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EMPOWERING ETHIOPIAN ISRAELIS

By Toni Young
Special to the Jewish Voice

We, the North American Jewish community, are involved in a vital endeavor to make certain that the 90,000 Ethiopian Jews already in Israel and the estimated 18,000 Falsha Mura who will make aliyah in the next two years will be fully integrated into Israeli society.

The challenge facing us is huge. Currently, Ethiopian-Israelis are the poorest group in Israel. Most of them live below the poverty line. Seventy percent of the adults are illiterate even in their native language, Amharic. Middle age Ethiopian adults have trouble finding jobs; professional people are working in industries or factories. Because Ethiopian olim have difficulty finding jobs and learning Israeli customs, many remain in absorption centers for two or three years, far longer than the usual stay of one year.

During my June trip to Israel, I spent a couple of days meeting Ethiopian-Israelis and visiting many extraordinary projects designed to help them. Most of the leaders I met came to Israel as part of Operation Moses in 1984 and Operation Solomon in 1991. To hear them describe their educational and professional successes and their commitment to help the next generation in fluent Hebrew is to know that we can accomplish our mission.

Nigist Mengesha emigrated to Israel on

Operation Moses in 1984. She had been a social worker in Ethiopia. In the 1990s, Nigist attended Hebrew University as a Mandel fellow. Today she is the director general of the Ethiopian National Project (ENP), a partnership between the government of Israel, representatives of the Ethiopian community, and world Jewry, focused on youth ages 13-18 and the adults who influence them. Nigist built the ENP with an emphasis on empowering Ethiopian-Israelis so they are part of the decision-making process, can speak persuasively about real needs and can serve as role models for the younger generation. The ENP is focused on ensuring that all Ethiopian children succeed in their educations. Highly professional, and fluent

in Hebrew and English, Nigist is the champion of the Ethiopian-Israelis cause.

At the absorption center in Mevasseret Zion, one of thirty five absorption centers dedicated to Ethiopian-Israelis, JAFI workers show great sensitivity to the difficulty of the transition from life in Ethiopia to life in Israel. Since seventy percent of Ethiopians are illiterate even in Amharic, for the first two months at the absorption center, teachers help the adults learn to hold a pen and write in their native language. After ten months, the adult students begin learning Hebrew. Today, unlike the days after Operations Moses and Solomon, there are teachers who can speak Amharic which

makes the teaching easier. Young children in the absorption center's school are taught Hebrew and Israeli customs. Children learn much faster than their parents which creates tension in many families.

In Lod, a city with an Ethiopian-Israeli population of about 2700, Raday, Dvora and Tagist are a few of the young adults working with Ethiopian-Israeli youngsters and their families under the direction of JDC. Each of these young women came to Israel on Operation Moses or Operation Solomon. They successfully completed high school, got university degrees in social work and now work with the Ethiopians as tutors and counselors who visit families to help promote family unity by helping parents understand the new culture and what their children are doing.



Children from pre-school through elementary school learn Hebrew at a JDC funded program in Lod.

At a kindergarten in Lod, teachers who are part of the PACT program, targeted at children from pre-school to elementary school, take four children aside to give them special Hebrew practice with puzzles and games.

Mimi, deputy chair of the ENP in Lod, arrived in Israel alone at the age of nine, some 14 years ago. After living in Yamin Youth vil-

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REFLECTIONS ON AN INSPIRATIONAL JOURNEY

By Ruth Rosenberg

I recently returned from a trip that I never imagined I'd have the privilege to take. For 10 days in July, I traveled with our Annual Campaign Co-Chairs, Suzanne Grant and

Robin Kauffman Saran, to the former Soviet Union and Israel. We were accompanied by 170 other Campaign Chairs and Directors from across North America on this unique fact-finding mission. This was no ordinary sightseeing tour. Among like minded peers, we visited people and places not on most itineraries.

