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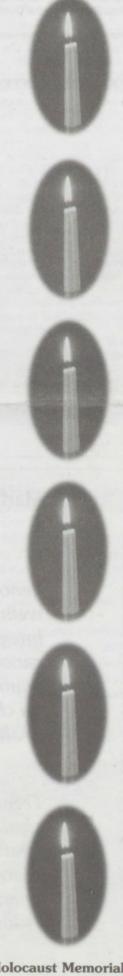
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**Jewish Voice** 



Dr. Arnold Kerr shares his story with JFD President Barbara Schoenberg (left) and Sue Shaffer, director of JFD's Jewish Community Relations Committee.

# Holocaust Survivor Shares His Story

By LYNN EDELMAN

Editor

The beginning of World War II marked the end of Arnold Kerr's childhood. The 11-year-old boy and his family fled their home in Poland for Vilna – on the run from the Nazis.

Kerr recalled for participants in

the annual Yom Ha Shoah Holocaust Remembrance Day celebration in Wilmington the month and year that his world fell apart – June, 1941. At this time, Germany attacked Russia triggering the destruction of Vilna's Jewish community

Three weeks before the war

broke out, scores of refugees were transported to Siberia. When war was officially declared, those who remained – including Kerr and his family, were moved to the ghetto. Housing was cramped and food was in short supply.

1943, the year that the ghetto was liquidated, was the last time that Kerr saw his mother and two younger brothers. They were sent to Auschwitz while he and his older brother went to Estonia.

There, the brothers were forced into slave labor and subhuman living conditions. "There were no beds, he recalled, remembering that "the men slept crammed together like sardines on the bitter cold barracks floor."

Many died of starvation or hypothermia. However they weren't dying quickly enough for the Nazis. In 1944, the SS decided to kill off 20 percent of the remaining inmates. Kerr's brother was among those exterminated.

The angry young man vowed to survive and make his life a tribute to the memories of his family. At 17, after having spent half of his teenage years in concentration camps, he was liberated.

Kerr began a new life in America. He moved to Delaware in 1978 and joined the faculty of the University of Delaware as a professor of Civil Engineering. He frequently shares his Holocaust experiences with groups and individuals to ensure that "we never forget the horrors of the Shoah."

Also participating in the Yom Ha Shoah program organized by the interfaith Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware were Delaware Governor Tom Carper, State Treasurer Jack Markell and Wilmington Mayor James Sills. Barbara Schoenberg, JFD president, received proclamations from the State of Delaware, the County of New Castle and the City of Wilmington, recognizing Yom Ha Shoah as a day to remember the victims and the survivors of perhaps the darkest chapter in modern Jewish history.

Members of the Choral Group of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth performed and area clergy offered inspirational prayers and readings. The event was co-sponsored by the Delaware Region of the National Conference for Community and Justice, the Interdenominational Ministerial Action Council, The Rabbinical Association of Delaware and the Jewish Federation of

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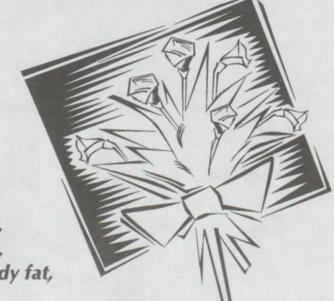
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#### Can History Repeat Itself?

The television footage from Yugoslavia is upsetting - particularly to Jews whose lives were touched by the Holocaust. Images of men, women and children forced from their homes and loaded onto trains bring a disturbing sense of déjà vu to those who have experienced the darkest days of modern Jewish history.

Although Jews are not the target in this latest attempt at ethnic cleansing, we are especially sensitive to the Albanians plight. We, who had no voice in the decimation of our people, have voiced our outrage at the Serbian atrocities. Our people, denied refuge from Hitler's horrors, have opened our hearts to Yugoslavia's refugees.

North American Jewry is responding to their plight with donations of food, clothing and other assistance. Contributions should be directed to UJA Federations of North America, c/o Kosovo Refugee Relief Fund, 111 Eighth Avenue, Suite 11 E, New York, NY 10011-5201.

Nobel laureate Elie Weisel, speaking in Washington earlier this week during Yom Ha Shoah ceremonies, praised the United States for taking the kind of action in Kosovo that it failed to take to help Holocaust survivors during World War II.

This time the world was not silent. This time we did respond. This time we inter-

#### vened," he said.

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The regular Torah portion deals mainly with a manifestation of a disease that is similar to leprosy whose appearance is in the Biblical context - our Rabbis teach us - because of the sin of slander. This is an important lesson to recall at the beginning of this new month of lyar - a time infused with a sense of ascending holiness.

This is the time of transition between the Exodus of Passover to the revelation of Torah and the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai seven weeks later on Shavout. During each of these 49 days, the Omer is counted. With each day's count, it is hoped that we will improve ourselves spiritually, religiously and humanistically so that we are worthy of receiving these precious documents.

Rabbi Daniel Z. Kramer, Director, National UJA Rabbinic Cabinet

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Celebrate Israel's Independence

I am honored and proud to send you this special letter on the occasion of Israel's 51st anniversary. My message comes to you from Jerusalem, the capital of the Jewish people for the past 51 years-indeed for all time. I speak to you today first and foremost as a Jew, and I bring to you a message of great hopes, but also of challenges that must be overcome.

I believe that only today, 51 years after the creation of the State of Israel, with its unprecedented achievements, can we truly appreciate the historical turning point-the establishment of an independent state created for Jews. Without a strong Jewish state, Jews around the world not have been able to achieve the security and stability or to maintain the way of life that they enjoy today.

Israel today is also a leading country in pursuing peace. It is the only known nation that has voluntarily given up territory that is part of its historic homeland to achieve peace with its Arab and Palestinian neigh-

I strongly believe that Israel does not need to prove its quest for peace. Israel has demonstrated time and time again its willingness to make painful compromises on behalf of peace and to move the pace process forward. But one thing we will not do-we will not initiate action that will compromise in any way the security and survival of Jews in their homeland or elsewhere around the world. Security for our people is

our prime responsibility-without it, peace will not materialize.

In this rapidly changing, sometimes confusing world, our common future and destiny depends on fostering broad Jewish consensus and unity. Such unity is required to achieve our long-term national goals. First, and most urgent, is to bring to Israel at least one million new immigrants from Russia, the Ukraine and other former Republics of the Soviet Union, as well as from France and North and South America. This will make Israel a totally different country, growing and developing to become the home of seven to eight million Jews. For the first time, the majority of the Jewish people will be living in their homeland, Israel.

