institutions (Rabbi Arthur Waskow, Shalom Center,

Philadelphia). The series promises to be an exciting and stimulating experience that will be enhanced by participation from the community. All are welcome and you are encouraged to contact the Center through the website or by phone to receive information about the speakers, many of whom have national reputations in their fields and others who are making significant contributions to their disciplines.

The formal lectures take place in Purnell Hall, Room 329 on the University of Delaware Newark campus on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. The lectures are part of a scheduled Jewish Studies program class for students, but persons from the offcampus community are welcome to attend any or all of the lectures.

Additional information can be found at www.udel.edu/jsp/events. html or by calling the Center at (302) 831-3324.



BEHIND THE HEADLINES Debate Roils Over Restitution Funds

By Michael J. Jordan JTA

Many say they saw it coming. As the crusade for Holocaust restitution shifts from politics to the logistics of doling out payments, jockeying has begun over how to spend what may be hundreds of millions of dollars in as-yet unallocated funds.

Indeed, some observers suggest the question may be connected with the current power struggle atop the World Jewish Congress, a key player in the whole restitution odyssey.

With the WJC shakeup and disagreements over which issues the organization should now champion, it has raised the question of how to financially support whatever the new focus becomes.

Thus, attention has turned to the portion of the roughly \$11 billion in restitution funds from Europe that is not specifically earmarked for survivors.

The WJC will not have sole — or even primary — control over the allocation of those funds, but key players at the WJC are involved with the Claims Conference, where much of the debate will play itself

out. "The irony is that when all these Jewish groups got together to fight for restitution, they were united against a common enemy and things were going beautifully," said an American Jewish leader close to the proceedings. "But as soon as they saw money on the tip of the horizon, and coming in, they started fighting for control of who'll give it out."

Elan Steinberg, the group's outgoing executive director, rejected any linkage.

The fate of unallocated restitution assets "is an important one to be addressed, but it certainly has no relationship with the restructuring at the World Jewish Congress," said Steinberg, who will be leaving the group March 1 and assume the lay post of executive vice president.

"Let's understand it: nearly all the

funds are earmarked in one way or another. So only a very small fraction of the total recovery will be available."

Still, as Steinberg noted, that may total hundreds of millions. And the dispute may boil down

to a question that's been brewing for years: What is the best way to spend the "residual" funds in the interests of the Jewish people?

Is it to underwrite pro-Israel activities, Jewish education and identitybuilding in the Diaspora, or a combination of both?

From survivors, the response is unequivocal: neither.

"As a group, Holocaust survivors are the strongest supporters of Israel," said Roman Kent, the longtime chairman of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

"But I don't want to be involved in any philosophical discussion about for what purpose this money should be used. This money does not belong to Israel. It doesn't belong to the Jewish community. This money is being returned in the name of survivors, so it belongs to the tens of thousands of needy survivors around the world who are not being helped enough, by the Jewish

community or anyone else." Others, however, strongly believe that any leftover funds should be used to strengthen the Jewish people as a whole as a response to the Nazis' attempt to destroy the Jewish people.

The past half-century have seen a dizzying array of reparations, particularly from the Germans and Austrians.

The largest has come from Germany, in the form of pensions.

Since 1952, the German government has disbursed some \$47 billion in pensions to hundreds of thousands of survivors world-wide; the Israeli government is responsible for delivering these checks to survivors living in the Jewish state.

But restitution kicked into high gear in the 1990s.

Led by groups like the WJC, the Claims Conference and their allies, the Jewish world has won a number of important victories to gain "a measure of justice" for Holocaust victims and survivors:

According to Steinberg, they are: •The 10 billion mark (less than \$5 billion) German "Remembrance, Responsibility and Future" fund for Jewish slave and forced laborers and non-Jewish forced laborers;

•The \$1.25 billion Swiss banks settlement, which, with interest and expenses may run to \$1.5 billion;

•About \$400 million so far in claimed insurance policies, still being negotiated by the International Commission on Holocaust-Era Claims; by completion, may run to \$600-\$700 million;