We began our voyage in Tbilisi, Georgia, a country that gained its independence in 1991 and had a turbulent political history since then. During Soviet times, Georgia was home to approximately 100,000 Jews; the community now numbers about 19,000 as tens of thousands have immigrated, mostly to Israel. Unlike other Jewish communities in the region, Georgian Jews maintained their traditions and retained a high level of Jewish identity and observance even after decades of communist rule, managing to avoid both anti-Semitism and forced assimilation. Since the fall of the Soviet Union, Tbilisi's Jewish community has been struggling to take care of an increasingly impoverished and aging population whose meager fixed incomes do not meet their most basic needs.

My colleagues and I met one

such couple, Nelli and Bondo Chichua. Nelli and Bondo each lost their fathers at an early age at the hands of the Soviets. Nelli went on to become a radiologist, Bondo a geologist. This highly educated, prideful pair has fallen on hard times. Their health is failing and the walls around them are crumbling from deterioration as well as damage from the devastating 2002 earthquake. They subsist on \$25 monthly pensions (much more than the \$14 some must live on) and the help we provide. The American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), through Hesed, provides monthly food packages, medical consultations, winter relief and visits from a case worker. To show her gratitude, Nelli provides medical advice to others thus completing the circle of picking people up and allowing them to help others. In 2003, the Joint Distribution Committee (with funding provided by our overseas allocations) opened the Jewish Home to serve the thousands of Jews struggling to survive. This central address for Tbilisi's Jewish community provides hot meals, education, health care services - even a place to get your hair cut with dignity. When we visited, the place was a beehive of activity: young and old, learning, sharing, growing together as a true community. Not unlike our own JCC with the addition of life sustaining assistance. I cannot begin to express the pride we felt knowing that our work, our dollars, offer such light to those who not long ago held little hope.

Briefly, other sites we visited supported by the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) included the Jewish Activities Center (JAC) which offers teens a cool place to hang out and connect with Israel. We spent a fabulous afternoon at a summer camp in the mountains. We all know how important a camp experience is for building Jewish identity! I personally had a great time meeting my camper, Katy Epshtein, who plans to make aliyah with her younger brother in the fall, thus fulfilling their mother's lifelong dream.

Then off to Eretz Yisrael! We were briefed by David Benjamin, legal counsel to the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). We went to an overlook of the Gaza Strip and were educated on the complexities of the disengagement plan including meeting people who must leave their homes on August 15. Then on to Ashdod where we met young people who act as ambassadors, shaliach, spending time in other countries teaching their fellow youth about Israel. Anyone remember Sharona? She remembers fondly her time at our JCC camp just a few years ago! We also visited PACT sites (Parents and Children Together) where Ethiopian families are assimilated into Israeli society. (You'll hear more about how we're helping these families through Operation Promise in the near future.) Then a private meeting for our group with Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, who, among other comments, implored all of us to make aliyah!

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Nelli and her husband, Bondo, have struggled to maintain their Jewish identity.

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FEDERATION Focus

JCRC Statement on Gaza Withdrawal

As of this writing, it appears that the Israeli government will be implementing its disengagement plan in mid-August, the unilateral evacuation of 21 communities in Gaza and 4 communities in the northern West Bank. Recently the Hasbara (Israel Advocacy) Committee of the Jewish Community Relations Committee met to discuss disengagement and to agree on talking points that supporters of Israel can use at this critical time.

The 15 members of the committee who were present had diverse views on the merits of disengagement. This diversity is reflective of the broad range of views in American Jewry and, indeed, of a fierce debate within Israeli society. Nevertheless, given the reality of disengagement, the committee was able to agree on the most important messages to be conveyed at this time. These messages are included in the statement that follows:

Amidst much pain, anguish and uncertainty, 9,000 Israelis will be uprooted from their homes and resettled in locations all over Israel.

Many have lived in Gaza for over thirty years, building homes and greenhouses, schools, community centers and synagogues. Five thousand children will leave their homes and need to find new schools. Aside from the emotional and psychological effects of this sacrifice, this unilateral evacuation (disengagement) will cost the citizens of Israel over \$2 billion.