In 51 years, we have come a long way together, but our tasks are not yet complete. We in Israel are only the custodians of this project. The challenges still facing us can be overcome only with your participation and partnership. Only together we can realize all our dreams and hopes.

I wish you all a joyous Independence Day. It is my sincere hope that you will continue to display the strength, determination and courage to bring our Zionist vision to its final destination: peace with security for Israel, for our Arab neighbors in the region, and for Jewish people around the world.

Shalom, Ariel Sharon, Minister of Foreign Affairs.



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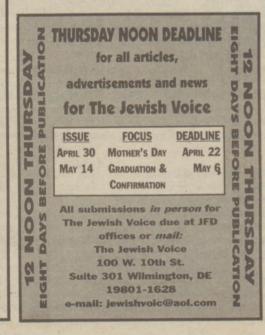
"As Jews, we cannot stand idly by when faced by images of Kosovo – of thousands of refugees expelled from their homes, of the frightened faces peering from railroad cars. As Jews, this sight makes us shudder more than any other people."

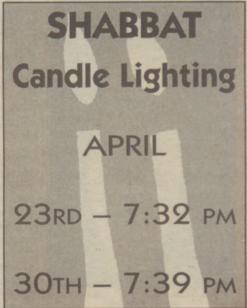
- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at welcoming ceremonies for 110 Kosovo refugees.

"The situation in Kosovo may be viewed as a pre-Holocaust development. However, in the absence of concentration camps, forced labor and starvation, to compare the plight of the ethnic Albanians with that of Eastern European Jews is an injustice to those who were killed and an insult to those who survived.'

- Dr. Arnold Kerr, University of Delaware professor and survivor of numerous concentration camps.

"I have a rabbi at home. He keeps saying that, if you don't listen to God, you are going to gehenom - the Hebrew word for hell. I say, 'Don't tell me that. I was there'. - Jack Glicksman, the only member of his family to survive the Holocaust.





#### FEDERATION FOCUS

## New Name For JFD's Umbrella Organization

By JULIA GOLDMAN

What do you get when you add the council of Jewish Federations to the United Jewish Appeal and the United Israel Appeal?

Federation leaders from around the country meeting this week in Washington completed that equation with "United Jewish Communities: Serving Federations Across North America."

That's the name chosen for North American Jewry's new central fund-raising and social-service organization.

The name was adopted after a passionate debate that exemplified some of the tensions inherent in forming a new national organization intended to change the culture of a central system that serves the needs of Jews locally, nationally and internationally.

The new national structure is intended to put more decision-making power in the hands of the federations, who have a majority share in the governing bodies that will be set up, if plans go smoothly, over the next three months.

These include a 550-plus delegate assembly made up primarily of representatives nominated by federations; a 120-seat board of trustees, 68 percent coming directly from federations, with the remainder from the organization's four special platform committees and representatives from social-service agencies and regional groupings; and a 25-member executive committee made up of officers, federation representatives and chairs of key departments within the national body, which will oversee daily operations.

The ambitious plans for the merger necessitated the dissolution of the CJF and the UJA, whose boards effectively voted themselves out of existence.

The UIA, which had been the mechanism by which funds raised by the UJA had made their way to the Jewish Agency for Israel, remains somewhat autonomous for legal reasons, but it shrank its

board of directors by two-thirds.

To facilitate the transition from three organizations to one, Stephen Solender, the executive vice president of UJA-Federation of New York, agreed to serve as the group's acting chief professional officer.

Solender will continue in his current position as he shepherds the United Jewish Communities through its first six months of operation.



Stephen Solender

Announcing Solender's appointment, the new organization's chairman of the board, Charles Bronfman, explained the decision to name an interim officer while the search for a permanent president continues.

"We must move forward today," he said, emphasizing the last word. Addressing the federation representatives as majority shareholders, he added, "We must work with the new ownership today."

Rabbi Irwin Kula, the president of CLAL: the national Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, challenged the leaders assembled to focus more on service than on power.

"No one has the answers. No one has the national vision," he told the leaders gathered Monday morning, advising against search-

Kristol Honored by University Of Delaware

ing for conclusive solutions to improving the national system. "There are only ongoing processes."

Building respect among the leaders of the new organization and restoring credibility with the communities they serve topped his priority list

"The community is about trust and faith in people. It's not about the strategic plan," he said. He added that the perception of UJA and federations as oligarchic organizations has created a "radical disconnect between the people in this room and amcha," meaning the Jewish people.

For his part, Bronfman delineated the challenges ahead by stressed philosophical issues such as inclusiveness and coalition building over structural details.

He also called for redefining the relationship between North American Jewry and Israel, moving from a view of Israel solely as a recipient of Diaspora funds to one of Israel as a partner with equal responsibility "to nurture and build the new Jewish world."

Partnerships should also be forged, he said, with synagogue to infuse "Jewish peoplehood" with Jewish ritual and Jewish knowledge. And working relationships should be pursued with non-Jewish organizations and any other Jewish group that "supports our mission," including private philanthropies often viewed as competition for donor dollars.

He also called for greater representation in the new system of smaller federations and greater leadership opportunities for younger Jews and for women.

Many of these points emerged in discussions among the federation representatives as they reviewed the results of a survey that had been taken of about 400 people from among their ranks.

Conducted by the New Yorkbased Delta Consulting, the survey, commissioned by the new entity, isolated areas of concern that federations felt were critical to the new entity's success and those that stood in its way.

The survey found the trend that "major donors are increasingly choosing philanthropic alternatives to federated giving" to be a particular concern. Among the "critical barriers" to be overcome were "the impacts of conflicts related to pluralism, both locally and globally" and "old ways of decision-making" that left some federations feeling they "did not have a voice."

"Ideals to strive for," in the view of those surveyed, included strengthening Jewish communities in North America; finding "visionary and articulate" leadership; and building a dynamic and responsive organization. Transforming the mindset of federations from "wethey" into "we-we" was also seen as a critical factor to the new entity's success.

Originally planned as a regular quarterly meeting of the CJF, the meetings here, termed the "Founders Forum," gave federations an initial opportunity to "take responsibility for telling the national entity what they expect from it," said Joel Tauber of Detroit, who was appointed the organization's chairman of the executive committee in February.

"That's far different from what's been done before," he said, alluding to a driving force behind the whole merger – the demand by local federations for a greater voice in the whole system.