•About \$300 million from a Swiss "humanitarian" fund, for those slave labor-generated German profits processed by Swiss banks;

•Roughly \$300 million worth of reclaimed stolen artwork, but perhaps plenty more to come;

•Up to \$200 million of so-called "Nazi gold" looted from Jews;

•An Austrian settlement of some \$500 million, plus property restitution and social-welfare benefits that may push the total over \$1 billion; •A French settlement of \$450 million to \$500 million;

•A Dutch settlement of roughly \$350 million;

•Tens, probably hundreds of millions in property restitution from the ex-Communist countries of Poland, Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Czech Republic and Slovakia;

•and tens of millions committed from Belgium and Spain, perhaps also from Liechtenstein in the near future, with possibly tens of millions more from elsewhere in Western Europe.

In addition, the Claims Conference has so far collected more than 1.3 billion German marks (roughly \$600 million, based on today's exchange rates) from the ongoing sale of "heirless" property in the former East Germany, said Hillary Kessler-Godin, conference spokeswoman.

Heirs had until late 1992 to claim the erstwhile, Jewish-owned property; the Claims Conference was then named "successor organization" and entrusted to sell the property.

The Claims Conference has so far sold off some 50 to 60 percent of the assets, beginning with the most valuable properties.

With the revenues, the Conference decided that 80 percent should go to institutions and agencies that care for needy Holocaust survivors, such as home-nursing care, nursing homes and psychiatric hospital wards, Kessler-Godin said.

The remaining 20 percent has gone toward Holocaust research, education and documentation. The Claims Conference was, for example, a main funder of an expansion and the new archives and library buildings at Yad Vashem.

To date, the Claims Conference has disbursed about \$500 million in grants, Kessler-Godin said.

The balance is held in a "Goodwill Fund," which pays out to property owners or heirs who did not file claims by the German-mandated deadline of Dec. 31, 1992, and is money set aside for future needs for survivors for a time when less revenue is coming in, she said.

"The funds that we have are not nearly enough to provide for the needs of every organization that applies," she said.

All the talk of "billions" causes heartache for survivors, say their advocates, partly because they feel they are not receiving a satisfactory portion of it, partly because the public thinks they are.

"The glitter of gold being depicted by the media is so obscene, it makes the average person on the street believe that every survivor is now a millionaire," Kent said.

The German fund, for example, will pay out to some 160,000 Jewish survivors the equivalent of up to 15,000 marks (less than \$7,500) per slave laborer, and up to 5,000 marks (less than \$2,500) for more than 1 million former forced laborers, the vast majority of whom were not Jewish.

It's too early to tell exactly how much restitution money may be left over, say those involved. Plenty of misinformation and disinformation have swirled on the matter.

But according to Steinberg, the primary sources of as-yet-unallocated funds will be:

 potentially hundreds of millions from unpaid insurance policies;
 potentially hundreds of millions

from selling the remainder of heirless East German properties, which would be distributed according to the same 80/20 ratio, according to Kessler-Godin;

•and perhaps tens of millions from the Swiss humanitarian fund. The WJC will not be the sole arbiter in deciding how these funds

are spent. But it's clearly a prominent voice within the 24-member Claims Conference, which handles restitution from Germany and Austria, and the 10-member World Jewish Restitution Organization, which manages reparations from the rest of Europe.

Edgar Bronfman, president of the WJC, was the WJRO chairman and chairs the Claims Conference's Investment Committee; Singer is a Conference vice president, was its lead negotiator with Germany and Austria, andsits on five of the Conference's 15 committees.

"I negotiated the settlements, I recovered it, and let me tell you, as long as there's a Holocaust survivor in need, they are the primary beneficiaries," Singer said.

"It should be distributed as quickly as possible, so there shouldn't be any left."

"But if there is, it should be used to revitalize and create a renaissance for the Jewish people," he said.

Several involved said they hope the broadest possible Jewish coalition, including the Israeli government, will decide these uses.

Another of 'Iran 10' Released

By Rachel Pomerance, JTA

The second of 10 Iranian Jews jailed on charges of spying for Israel has been freed, but Jewish leaders don't see it as a shift in Iranian policy.