Israel is taking this one-sided action voluntarily despite the uncertainty whether there will be any reciprocal or concomitant action by the Palestinian Authority. Israel has no desire to determine the future of the Palestinian people. It has undertaken this evacuation with the stated desire that the Palestinians be able to govern their own affairs and build legitimate, accountable and democratic institutions.

The people of Israel have demonstrated over and over again, in polls, and more importantly in actions taken by their successive democratically elected governments, that they are willing to take actions and risks for peace. They

hope that this bold initiative will bring an end to terror attacks and be the start of a lasting peace.

Unfortunately, violent attacks have continued daily against Israel, including two suicide bombings in Netanya alone. The Palestinian Authority, despite rhetorical statements, has shown itself to be unable or unwilling to control Hamas and Islamic Jihad and to dismantle the terrorist infrastructure, and has also not ended incitement to hatred and violence in the media.

It would be an unfortunate mistake on the part of Palestinians to interpret Israel's evacuation from Gaza as a sign of weakness to be exploited. On the contrary, the first responsibility of any government is the protection of its citizens, and Israel has made it crystal clear that it will take any action necessary to do so.

The disengagement from Gaza will be a major step towards peace if the Palestinians are willing to grasp, rather than squander, the opportunity.

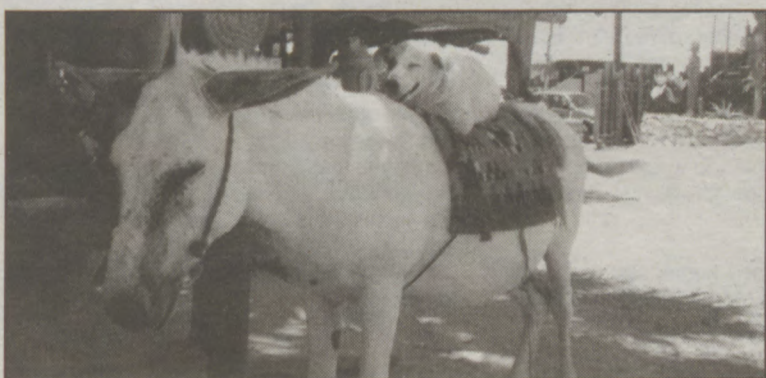
Israel and the United States

understand the threat that international terrorism poses to their two democracies, and Israel appreci-

ates the support and understanding that the United States has shown for Israel's bold steps for peace.



Desert days in Israel



Iris Tocker snapped this shot during her recent visit to Israel as part of the Partnership 2000 Volunteer Corps. Iris volunteered for 2 weeks with the Volunteer Corps in our Partnership 2000 region of Arad-Tamar in the Dead Sea region of Israel. Watch for Iris's article about her experience in the next issue of the Jewish Voice. Volunteers are needed to be an instructor, English tutor, gar-

dener, librarian, sports coach, or a companion to the elderly. Volunteers make a significant contribution to Israel and get to experience life in Israel by becoming part of the Partnership 2000 network. Contact Jennifer Young at the Jewish Federation of Delaware 302-427-2100 ext. 19 or email jennifer.young@shalomdel.org for more information or to request a Volunteer Corps application.

Jewish Fund for the Future supports program for children in Israel



Jennifer Young

This month Jewish Fund for the Future awarded grants from the Esther Sherman McDonald Endowment Fund to the following programs to benefit children in our Partnership 2000 region in Israel: \$4,000 to ELI Israel Association for Child Protection to

train 200 teachers and counselors in Arad to identify children who may be victims of abuse and intervene appropriately in order to prevent the abuse from continuing; and to help children suffering from abuse or neglect to receive appropriate assistance.

\$2,960 to the Partnership 2000 after school program for kindergarteners (includes a free lunch program and tutoring). The program offers an extended day curriculum for kindergarteners and five-year olds in Arad, in lower schools including hot lunch and afternoon extracurricular activity, beginning when the formal sessions end.