The ballot vote for the new entity's name – for the past year it had been referred to as "UJA Federations of North America" and "Newco," a legal term for new, unnamed organizations – was intended as a first step toward greater democracy.

Asked to choose between "United Jewish Federations: Creating Communities that Care" and "United Jewish Communities: Serving Federations Across North America," most of the lay and professional leaders in attendance favored the former option going into the vote on Monday.

But market research conducted months in advance indicated that "United Jewish Communities" would have greater appeal among philanthropically active younger Jews.

"To the generation under 50," Bronfman explained in introducing the subject Monday morning, "when you say 'federation,' they think 'Star Trek'."

Admitting that he was trying to "sell" federation leaders on the name United Jewish Communities, he said, "If we want to show a new face to the younger generation, maybe we should take a leap of faith and try that other name."

During the floor debate that preceded the ballot vote later that day, many federation representatives seemed unwilling to jump.

Several people passionately pointed out that "United Jewish Communities" did not accurately represent a federation-owned national system.

"We spent years and years trying to get across the idea of ourselves as 'federation.' To take 'federation' out of the name completely would be a huge mistake," said Donald Lefton, a past president of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, to hearty applause.

But Jon Friedenberg, the executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater San Jose, Calif., and a member of the naming committee, said that he had been swayed by the market data.

"We as a system have experienced a net loss of 130,000 donors over the last five years alone," he said. "The question to think about is: Who are we naming this organization for?

"The most innovative thing we've done," he said, was not choosing a name, but choosing a "target audience" of Jewishly involved people under 50.

"Our target audience does not have the same understanding of 'federation' as the people in this room," he said.

Jennifer Laszlo of Washington, a member of the UJA's Young Leadership Cabinet – and, at 34, perhaps the youngest attendee in the room, spoke with excitement in support of the new name.

"Quite frankly, my generation sees this organization as 'alta kakers' with lots of money," she told the group, using a humorous Yiddish term for "old people."

"Let's change the name, change the logo, but not the commitment to making a difference in people's lives."

In the end, a vote of 73-59 raised the banner of innovation over the new entity.

The name must still be approved by the as-yet-unformed board of trustees.



V

Pearl Kristol

On Sunday, Pearl Kristol will be among those honored by University of Delaware President and Mrs. David Roselle and the Board of Directors of the University of Delaware Hillel Student Center for her contribution to Jewish Life on the University of Delaware campus. The Hillel Student Center is named in honor of Mrs. Kristol and her late husband, Abe.

Kristol first became interested in Hillel through her involvement as a charter member of the B'nai B'rith Women's organization. "For many years the students (at the University of Delaware) did not have a real building or a counselor." After Abe Kristol died, his widow was asked to build a permanent place for Jewish students on the University of Delaware campus. The Hillel Student Center "Fulfilled a dream"

of hers, Hillel is something about which the University of Delaware's Jewish students can say 'this is ours'."

In addition to building the Hillel Student Center, Kristol has established an Endowment Fund administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, which provides money for Hillel programming, and will continue to do so in perpetuity.

Kristol's interest in and contribution to Hillel was spurred by her desire to "keep Jewish kids interested in our heritage while at school" and sensure that they would "not feel unique on campus but would have their own place on campus in which they would feel at home and use for recreation, study and socializing." Although her own children, Daniel, (Wilmington), Howard (Scarsdale, NY), and David, (Summit, NJ), did not attend

the University of Delaware, Kristol's contribution allowed her to bring Hillel to Delaware, where it had not existed before. In addition to her involvement

with Hillel and B'nai B'rith women, Kristol is a former member of the YMHA, Beth Shalom Congregation, Hadassah, JFD, and the Kutz Home Auxiliary.

The Jewish Fund for the Future, Jewish Federation of Delaware and the entire Hillel community congratulate Pearl Kristol, Bennett Epstein and Yetta Chaiken on this well deserved recognition.

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#### JEWISH PERSPECTIVES

## Kosovar Refugees Arrive In Israel On Eve Of Holocaust Remembrance Day

By NAOMI SEGAL

The poignant convergence of Holocaust Remembrance Day and the arrival of 112 ethnic Albanians from Kosovo was not lost on anyone.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was among the dignitaries who welcomed the flight of refugees on Monday, which was organized by the Jewish Agency for Israel.

Israel agreed to grant the group

asylum as part of the humanitarian assistance it has extended to their war-torn region.

The refugees, who came with virtually nothing, were than taken to Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael, near Haifa, where the Jewish Agency will provide for their needs for the next six months.

Netanyahu referred to the refugees' plight during his remarks Monday evening at the state Yom Hashoah ceremony held at the Yad

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife, Sara, greet the Albanian refugees last Monday on their arrival in the Jewish state.

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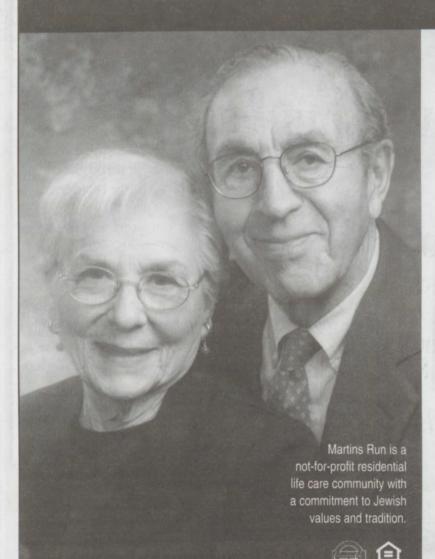
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#### By HAROLD RUBIN

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become 67 years old. Full Social Security benefits are paid to beneficiaries who retire at age 65 but payouts are reduced for those who start collecting at an earlier age. You can apply for your retirement check at age 62, but it will be 80% of the amount you'd receive if you waited until 65; at age 63 it is reduced by about 13 1/3 percent; and at age 64 it is reduced by about 6 2/3 percent. Beginning in the year 2000, the early retirement benefit for a 62year old will be decreased an additional 1 % per year. Starting in 2003, if your full retirement age is 67 and you retire at 62 your benefits will be reduced by about 30 % at age 63 it will be reduced about 25%; at age 64 it will be reduced about 20%; at age 65 it will be reduced about 13 1/3% and at age 66 it will be reduced about 6 2/3 %. If your earnings exceed certain limitations, Social Security will reduce your benefits accordingly Benefits for those 62-64 are reduced by \$1 for every \$2 you earn over the limitation, and for those 65-70, the reduction is \$1 for every \$3 you earn over the limitation. In 1996, people aged 65-70 face an earnings limitation of \$11,520, adjusted yearly for wage inflation. For those under 65, it's \$8,280. Therefore, if you're 65 to

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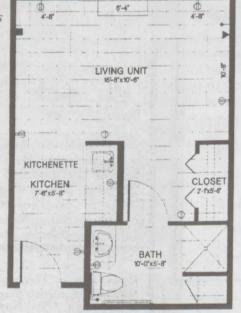
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#### Scholar-In-Residence Weekend-

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diversity of Jewish topics including; 40 Things You Can Do To Save The Jewish People, Learning Torah, Shema Is For Real, and You Shall Be For A Blessing. His recent articles have appeared in Jewish Spectator, Hadassah, The Baltimore Jewish Times and Jewish Family. A resident of Los

Angeles Mr. Grishaver is the coowner of two publishing companies Torah Aura Publications and Alef Design Group.