"We take no delight in an innocent man serving more than 1,000 days in a prison for exercising his religion," said Pooya Dayanim, spokesman for the Los Angelesbased Council of Iranian-American Jewish Organizations, referring to Faramarz Kashi.

Thirteen Jews originally were arrested on espionage charges. Many of the accused "confessed" to the charges, though Jewish groups scoffed at the idea that the confessions were offered freely. Several later recanted.

Media and foreign ambassadors were not allowed to observe the court proceedings, in which the prosecutor also served as judge.

Three of the accused were acquitted, but the other 10 were convicted in July 2000 of national security violations and given sentences ranging from four to 13 years. Israel denies that any of the Jews were its spies. Jewish groups contend that the case demonstrates Iran's virulent anti-Semitism.

"The arrests were politically motivated, the charges were politically motivated and the convictions were politically motivated," said Sam Kermanian, secretary-general of the Iranian-American Jewish Federation. "This case has nothing to do with justice or with law. It was all politics from the beginning."

The other eight prisoners, Kermanian believes, will be released only when Iran views it as politically advantageous.

"I honestly think that Iran has been moving away from even the minimum moderations it gained during the first term of President Khatami," he said.

After spending three years in jail, Kashi was released Tuesday as "a result of ongoing efforts on behalf of the prisoners, in which many people have been involved," said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Efforts included "the pressures that were brought to bear, the continuing interest of families there and perhaps" Iran's "own domestic interest," Hoenlein said.

Kermanian said he doesn't think American or Jewish pressure played a role in Kashi's release.

"What pressure?" he asked. "He spent every day of his sentence in jail."

However, Kermanian said, the intervention of Western countries was "instrumental" in saving the Jews from a death sentence when they were tried in 2000.

At the time, the prisoners were held in solitary confinement so authorities could squeeze confessions out of them, Kermanian said. Now their conditions are relatively better, he said: They are allowed kosher food two or three times a week, and visitation rights have increased from once a week to

twice a week. However, their families, "who depend on them for their livelihood, are suffering and are in dire need," Kermanian said.

In addition, the fate of the imprisoned Jews "must make us allthink about the future of the 25,000 Jews left in Iran," Dayanim said.

"The condition of the community has deteriorated substantially since the verdicts were announced," he said, as the entire Jewish community now is "regarded by their compatriots as traitors or spies."

Furthermore, Dayanim said, "avenues have been hindered" that would provide emigration to Iranian Jews.

"For some reason, governments, including the U.S., are denying many of the refugee claims by Iranian Jews," he said.

Hoenlein said several visas had been delayed in the general tightening of immigration processing after Sept. 11. However, the government had given assurances that the problems would be resolved shortly, he said.

Dayanim said the plight of the Iranian Jewish community is "fully on the radar screen of the American Jewish community," but is less important to the American or Israeli governments.

A State Department official said the department had commented several times during the trial of the Iranian Jews.

Their situation is "something we are aware of and we are monitoring," the official said.

"I can tell you that the issue of Iranian Jewry is prominently featured in every high-level diplomatic effort made by the Israeli foreign service," said Ido Aharoni, spokesman for the Israeli Consulate in New York. Aharoni said Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is "personally pressing the issue," noting that Peres recently directed the Foreign Ministry to compile a list of statements made by Iranian leaders against Israel.





By Gloria Kaufer Greene **TU B'SHEVAT** FRUIT-AND-NUT-FILLED PASTRY

This recipe is adapted from one that I found long ago in a now-defunct magazine called The Pleasures of Cooking as part of an article by Michele Scicolone. Dough:

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 6 tablespoons water

Filling

- 1/2 cups blanched slivered almonds
- 1/2 cup walnut pieces

1/3 cup light or dark raisins*

- 5 plump dried calimyra (brown) figs, stem removed and diced*
- 5 plump pitted prunes, diced*
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel (optional)
- 1/4 cup sweet red wine 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- Garnish
- Confectioners sugar

For the dough, put the flour, sugar and salt into a medium bowl. Add the butter (or margarine) and oil, and cut in until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. While tossing the mixture with a fork, gradually sprinkle the water on top. Gather the dough into a disk, wrap in plastic, and chill for about 1 hour so it is easier to roll out. (A food processor may be used to make the dough. After the water is added, process only about 10 seconds or until the dough begins to come together; do not over-process or the pastry will be tough.)