Arad is located on the border of the Judean Desert and the Negev, approximately 30 minutes from Israel's Dead Sea resort area. About 12,000 residents in Arad

are Olim, or new immigrants to Israel, representing 45% of the town's total population. The Esther Sherman McDonald Fund, a restricted fund of the Jewish Fund for the Future, was established with the purpose to "provide social or educational services for orphans/immigrant children in Israel." The Jewish Fund for the Future, the endowment of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, manages several restricted funds, established to benefit a specific field of interest or agency. Grants from the Jewish Fund for the Future change lives around the world. To learn more about planned giving and endowments, and how you can establish a lasting gift with the Jewish Fund for the Future, please contact Jennifer Young 302-427-2100 ext. 19 or email jennifer.young@shalomdel.org.

What is Partnership 2000?

In 1998, the Jewish Federation of Delaware joined a number of New Jersey federations in a special relationship with the people of Arad-Tamar in Israel. This endeavor, Partnership 2000, began several years earlier and has matched communities in the Diaspora with communities in Israel. The purpose is to develop relationships - person to person, so that both communities can be enriched by the other. While a portion of our overseas dollars, raised through the Annual Campaign, funds projects in Arad and Tamar, the goal of the program is not fundraising. We are trying to develop programs that will build bridges in the area of education, tourism, economic development, and volunteerism.



EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

Saying Shalom

Shalom is a wonderful word! It bids welcome to the newcomer, farewell and Yasher Koach to those who are leaving our community and conveys our heartfelt hopes for peace in just six little letters.

All three nuances of the word shalom apply in this very special three-section edition of the Jewish Voice. This first section contains news of new initiatives taking place in our local, national and global Jewish communities. Read about how we, the members of the North American Jewish community, are helping the 90,000 Ethiopian Jewish men, women and children fully integrate into Israeli society. Toni Young met with many of these new olim and the agencies striving to help them during her recent trip to Israel. Learn how your support of the JFD Annual Campaign helps to enable this latest Exodus by reading this compelling cover story. Also on our cover, JFD Campaign Director Ruth Rosenberg shares her reflections on another inspirational Jewish journey. Ruth and Annual Campaign Co-Chairs Suzanne Grant and Robin Kauffman Saran, embarked on a summer fact-finding mission to the former Soviet Union and Israel. Discover how the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, fortified by funding provided by Federation's overseas allocations, is providing a lifeline to thousands of Jews who live in extreme poverty-helping them to survive

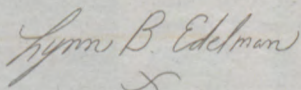
and thrive!

Make sure to explore our Jewish Community Relations Committee Update on the Disengagement Process. In little more than a week the Israeli government will implement the evacuation of 21 communities in Gaza and four communities in the northern West Bank. Learn how we can support our Israeli brothers and sisters through this challenging process and help them to create a climate for shalom-for peace.

Also in this edition of the Jewish Voice, we say shalom to new staff and volunteer leadership who will help to make our community's schools, synagogues and community organizations a vital and vibrant place to call home. Discover the many ways that you can become involved in the Delaware Jewish Community through your unique infusion of time, talent and energy.

To find out more about Jewish life in the First State, call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at 302-427-2100 or visit us on the web at www.shalomdelaware.org

B'Shalom,



Lynn B. Edelman
Editor

This Week in Jewish History



**Celebrate 350
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This Week in History" is an introduction to 350 years of American Jewish history, brought to you by the Jewish Women's Archive. More information about each of the events described below can be found on JWA's website at http://www.jwa.org/this_week/week_31.html

AUGUST 1, 1979

Reconstructionist rabbi Linda Joy Holtzman became the first woman to lead a U.S. Jewish congregation when she was appointed the spiritual leader of the Coatesville, PA, Beth Israel Congregation on August 1, 1979.

AUGUST 1, 2000

The Women's Torah Commentary, a collection of essays on the weekly Torah portion by women rabbis, edited by Rabbi Elyse

Goldstein, was published on August 1, 2000.

AUGUST 2, 1932

Lillian Copeland won an Olympic gold medal in discus on August 2, 1932. At the previous Olympics, in 1928, she had won the silver in the same event. Her 1932 toss set a new world record.