During Shabbat services on April 30 at 8:00 p.m., Grishaver will speak on the "Soul of the Jewish Family". A 6:15 p.m. Shabbat congregational dinner will precede the Services. On Saturday morning, May 1, at 9:30, Grishaver will

give the D'Var Torah on "70 Faces of Torah, Learning How to Learn Torah". 5:30 p.m.Mincha-Maariv-Havdalah services will include a "Family Bet Din", an interactive family program and a Seudal Shlishit (a light dairy meal). Friday and Saturday services and related programs will be at the synagogue, 1801 Baynard Boulevard.

A Sunday, May 2, 11:00 a.m. teen and parent community program will conclude the weekend.

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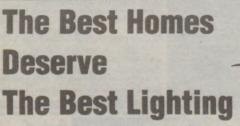
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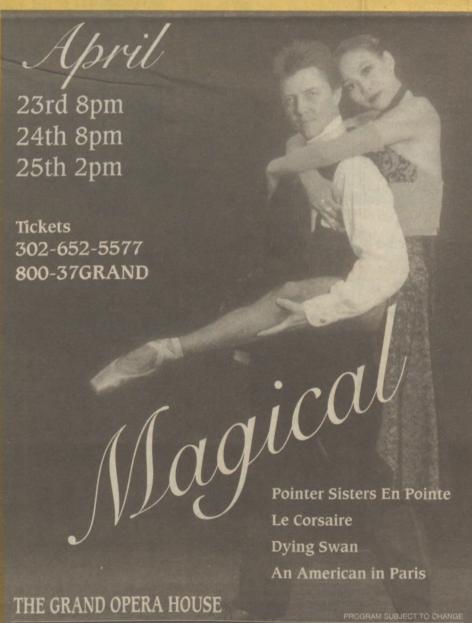
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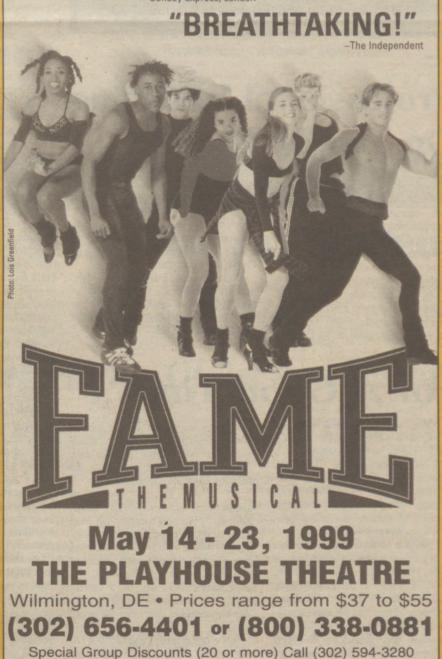
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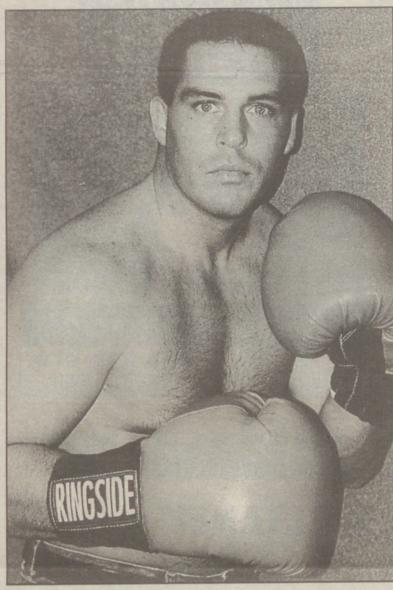


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"Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other's gold." These are the words to a very old, familiar song. They do remind us, however, that true friendship is a most wonderful blessing. On the other hand, the absence of others can often produce a gnawing loneliness

If you are forty or older and you are a widow, widower, divorced, or single, then you have probably asked yourself a thousand times how and where you could meet someone who could become a special person in your life. Are you searching for romance? A friend you can count on? Someone to go out to dinner and a movie? An interesting pal to swap stories and argue politics? Whatever you hope

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So if you fit the description above, why not join others in an informal planning meeting on May 23rd at Beth Emeth at 4:00 p.m. The "Silver and Gold Club," though they haven't really adopted an official name yet, needs you and your ideas. This will be a warm, engaging, and stimulating group. We know this is true because you'll

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#### A Tribute To Rabbi Malinger

By PAUL TIMMENEY

After six years of service to Congregation Beth Emeth, Rabbi Laurence P. Malinger will leave Wilmington at the end of June for Aberdeen, New Jersey where he will become senior rabbi at Temple Shalom. During the past six years, Rabbi Malinger has worked tirelessly on behalf of Beth Emeth and the Jewish community as a whole. He has touched many lives and truly set an example for us all to emulate. These past six years have also been a time of remarkable growth

and development for Congregation Beth Emeth and its programs.

Of course, we can not let one of the authors of this success slip quietly away to New Jersey without at least a little fuss. The congregation will host an elaborate oneg and tribute to Rabbi Malinger following the 8:00 p.m. service on Friday, May14th. Those attending should plan on staying until about 10:00 p.m. to enjoy the warmth of our Beth Emeth family and to turn the tables on the rabbi by giving him our blessings.