For the filling, combine all the ingredients in a medium bowl. (*Note: If the raisins, figs, and prunes seem very dry and tough, soften them for about 20 minutes in hot water before chopping; then drain, pat dry and chop.) Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured surface to a 22-inch-long by 6-inch-wide rectangle. Spoon the filling down the center, leaving a 2-inch border on both long edges and a 1/2-inch border at the ends. Bring the long edges up over the filling and pinch them tightly together. Then pinch the ends closed to form a long "snake" that encompasses the filling. Gently bend the snake into a "U"- or "S"-shape (so it will fit in your pan) and carefully transfer it to a greased or nonstick-spray coated or parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake in the preheated 375-degree oven for about 35 minutes, or until golden. Cool the pastry for 10 minutes on the baking sheet; then carefully transfer it to a rack to cool more completely. (It may be served warm at this point.) Just before serving, sprinkle the pastry with sieved confectioners sugar. Cut it into wide slices to serve.

Makes 8 to 10 servings.

DRIED PEAR-WALNUT QUICK BREAD

Because this delicious, low-fat bread is not overly sweet, it makes a perfect accompaniment to almost any meal, and is very appropriate for Tu B'Shevat. It keeps quite well for several days, and actually tastes best the day after it is made. It also slices very neatly, and each slice has a very attractive cross-section.

8 ounces (about 8) dried pear halves 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, at

- room temperature
- 1 cup boiling water 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 large egg

1/2 teaspoon each ground cinnamon and ginger

1 1/4 cups all-purpose white flour 1 cup whole wheat flour (or more white flour)

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 cup coarsely broken walnut halves

Use a small, sharp knife to carefully remove any hard parts or seeds from the inside of each dried pear half. Cut the pears into 1/2-inch pieces, and place them in a large bowl. Cut the butter or margarine into small pieces, and place in the bowl with the pears. Add the boiling water, and stir until the fat is melted. Add the sugar, egg, cinnamon, and ginger, and stir very well (by hand) until completely mixed. Measure out both flours and the baking soda on a piece of wax paper. Add to the pear mixture, and stir briefly just until the flour is moistened. Then stir in the walnuts using as few strokes as possible. (Overmixing can ruin the texture of this type of quick bread.) Turn out the batter into a well-greased or nonstick spray-coated 8 1/2- by 4 1/2-inch loaf pan. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for about 55 to 60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out slightly sticky. Cool in the pan on a wire rack for about 30 minutes. Run a knife around the edge of the pan, and remove the loaf (which should come out easily). Let it cool completely on a wire rack before wrapping it well for storage. Store at room temperature up to three days, or freeze for longer storage. Make 1 loaf

BROWN RICE, FRUIT AND NUT SALAD

This unusual salad would be very suitable

to serve at a Tu B'Shevat Seder. 1 1/4 cups uncooked regular (non-converted) brown rice

- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped pitted dates
- 1/2 cup large pecan or walnut pieces
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced scallions

2 to 3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley 1 to 2 teaspoon dried mint leaves

God's Fruitfulness

By Rabbi Arthur Waskow

Wouldn't it seem strange if you heard that mystics had transformed April 15, Income Tax Day, into a festival celebrating God's creative force in nature? Yet that is what the Kabbalists of Safed did in the 16th century when they recreated Tu B'Shevat. Tu B'Shevat, the full moon of mid-winter, had been important only in Holy Temple days, in determining the end of the "fiscal year" for trees for the tithing calendar. Fruit that ripened before that date was taxed for the previous year, fruit that ripened later, for the fol-The Talmud called this legal lowing year. date the "New Year for Trees." But the Kabbalists saw it as the New Year for the Tree of Life itself — the Tree whose roots are in Heaven and whose fruit is the world and all God's creations. To honor the reawakening of trees and of that Tree of Life in deep mid-winter, they created a mystical Seder that honors the Four Worlds: Acting, Relating, Knowing, and Being. These Four Worlds were enacted with four cups of wine and four courses of nuts and fruit.