AUGUST 2, 1998

Children's television favorite Shari Lewis, a puppeteer who created the characters Lamb Chop and Charlie Horse, died on August 2, 1998.

AUGUST 3, 1923

Noted fashion designer Anne Klein was born on August 3, 1923.

AUGUST 3, 1944

On August 3, 1944, American Jewish journalist Ruth Gruber arrived in New York harbor with 984 refugees from Nazi-occupied Europe, which concluded her secret mission to escort the refugees from Italy to America.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tamar grateful for Delaware's support

We have, very gratefully, received your generous donation to help us recover from the agricultural disaster that occurred here in the Tamar region of Israel last November.

When the flooding started, all we could do was to sit by and watch the horrendous damage unfold in front of our eyes. Helplessness and desperation overcame us. To see farmers' livelihoods simply melt into the horizon was traumatic to say the least.

Today, just a short time later, thanks to you, the ground has been re-cultivated and the lives of several families have returned to normal.

We are indebted to you, the leadership of our Partnership 2000 community, for your generosity and benevolence. On behalf of all those who suffered-the farmers and their families-I thank you!

It is true what they say-'Families always look after each other'-and you are all indeed our FAMILY.

Thank you,

With warmest regards,
Dov Litvinoff
Chairman
Tamar Regional Council

AEA says "thank you"

Please convey to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Allocations Committee our extraordinary gratitude for their support, commitment and encouragement. The Albert Einstein Academy Core Allocation of \$93,837 and allocation towards Garden of Eden space costs of \$53,745 is more than just a demonstrative show of support, it is a level of dedication toward the children of this community not seen elsewhere.

As the Albert Einstein Academy gears up for a growing and building year in our soon-to-be renovated facilities, we will always be mindful of the

trust that both JFD and the Jewish Fund for the Future have put in us. Our task is holy and we consider the task of educating tomorrow's leaders for the Jewish community, sacred.

As you have blessed us with your support, so may you be blessed by hearing the wonderful things that your support will do.

On behalf of Dorothy Bobman, AEA president, our Board of Trustees, the faculty and most importantly, our children, I remain,

Very Sincerely yours,

Dr. Jack L. Sparks
Head of School

One Wilmington Jewish Community

Everyone has heard the joke about the man on the desert island who built two synagogues. When asked why, he replies, "One is where I daven, the other is the shul I never set foot in." We laugh when we hear it; we are amused by the truth hidden within the absurdity of his statement, but perhaps it is time to take a step back and realize that it is just not funny anymore. I am a third generation member of the Wilmington Jewish community, my grandfather, Abraham A. Golden moved here when he was just 2 years old. I grew up active in synagogue life, a Hebrew school teacher, a member of a teen Israeli dance troupe, a student at Gratz, and a leader in BBYO. In such a small community, where you knew if you went to ShopRite on Thursday night your shopping would take twice as long because of the number of people you would bump into, I just assumed everyone got along. We were Wilmington Klal Yisrael.

Then I grew up.

Every time I returned home, and yes, I still refer to Wilmington as my home until I am somewhere more permanent, I heard another story about what someone had said to someone else, what one synagogue disliked about another, and so on and so forth. I understood on some level why creating a cohesive community was so difficult, we had similar challenges at my school, Goucher College, where the Kosher dining hall served as an eating space, our student center, and our davening space- shared by the Reform and Conservative Jews. We were determined to create a place in which everyone felt welcome and included. Despite the struggles, there was something beautiful about the merging of the Conservative and Reform minyanim before dinner, singing songs and celebrating

Shabbat. I admit, we were young, perhaps naïve, to believe that a difference in ideology can easily be overlooked to create a cohesive community, but perhaps that naiveté is what the Wilmington community needs right now. They say that wisdom is attributed not to those who know what to look for in life, but what to overlook. We need to stop seeing difference and start celebrating similarity. Children are perceptive, we may think that the young are not exposed to the current political game being played between the synagogues, but they are, and if the community does not work hard to change the environment, the next generation of Wilmington Jews will think that it is acceptable to create disconnect between Jews. In a world where we worry about assimilation and disintegration, the most important responsibility we have is to make sure that each Jew can take pride in his/her Jewish identity, whatever the specific ideology of his/her belief.