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# **Isadore Reitzes Memorial Fund Benefits Jewish Education**

By LYNN EDELMAN Editor

Isadore "Izzy" Reitzes had a "can do" attitude towards life. "Everything dad set his mind to, he was successful at," said his son, Marc, a Wilmington banker. Marc Reitzes believes that his father would be particularly pleased to be memorialized by a fund that supports Jewish educational programs. "My father cared deeply about young people and transmitting Jewish values and traditions - he would be honored to leave a legacy to the community he loved so dearly," he

Indeed, young people flocked to the family's North Wilmington home to play ball with the man who was a rabid baseball fan from the very first time he picked up a ball. He believed in the power of sports to motivate kids and give them self-confidence. In this spirit, he helped to found one of Wilmington's first chapters of Boys Club of America.

Reitzes' athletic prowess earned him inclusion in the Wilmington High School Wall of Fame. He was drafted by the Cleveland Indians to play semi-pro ball. His professional baseball career was sidelined by a hand injury.

Marc Reitzes was awed by his father's ability to overcome obstacles. A child of the Depression, Izzy Reitzes worked to finance his studies at the University of Delaware, where he majored in electrical engineering. Despite this rigorous schedule, he somehow found the time to serve as captain of the school's baseball and football

Rose Reitzes, his wife of almost 63 years, remembers her husband as a man who was generous with his time and financial resources. Although a shy man, he excelled at fundraising. He went door-to-door for donations to the Diabetes Foundation, received a Founder's Award from the Kutz Home for the Aged and was honored by the Council of Jewish Federations in 1964 for securing a record 300 commitments to the UJA/Federation cam-

Mrs. Reitzes recalls that he also secured a job through his close re-

lationship with former Federation Executive Director Harold Nappan. Nappan saw his drive, energy and motivation - traits that indicate sales acumen. On Nappan's recommendation, Reitzes, trained as a chemist, joined the sales staff of Friden, Inc. During his long and successful sales career, he won numerous awards.

If there was an award for "kind-ness and thoughtfulness", Lillian Blank thinks her brother Izzy would have won it hands down. Blank made the start-up gift to fund the Foundation in tribute to her brother's commitment to Judaism. "He believed strongly that religious education helps ensure Jewish continuity and deter intermarriage," she said. She added that "a bar or bat mitzvah should be the beginning of a young person's Jewish education and this Foundation will make sure that opportunities exist for life-long learning for all who request it."

To contribute to The Isadore Reitzes Memorial Fund for Jewish Education or to create a separate Fund in memory of a loved one, please call Rachel A. Gross, Esq., Federation Endowment Director at



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# Crisis In Kosovo - E-mail Updates

By RUTH E. GRUBER JTA

A former leader of the Yugoslav Jewish community plays tennis with a group of friends two times a week in Belgrade.

When they play now, the men wear bull's-eye targets pinned to their backs - a symbol worn by Yugoslav citizens protesting NATO bombs.

Last week they had to cut short a game because of an air raid siren, but despite the bombing, the games "will probably go on," he quipped by e-mail, "as long as the tennis courts are intact - or as long as we are intact.'

This man, like nearly all with whom this reporter communicated by e-mail, asked that his name not be used. He added: "I still feel that this is surreal. I still cannot believe all this is happening. Ok, I do, but not yet 100%. I suppose people in Beirut, Sarajevo and perhaps Vietnam, for that matter, felt the same way.

NATO's ongoing air war against Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's campaign against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo has placed Yugoslavia's 3,000 Jews, most of whom live in Belgrade, in much the same crisis as that faced by their fellow countrymen.

Yugoslavia's Jews are well integrated into mainstream society, and they share the same concerns, frustrations and fears — as well as the same black humor — experienced by their fellow citizens as they try to carry on their daily lives.

'Our worries are the same, and our troubles, too," one Belgrade Jewish man said. "Food is still sufficient, so is water and electric power. Once that becomes scarce, we shall be in trouble."

Reported another man, a Jew from Sarajevo who, along with 200 others, found refuge in Belgrade seven years ago during the Bosnian war and remained in the Serbian capital: "Where I live in Belgrade, you can hear explosions and see lights from the rockets and bombs. In the suburbs, the situation is worse. The rockets fall even on civilians, and some of our friends spend all the time in the bunkers.

Said a community member who survived World War II and the bombing of Belgrade by the Nazis in 1941 and the Allies in 1943: "I hate shelters and do not have the feeling that my wife and I are endangered, so we do not go to shelters. We spend our time in the Jewish community offices, or at home. Our flat is on the 11th floor. The problem is that we live far from the community so we have problems [getting there]. There is no fuel to buy now.

The NATO attack triggered shock, surprise and anger, as well as dismay and disruption. It also triggered a sense of common fate against an outside enemy.

'NATO united the Serbs for the first time since 1815," said one Jewish man.

The Yugoslav media — tightly controlled by the state - present the war as a struggle by tiny Serbia to maintain its sovereignty in the face of a Nazi-style onslaught by the greatest power on earth. The Serbian atrocities in Kosovo are not mentioned, and the plight of the Kosovar refugees, if mentioned

the NATO bombing campaign and attacks on Serb forces by the Kosovo Liberation Army.

Yugoslav Jews - who throughout the series of Balkan wars in the 1990s steered clear of taking any official political position — for the most part have closed ranks with the rest of the country in protesting the NATO campaign.

This was expressed publicly in a March 28 appeal issued by the Federation of Jewish Communities of Yugoslavia to halt the attack. 'The bombing hurts all Yugoslav citizens including Jews, as we also are citizens of Yugoslavia," it said.

Individual Jews - such as the tennis player — protest symbolically by wearing a "target" or by dancing and singing at the anti-NATO open-air concerts held at noon daily in downtown Belgrade.

One young woman reported by e-mail last week that she had wanted to join other residents of Belgrade in a vigil as voluntary human shields on the city's bridges, but was too scared to do so.

There wasn't any bombing in Belgrade last night, but my mother was awake all night listening for airplanes," she wrote. "We stayed in our beds. We are too cowardly to go on the bridge at night - and I am not proud of that.

One member of the Jewish community, Avram Izrael, has become a well-known public figure during the crisis.

Izrael is the spokesman for Belgrade's Monitoring and Early Warning Center, a civil defense office that informs the public of imminent attacks. In this capacity, he appears regularly on local radio

at all, is presented as the result of and television issuing air raid warnings and explaining what should be done in cases of emergency.

One Belgrade Jew said that among the placards carried by the crowd attending the daily protest concerts was one that reads, "Hey, Clinton, may Avram Izrael wake you up!" Few in Belgrade -Jewish or otherwise — thought that NATO would actually attack.