The fruit moved from less permeable to more permeable: the World of Acting, those with tough shells and soft, edible insides (e.g., walnuts); for the World of Relating, those with soft outsides and hard insides (e.g., peaches); for the World of Knowing, those that are soft and edible

all the way through (e.g., figs); for the World of Being, fruits so "permeable" they are not tangible at all and exist only on the plane of Spirit.

The symbolic system of this Seder held still deeper riches: echoes of generation and regeneration in the plant and animal worlds.

Nuts and fruit, the rebirthing aspects of a plant's life-cycle, are the only foods that require no death, not even the death of a plant. Our living trees send forth their fruit and seeds in such profusion that they overflow beyond the needs of the next generation.

The four cups of wine were red, rose, pink, white. Thus they echoed generation and regeneration among animals, including the human race. Red and white were in ancient tradition seen as the colors of generativity; to mix them was to mix the blood and semen that to the ancients connoted procreation.

Why then did the Kabbalists of Safed connect these primal urgings toward abundance with the date of tithing fruit? Because they believed that God's abundance would continue to flow only if a portion of it were returned to God, the Owner of the land and its produce. And who were God's rent collectors? The poor and the landless,

including those priestly celebrants and teachers who owned no piece of earth and whose earthly task was to teach and celebrate.

1 tablespoon plain vinegar (or more lemon

1 (approx. 11-ounce) can drained man-

In a medium saucepan, bring 2 1/4 cups

darin oranges OR 1 cup peeled and sec-

water to a boil. Add the rice, covered tightly,

reduce the heat to low, and simmer for about

35 to 40 minutes, or until all the water is

absorbed. Transfer the rice to a large bowl,

and set aside to cool. To the rice in the bowl,

add the dates, walnuts, scallions, parsley and

mint. In a small bowl or jar, combine the

lemon juice, vinegar, oil, cinnamon, and gin-

ger. Pour over the rice mixture, and toss with

a fork until mixed. Add half of the oranges or

tangerines, and mix gently so they are not broken up. Arrange the salad on a platter or

in a bowl, and garnish with the remaining

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THE NEW JEWISH HOLIDAY COOK-

BOOK, published in 1999 by Times Books,

a division of Random House. More Jewish

holiday recipes can be found on Greene's

website, http://www.jewishcuisine.com

Makes about 6 servings.

3 tablespoons olive or vegetable oil

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/8 teaspoon ground ginger

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oranges.

These mystics saw a deep significance in giving. They said that to eat without blessing the Tree was robbery, and that to eat without feeding others was likewise robbery. Worse in fact, because without blessing and sharing, the flow of abundance would choke and stop.

Tu B'Shevat approaches once again. The trees of the world are in danger; the poor of the world are in need; our teachers, spiritual leaders, and artists are not taken seriously. Give! Or the flow of abundance will choke on the friction of its own outpouring, and God's Own Self will choke on our refusal to live a life of compassion.

Rabbi Waskow is director of The Shalom Center, a network of Jews who draw on and renew Jewish religious and spiritual traditions to seek justice, pursue peace, heal the earth, and build community. He is the author of Down-to-Earth Judaism (Wm. Morrow), Seasons of Our Joy (Beacon), and Godwrestling: Round 2 (Jewish Lights of Woodstock, VT), and co-author of Tales of Tikkun (Jason Aronson).

Tu B'Shevat Craft

Wear these to your Tu B' Shevat seder or to water your plants, tend your trees or take a the front of the T shirt; tape or pin them in

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Several leaves with shapes you like. A plain white or light colored T shirt. An old toothbrush

Fabric paint

Available in a fabric store. You can also use colored indelible ink or even regular house paint. (Some people have used a can of spray paint to accomplish the same splatter effect. This requires a very light touch on the nozzle).

Work on newspaper or an old plastic bag: Put a few folded layers of newspaper inside the T shirt (so the paint design will not soak through to the back)

Arrange the leaves in a design you like on

Hold the brush about 4 inches over the shirt. Dip the toothbrush in the fabric paint and holding it bristles down, rub your finger toward you along the bristles so that the paint splatters the T-shirt.

Stop when you think you have enough spatters. The leaves should have left a clear silhouette amidst the spatters. You can lift up the leaves to check. If it's not "ready" pin them exactly where they were and add some more spatters

When complete let dry. Follow any directions on the fabric paint label in terms of "setting" the color.



JEWISH ARTS AND CULTURE Israeli Film On Temple Mount Plot

By Tom Tugend JTA

After months of delay caused by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, an Israeli film about a Jewish plot to blow up Jerusalem's Temple Mount is set to open in the United States.

"Time of Favor," Israel's entry in the 2000 Academy Awards for foreign film, originally was scheduled to open in late September, but the attack on the World Trade Center put a crimp in those plans.

First, work slowed for a while at the offices of the film's distributor, like it did at many offices in Manhattan.

"Our offices were virtually closed for a week,"says Gabriele Caroti, Kino's director of publicity.

Because of the film's sensitive subject matter, Kino then waited to release "Time of Favor" until the war in Afghanistan slowed. The film opens Friday in New York and is scheduled to be shown in cities across North America during the next several months.

"Time of Favor" — or "Hahesder" ("The Arrangement"), as the film is known in Hebrew features fine performances by some of Israel's top actors, a combination of low-key romance and nerve-tingling action, an authentic insider's portrayal of Israel's settler community, and a plot that appears ripped from today's headlines on the turbulent Middle East — or the potential nightmare headlines of tomorrow.

The film is set in an isolated West Bank settlement, surrounded by the stark Judean hills and desert. The head of the settlement's yeshiva is charismatic Rabbi Meltzer played in a bravura performance by film-maker Asi Dayan, son of Moshe Dayan and a fervently secular leftist — who foresees the time when Jerusalem's Temple Mount will be cleared of Muslims and restored to Jewish hands.

Meltzer has convinced the army to establish an all-Orthodox unit attracting the finest yeshiva stu-

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Commanding the unit is Menachem, played by hunky Aki Avni, who is both Orthodox and a professional soldier. Among his men is the frail Pini (Edan Alterman), who has the making of a brilliant Talmudist and whom Meltzer wants to marry his daughter Michal, played by an Israeli actress named Tinkerbell.

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Independent-minded Michal instead is attracted to Menachem. Menachem also is drawn to her but, loyal to Pini and the rabbi, he rebuffs her. Distraught over Michal's rejec-

tion and convinced that the rabbi's futuristic vision calls for direct action, Pini plots to blow up the Muslim Dome of the Rock on Jerusalem's Temple Mount.

Israel's Shin Bet security service is tipped off and, fearful that an attack on the shrine would ignite the entire Muslim world, works feverishly to forestall the explosion.

The realization that such a deranged attempt is conceivable — and the consequences if it succeeds — is what gives the film's climax its special edge. Adding to the film's poignancy is

director Joseph Cedar's personal background.

Cedar, 32, was born to a geneticist father and drama-psychotherapist mother in New York. In 1973, when Cedar was 5, the modern Orthodox family made aliyah.

The family settled in the Bayit Vegan section of Jerusalem, dominated at the time by the national religious adherents of Gush Emunim. When he reached army age in 1986, Joseph served with an Israeli paratroop unit, where he was one of only three religious soldiers.

After his discharge, he earned a bachelor's degree at the Hebrew University and a graduate degree from New York University's film school.

When he started writing "Time of Favor" in 1995, Cedar moved to

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a West Bank settlement north of Ramallah. His friends in the settlement and in the wider Orthodox community had high hopes for his project.

"They told me that since I was the first observant Jew to make an Israeli feature film, here was a chance to show how great we really

are," Cedar recalls.