Nevertheless, months before NATO launched its missile and bombing attack, Yugoslav Jewish leaders met in Budapest with Hungarian Jewish leaders and representatives of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee to map out a crisis strategy — just in

"We organized everything that we could foresee," a Belgrade community leader said by e-mail last week. "Our people have the same problems as all other inhabitants of Belgrade — and even more.

Jews have no relatives living in villages where they can move in case they feel endangered here in the town, or from whom they can receive some food supplies for

Plans, which have since been carried out, included renting buses that recently evacuated some 250 children and elderly people to Budapest. Yugoslav officials are forbidding men between the ages of 18 and 60 to leave.

Last week, the Jewish community of Pristina evacuated its young people to relatives in Serbia, according to the JDC. Prior to the April 8 evacuation, community members had said they felt safe and preferred to remain in the

As with the Jewish-organized bus convoys that evacuated people from Sarajevo earlier this decade, non-Jews have also been taken out on the buses to Budapest. Small reserves of cash, food, water and medicines were prepared in advance, and procedures to aid and communicate with the small Jewish communities in eight provincial towns and cities were developed.

Provisions were also made for community members to find shelter in a Belgrade synagogue if they were afraid to stay in their homes.

Few have made use of the opportunity, but about 100 people - more than usual for the holiday attended services in the synagogue on the first night of Passover. About 50 stayed on for a seder held on the premises. The JDC and the London-based World Jewish Relief managed to get Passover supplies to all provincial Jewish communities except Nis and Pristina.

Meanwhile, the nation's Jewish leadership has launched an appeal to other Jewish communities to help Yugoslav Jews.

Inside Yugoslavia, the situation is dark," it said in a statement last Friday. "The Federation of Jewish Communities of Yugoslavia is maintaining daily contacts with the nine Jewish communities, financially supports them and coordinates the protection of all its members. War is creating emergency needs for these communities of Yugoslavia. The available funds the JDC has provided will soon run dry. As usual in such situations, money can solve some of the prob-

#### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

### A Fantasy In Glass At The Delaware Art Museum

By PAULA SHULAK

Dale Chihuly, master glassblower, once said, "People for centuries have been fascinated with glass. It's the most magical of materials.' And magical is precisely the word to describe the Chihuly BASKETS exhibit currently on display at the Delaware Art Museum (through June 20). When you enter the darkened gallery in which some 50 glass baskets and basket sets are dramatically arranged, you are struck immediately by the vibrant colors, unusual decoration and intriguing sculptures that surround you. The series was inspired by Native American fiber baskets which Chihuly first saw in the storeroom of a museum in his

native state of Washington. The artist felt a spiritual connection between the baskets and his glass art since both materials were totally natural, were enhanced by surface decoration and sagged under their own weight. He started to experiment and since 1977 has been working on baskets of varying

shape, size, and color. The BAS-KETS series was his breakthrough work and firmly established him as an international artist of renown.

It is fascinating to learn that Chihuly sends a team of artists (who also do the actual blowing since he is blind in one eye) to set up his work in each location and they arrange the baskets in a different, unique way each time.

Therefore, the display that you see at DAM will never be shown in exactly the same way again! An added feature of the exhibit is a video which shows exactly how the sculptures are made in Chihuly's Seattle studio. You are able to see how the intricate designs and delicate lips (which according to the artist contain the energy of his work) are put on the baskets and how the wonderfully variegated shades and shapes are formed. The ordinary typical Indian baskets which you see as you enter the gallery are eventually transformed from utilitarian objects to magnifi-

The final majestic feature of the exhibit is a room size PERSIAN series window which Chihuly has

Huge glass basket/flowers are mounted against the large lobby window at the museum and reflect a constantly changing aura of light created especially for the DAM. and shadow throughout the day. It is a sight not to be missed. The Delaware Art Museum is located on Kentmere Parkway and is open Tuesday-Sunday. Call 571-9590

#### Unique Pairing Of Art And History

By PAULA SHULAK

An unusual treat is in store for art lovers who venture to the lower section of Wilmington's Market Street Mall between now and August. The Delaware Historical Society has on display in its History Center an exhibit of the work of Ethel P.B. Leach, one of the First State's best kept secrets. She is an artist of great talent who studied (along with N.C. Wyeth and Frank Schoonover) under the famed Howard Pyle, but whose reputation has been somewhat hidden. However, now in this excellent retrospective of her work and times, she is brought to the forefront.

Perhaps best known for helping to establish the Rehoboth Art

League, Ethel P. B. Leach is a multi-talented painter who used almost every known artistic medium and produced lovely work in each. She lived from 1878 - 1959 and resided in all three counties of our state. The most fascinating thing about this exhibit is that it combines Leach's oil paintings, watercolors, sketches, linoleum prints, illustrations, etc. with actual artifacts from her life and times.

There are photographs, letters and diaries (on all of which she sketched and doodled) as well as souvenirs of her days abroad studying in France. The exhibit is arranged in a very interesting and clear way which takes you from her earliest years through her fame as

a cover artist for Harper's Weekly and Collier's Magazine and on to her still lives painted in Kent and Sussex County. Her portraits are vibrant and beautiful catching the personality of her subjects; her landscapes are so real you can almost see the shimmering heat of Summer Model painted in 1926. Her paintings of Henlopen, Barratt's Chapel, Frederica and Lewes remind me of the work which Jack Lewis has done in immortalizing his home town of Bridgeville. You can almost see yourself standing there. She truly captured a "sense of place" in her work. It is well worth your time to visit this exhibit and discover a new bit of Delawareana. For more information call 655-7161.

#### Albert Einstein Academy Presents Community Builder Award At First Annual Gala



Pictured above are, top (left to right) Award recipient Paul Fine, Bernie Siegel and Chuck Welch, Tribute Co-Chairs, Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, AEA Head of School and bottom (left to right) Award recipient Gloria Fine with Ruth Siegel, Tribute Co-Chair.



Noa, superstar of the Israel 50 Celebration, will perform at Germantown Jewish Centre on Sunday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. in a 90-minute uninterrupted performance. This is Noa's only Philadelphia performance on her current tour! Tickets are available by calling Germantown Jewish Centre at (215) 844-1507. Tickets for Patrons (includes reserved seating and a reception with Noa following the concert!) are \$100; Contributors are \$50 and general admission are \$36. GJC is located at 400 W. Ellet St. (at the corner of Lincoln Drive) in Mt. Airy.