As the screenplay evolved, however, it gradually moved away from the initial idea of a vehicle for the national religious movement's viewpoint.

"I came to believe that the central question of the film was how much an individual must sacrifice for the good of a group or to advance a cause," Cedar says. "It's a question now facing Israeli society, and I don't know the answer. Like the film itself, I have more questions than answers."

(JTA Staff Writer Peter Ephross contributed to this report.)

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Super Sunday 2002 Chairs: Barbara Blumberg, Lisa Weiner, Felisha Alderson

COMMUNITY MILESTONES Transition For Sheldon Weinstein

Sheldon A. Weinstein, Esq. Managing Partner of Young, Conaway, Stargatt and Taylor, LLP and a member of the firm for 36 years, has chosen to become "Of Counsel" effective January 1,

2002. He will transfer his existing clients to other members of the firm and he will continue to work to develop additional client contacts and further enhance the firm's reputation in the community.

He looks forward to additional time to devote to his community involvement and for visits to Israel and San Francisco to be with his family.

Delmerico To Head Agency Board

Mark P. Delmerico, a member of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, JFD's Facilities Management Board and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Delaware Jewish Community Center, is the incoming President of SOAR. SOAR, Survivors of Abuse in Recovery, Inc., provides advocacy, counseling and support to victims of sexual abuse and their loved ones. The organization is based at 405 Foulk Road in Wilmington.

Sneiderman Presents At National Conference

Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman, Director of Chabad at the University of Delaware and Instructor at Delaware Gratz, was a presenter at the NAA conference in Orlando. The NAA, the North American Alliance for Jewish Youth, brings together Jewish youth educators from year round youth programs, Camp Programs, Israel and University programs. This year over 400 educators from around the world and across the spectrum of Jewish involvement participated. "It was great to see so many different groups come

together under one roof" said Rabbi Sneiderman. As a fellow at the Brandeis Institute for Informal Jewish Education for the last year and half, Rabbi Sneiderman "...appreciated the opportunity to share to share what we have learned with the rest in our field."

NEWS UPDATE: ROMANIA The Government of Romania has just extended the deadline for submission of notifications for property restitution claims. THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 14, 2002

To register a claim, applicants must file a Notification by the new deadline. The Notification must be registered through the local court executor where the property is located, the notification form can be downloaded from the Romanian Embassy's website: <u>www.roembus.org</u>

The following information is required when filing the notification:

Identification of claimant

•Identification of current legal owner of property (through the Office of the Mayor of the relevant location)

•Identification of the property. Address, surface in square meters, neighbors, number of rooms or dependencies, if relevant

•Estimated value of property in Romanian currency (lei)

For further information, contact your local Romanian Embassy. In the USA, contact Christian Gaginsky, Consul, at: Tel. (202) 332-4851, extension 118; Fax: (202) 232-4748; Email: cgagin-sky@roembus.org

Or consult the United Restitution Organization at any of its offices. New York, USA: (212) 921-3860; North York, Ontario, Canada: (416) 630-2920; Frankfurt/Main, Germany: (49-69) 713-779-0; Haifa, Israel: (972-4) 851-1211; Tel Aviv, Israel: (972-3) 517-0202



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.

JFS SUPPORT GROUP HELPS GRANDPARENTS PARENT AGAIN

Jewish Family Service announces a new free support group for grandparents or other relatives who are raising children. This is a chance to address many issues involved in raising children and to share experiences and insights. Childcare will be provided. This is a Family Circles program provided in coordination with Services for Older Adults, Jewish Family Service of Delaware and is sponsored by DHSS, Division of Services for Aging and Adults Physical Disabilities. with Grandparents: Parents AGAIN will meet every Wednesday evening, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at 101 Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington. To regis-ter, please call JFS at 478-9411.

BASKETFEST AT TEMPLE BETH EL

Temple Beth El's Sisterhood will hold their annual Basketfest 2002, on March 3rd. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. A minimum purchase of 20 tickets for \$9 (or \$10 at the door) entitles you to refreshments and 20 chances to win any of more than 50 themed baskets. Additional tickets will be sold at the event which is designed exclusively for adults. Temple Beth El is located at 301 Possum Park Road in Newark. For more information or ticket sales, please call 366-8330. **PEOPLE TO PEOPLE HOSTS**

MIDEAST EXPERT

The Delaware Chapter of People to People International and the World Trade Center Institute of Delaware invite the community to hear David Satterfield, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, speak on U.S. Foreign Policy on the Middle East. Satterfield is a former U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon. His presentation, slated for Wednesday, January 30, 7:00 p.m. at the Terrace at Greenhill, 800 DuPont Road, Wilmington, is free. For further information, please call Rebecca Faber, at 302-656-7905

ORT/HADASSAH SPONSOR ART AUCTION

Ort and Hadassah have planned something new for this year's art auction on Saturday, March 9, 2002 at the Jewish Community Center. The LIVE auction features an art gallery from New York city, Marlin Fine Auctions. Marlin -which is new to the Wilmington area - will bring beautiful art in all media and price ranges, representing some of your favorite artists as well as some exciting names new to the art community.

As a bonus, Ort and Hadassah have also gathered lots of fun items for a SILENT auction. From the LIVE auction to the SILENT auction, this year's Ort/Hadassah Auction offers something for every taste and budget. The evening begins at 7 pm. General admission is \$18 per person and a Patron Donation is \$25 per person. Catered hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served. For ticket information, call Eva Weissman (302) 478-9095.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE PRESENTS ...

Workshop: "Overcoming Chronic Worry": Explore healthy ways to cope with chronic worry to reconnect with a satisfying, productive life. Wednesday, February 6, 2002 Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m. Location: The Relationship Center,

288 East Main Street, Newark Facilitator: Peggy Lubin, LPC Cost: \$20

Register by calling Jewish Family Service at 478-9411 Workshop: "Surviving Personal

Workshop: "Surviving Personal Transitions": Learn how make the most of personal and professional transitions. Thursday, Februray 21, 2002

Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m. Location: The Relationship Center, 288 East Main Street, Newark Facilitator: Peggy Lubin, LPC

Cost: \$20

Register by calling Jewish Family Service at 478-9411

Workshop: Journey Through Pet Loss:_To help people whose pets have died find solace in celebration of the life of their pets.

Thursday evening, Februray 28, 2002 Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Location: The Relationship Center, 288 East Main Street, Newark Facilitator: Peggy Lubin, LPC Cost: \$20

Register by calling Jewish Family Service at 478-9411

Camp Scholarships For Children Of Families Struggling With Cancer

Jewish children, ages 8-13, who are part of a family struggling with the cancer of a sibling or parent are eligible for full scholarships to Camp Young Judaea Sprout Lake. The scholarships are offered through the Jonathan Krakow Memorial Fund, administered by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.

Camp Sprout Lake is located in Verbank, New York, two hours north of New York City. It combines the best in camping with a strong love for Israel and everything Jewish. The camp is Shabbat and kashrut observant, and accommodates a total of 200 boys and girls. Sprout Lake runs in two sessions: the first from June 24-July 17; the second from July 22-August 14. Scholarships are available for either.

The Jonathan Krakow Memorial Fund was established by Hadassah in 1996 to honor the memory of a young man who lost his struggle against brain cancer. Jonathan was a Young Judaea Sprout Lake camper, and later a counselor. His days at Sprout Lake provided him with fun and friendships that comforted and encouraged him even in his darkest days.

For further information, please contact Judy Shereck at (212) 303-4591, or jshereck@hadassah.org. Contributions to the fund can be made out to the Jonathan Krakow Memorial Fund, c/o Judy Shereck, Hadassah, 50 West 58th Street, New York, NY 10019.

Calling All World II Veterans

Donald L. Miller, author of the newly released book "The Story of World War II", invites all veterans who fought the war in Europe, the Pacific and North Africa to express their views during his upcoming appearance in Wilmington. Miller, a John Henry McCracken Professor of History at Lafayette College in Easton, PA, will discuss his book and sign copies at Barnes and Noble in the Concord Mall, on Monday, February 11th at 7:30 p.m.

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