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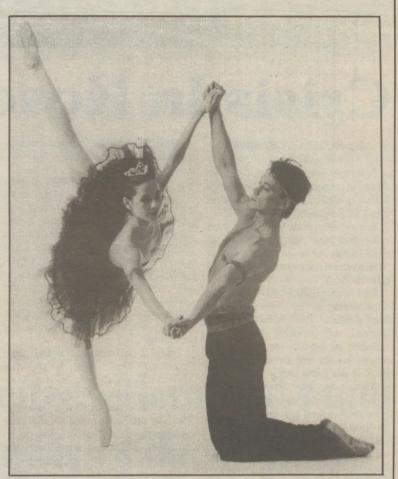
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Russian Ballet Theater (RBT) dancers Anya Invanova and Pavel Kambalov will perform the breathtaking pas de deux from Le Corsaire as part of the company's April 23rd-25th program at The Grand Opera House in Wilmington. Performance times are Friday, April 23rd and Saturday, April 24th at 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 25th at 2 p.m. The April show also includes the popular contemporary piece, Pointer Sisters en Pointe, and a special performance by guest artist Leslie Browne. Tickets are \$26 to \$46, with special discounts available seniors, students and groups. For the matinee on Sunday, April 25th, adults can buy one ticket and get a child's ticket for free. For more information, call The Grand Box Office at 1-800-37GRAND.



#### MILESTONES

#### In Memoriam -

LEON "MIKE" BLOOM

Leon "Mike" Bloom, 78, of Wilmington, died April 8 in Boca Raton, Florida. A World War II Navy officer, he started the Vet's Welding Shop after the war. He also owned and operated Steel Supplies, Inc. and B&B Industries, a steel service center. He was active in trade groups and union activities.

Mr. Bloom is survived by his wife of 18 years, Anita Matter Bloom; seven children, all of Wilmington; Bobbe Ann Short, Nancy Bloom, Michael Bloom, David Bloom, Danny Bloom, Susan Iardella and Patty Carlin; a sister, Ecky Kantor of MA; a brother, Harry Bloom of LA; and 15 grandchildren. The family requests contributions in his memory be made to either the Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, c/o Mary Weinstein, 8602 Society Drive, Claymont, DE 19703 or to the American Cancer Society

ANN DAVIS

Ann Davis, 77, of Wilmington, died March 28. A homemaker, she was involved in Congregation Beth Shalom, Hadassah, the Delaware Mineralogical Society and Green Acres Civic Association. She is survived by her husband, Joseph; a son, Michael of Philadelphia; a daughter, Gladys Scott of Yorktown, VA; two sisters, Shirley Klar and Beatrice Katz of Detroit and four grandchildren. Please make contributions in her memory to the Jewish National Fund.

ITZIE SCHOENBERG

Itzie Schoenberg, 74, of Newport, died March 27 in Chestertown, Maryland. He succumbed while playing bass with the "Roaring 20's" band. He was the co-owner of Suburban Food Market in Newport and was co-owner of the

Turf Club in Bear. He enjoyed performing and also enjoyed serving as an assistant funeral director for Schoenberg Memorial Chapel. He was a Mason and a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. Mr. Schoenberg was predeceased by his wife, Betty and is survived by his son, Mark of San Francisco; his daughter, Susan Hogan of Staten Island, New York and three grand-children. Contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice

#### BETTY PLATT

Betty Platt, 73, of Wilmington, died March 26. A homemaker, she was predeceased by her husband, Edward who died in 1995. Mrs. Platt is survived by two sons, Robert, of Cranford, NJ and Michael, of Allentown, PA and leaves behind four grandchildren. The family suggests contributions in her memory be made to the Kutz Home for the Aged, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE

#### Kosovar Refugees

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Vashem Holocaust Memorial.

"We have special sensitivity to the suffering of other people, especially those who are uprooted from their homes and transported in trains." Nothing can compare to the Holocaust of our people, but as Jews, we cannot stand opposite the images from Kosovo of thousands of refugees expelled from their homes, of frightened faces peering out of rail cars, of children who lost their parents.

"As Jews, we have a special responsibility to remember, to understand and to act."

The refugees will learn Hebrew and have the opportunity to work. After the six months, they will be given the choice of obtaining Israeli citizenship or returning to their homes.

Accompanying the refugees on their flight was Rana Raslan, who last month was crowned Israel's first Arab Miss Israel.

She traveled with the group, according to a Jewish Agency official, to reassure the refugees, who are Muslim, about coming to the Jewish state.

The arrival of the refugee plane

included a reunion of sorts.

Among the refugees was the daughter of an Albanian couple that had been designated Righteous Gentiles because of their efforts to rescue Jews from the Holocaust.

She was met at Ben-Gurion Airport by Dvir Markowitz of Jerusalem, whose mother, Miri, was among the Jews rescued.

Netanyahu referred to this woman in his remarks, saying, "Today, in a historic closing of a circle, she finds herself finding shelter in the Jewish state."

the refugees who arrived in Israel were members of 17 families that had told Jewish Agency and Foreign Ministry officials at a camp on the Kosovo border that they were interested in coming to Israel.

Appearing pensive and exhausted, the new arrivals expressed gratitude for the haven Israel had extended to them.

While some said they hoped to eventually be able to return home, others looked forward to a new start in Israel.

"We'll try to start a new life," one of the arrivals, Linda Bayerkoti, told reporters.

#### 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.

#### APRIL

#### Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_20

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School invites the community to its Open House, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Gratz classrooms at the Jewish Community Center Cohen Wing. Students may observe the classes in session while parents meet with Principal Marlene Milunsky. For additional information, please call 478-8100.

#### Sunday \_\_\_\_\_28

Brunch and Bowling for Jewish Singles in their 20s and 30s at Prices Corner Bowling Lanes on Kirkwood Highway in Wilmington. Event begins at 9 a.m. \$8 includes food and noncompetitive play. Call Phil at 655-5561 for more information.

#### Friday, April 30 Sunday, May 2

Congregation
Shalom Kraft Educational
Foundation presents a ScholarIn-Residence Weekend with Joel
Lurie Grishaver. For reservations
and additional information,
please call 654-4462.

#### MA

# The Delaware Jewish Community Center will send a boy's soccer team to participate in the Tri-State Junior Maccabi Games to be held on Sunday, May 2 at the Kaiserman JCC in Philadelphia. Participation in the games is open to Jewish chil-

dren, ages 10-12. The program costs \$36. For more info., call Scott Bowers at 478-5660.

#### RENT "THE LONG WAY

"The Long Way Home," an award-winning film that explores the plight of the tens of thousands of refugees who survived the Holocaust, has been recently added to the Jewish Heritage Video Collection, housed in the JCC lobby.

Thanks to a grant from Ira and Barbara Lipman of Tennessee, the film has been made available to every JCC in the nation through the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Moriah Film Division. Nightly rentals are \$2. For more information, please call Ella Zukoff at 478-5660.

#### SPECIAL ISRAEL PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Livnot U'Lehibanot, the hiking, study and community service program of Tzfat and Jerusalem, is accepting registrations. Through a special arrangement with the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the Livnot experience is available to qualified young adults, ages 21-30, from Delaware for as low as \$600 including air fare from New York. Short term and long term programs are offered throughout the year. No knowledge of Hebrew is required. JFD offers a limited number of scholarships to qualified applicants. Please call Judy Wortman at 427-2100 for an application.

For complete information about the program dates for 1999 call Livnot at 1-888-LIVNOT-0.

#### JOIN THE CLUB

April Kids Club, featuring puppets and pizza, will be held on Saturday, April 24 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. April Club Night, featuring GWA Championship

Pro Wrestling with "The Jewish Bomber," will be held on Saturday, April 24 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the JCC. Spaces are limited and registration is accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. The cost is \$10 for JCC members and \$15 for nonmembers. For more information, contact Greg Rappaport or Elana Weissberg at (302) 478-5660.

#### DELAWARE JOINING JUNIOR MACCABI GAMES

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#### **BROADWAY BOUND**

Community is welcome to join congregants from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth on April 25 for either of two New York shows. See "Never On Friday," at the Jewish Repertory Theatre or "Marlene," based on the life of the legendary Marlene Dietrich. Bus will leave the AKSE parking lot in Wilmington at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$56 for either show and includes transportation, ticket, snacks and tip. The synagogue has only 20 tickets for each show. Mail your checks to AKSE, Washington Blvd. & Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802.

#### ONGOING

Volleyball Anyone? Young Jewish Singles of Delaware sponsors a weekly volleyball game and dinner outing for adults in their 20s and 30s. Non competitive play every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 8:00 p.m. Call Phil at 652-6688 for more information.

#### Make Memories At Camp JCC

#### By SUSAN PARCELS

Whether you are a former camper, or a parent trying to find the right camp for your youngster, the words "summer camp" are loaded with both memories and possibilities. When you choose Camp JCC this summer, you can rest assured that you've made a sound decision.

Why? The JCC Movement is at the forefront of camping, with 23 residential and more than 200 day camps ranging from traditional to early childhood to those specializing in providing services for children with disabilities spread throughout North America.

"The Camp JCC of today builds on decades of tradition that are its hallmark, while at the same time meeting the programmatic needs of campers who have grown up in the world of instant gratification," says Lenny Silberman, Camping Services Consultant for the New Yorkbased JCC Association of North America. "With state-of-the-art facilities and programs, JCC Camps offer everything from fine arts to computers, and roller hockey to high adventure rope courses.

While going to camp is about having fun and making new friends, it's also the mission of Camp JCC to transmit the ethical and group values of the Jewish people, culture and traditions, in an informal, educational environment. In this supportive environment, the camping experience can actually increase young peoples' connection to Judaism.

With 50 years of camping experience, Camp JCC offers the finest in day camp programs and facilities for all ages from toddler to teen. Campers learn arts and crafts, nature, Judaics, Israeli

Culture, archery, swimming, drama, songs and dance. Camp JCC boasts the largest outdoor swimming pool in the North Wilmington area, 50 foot long water slide, walled rollerblading rink, new indoor climbing wall, expansive playing fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, archery range, large outdoor amphitheater, several pavilions and numerous hiking trails. For quality programs and facilities, Camp JCC is second to none.

All traditional camp programs operate Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with transportation available at no additional fee. Daily snacks, camp t-shirts, special events and trips included in camp tuition. Extended care (7:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 to 5:45 p.m.) is available. Late night programs and overnights scheduled each session. Our specialty camp programs include computers, fine arts, drama and twelve different one and twoweek sports camps. The all-new computer camp, designed for grades 2 to 6, has moved to Tech Connections. This brand new state-of-the-art facility (Mac and Windows formats) features highspeed Internet access, certified teachers with extensive technology experience and a staff to student ratio of 1:5. Camp JCC is offering a new programs for teens entering 7th, 8th and 9th grades called Camp Sabra. Camp Sabra mixes the best of travel camp and traditional camp, while stressing individual initiative, community responsibility, teamwork and camaraderie.

After spending the summer at Camp JCC, your child will bring back new friends, new skills, a deeper understanding of Judaism, and memories that will last a lifetime. For more information, please call (302) 478-5660.

#### The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home will be Sunday, May 2 at 3:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to "Our Home" as we celebrate another milestone in our history.

#### JCC Stages Holocaust Tribute



The Audubon String Quartet will perform a unique program of music composed in Terezin, the World War II concentration camp located near Praque on April 22nd, 7:30 p.m. at the JCC of Delaware. For additional info, call 478-5600.

#### **Execution Protests Scheduled**

Delaware Citizens Opposed to the Death Penalty has scheduled a number of public events to protest the April 23rd planned execution of

On Thursday, April 22nd, there will be a rally at 12 Noon in Rodney Square, Wilmington-a 1:00 p.m. Interfaith Service at the Franciscan Center in Wilmington-a 3 p.m. rally at Legislative Hall, Dover-an Interfaith Service at St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, Newark and a Vigil at the Delaware Correction Facility in Smyrna. Those planning to attend the Vigil should gather at the Smyrna Rest area on Rte. 13 by 10:00 p.m.

Delaware has executed eight men since 1992 which gives this state the highest number of executions per capita in the country. Eighteen other men are on death row awaiting execution.

Delaware Citizens is organized to educate the public about the death penalty and to end all executions by the State of Delaware. The community is invited to attend one or more of these protest actions.

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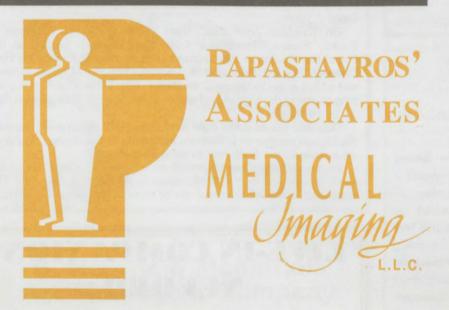
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