As I head to my next stop in life, a fellow at the American Hebrew Academy, a pluralistic Jewish boarding school in Greensboro, North Carolina, I am excited at the prospect of living and working in a Jewish environment that prides itself on a community of learners, not Reform, Reconstructionist, Conservative, Traditional, Agnostic, etc, but a Jewish community. I hope that in the future when I come home to visit, when I bring my children to drive around town and say, "I remember when that building was not there, when I had to walk uphill to school both ways," that I will also be able to turn to them and say with pride, I was raised in the Wilmington Jewish community.

Sincerely,
Aileen Heiman



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EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

The nightmares continue

By Sarri Singer

On June 11, 2003, an Arab homicide bomber boarded the #14 bus in Jerusalem and blew himself up, murdering 16 innocent people and maiming many more. It was the day that changed my life forever. I was on that bus.

It is now two years later, and I am still witnessing the lifelong wounds and trauma that hundreds of people continue to experience as a result of this tragedy. Often, people who experience or witness such horrifying terror will bury the event deep in their minds and painfully suppress it for the rest of the lives. Yet others may cling to those who shared in their life altering event with them in order to remember. To remember the loved ones they lost. To remember those who have been physically injured. To remember those who have been emotionally or psychologically wounded, haunted by the terror that paralyzes their lives. And that is what I did a few weeks ago, when I reunited with a group of survivors from bus #14 to commemorate two years from

that fateful day.

Everyone there that night of the commemoration had lost someone they loved or had themselves been injured in some way from the bomb. Everyone shared their personal stories of how their lives had been changed forever as a result of the bus tragedy. I listened, and I cried. I cried for those murdered, for those who survived and yet live with the horror, for those whose physical wounds and fear have destroyed their lives. Then I cried for a world where people have lost all morality and have no value for the sanctity of human life. A world where an innocent human being can board a bus, only to exit in a body bag.

But then I stopped crying, because I am a Jew. The Jewish reaction to tragedy is not to perish in despair, but to build and to grow. After pain we persevere and we learn the lessons that emerge from our experiences. This experience has taught me about the fragility of life. One second it is here and the next it is gone. I learned that my life is part of a greater whole and that I survived because my work in this world is not finished

and my time here is not yet up.

Time is an incredible thing. It may pass and stand still for no one and yet, it does not always heal. When I close my eyes I am brought back to the events of that day which are still fresh in my mind. I remember nonchalantly choosing my seat on the bus, a choice that I now know saved my life. I remember hearing the sounds of crushing metal and feeling the shockwave as the explosion tore through the bus. I remember immediately shutting my eyes, a seemingly insignificant neurological instinct that saved my sight. And then the moment of eerie silence that followed, a silence so frightening, so telling, silence of those who were dead in every seat around me.

Then I screamed. I will never forget that I screamed so loud that a stranger, who had heard the blast from three blocks away, heard my cries and ran toward the mangled bus and pulled me out. I will never forget the old woman who stood by my side holding me as I was burned, bleeding, and frightened. I will never forget the kindness and love that was

shown to me by those I had known my entire life and by those who I had never met.

I am often asked if, as a survivor of such a horrific experience, I am filled with hate or a desire for revenge. I refuse to succumb to hate because the only thing that hate achieves is the destruction that I witnessed on that tragic day. I will not let this experience destroy me or drive me to do the terrible things that the need for revenge does to a person. I will live my life showing kindness to others as others have shown kindness to me.

I will be strong for Israel and her people as they were strong in taking care of me. I will teach love and hope because love has brought me to this day and hope is the only thing that will bring us into the future.

Sarri Singer is the U.S. East Coast Director for One Family Fund, a volunteer-based, non-profit organization that provides emotional, financial, and legal support to victims of terrorism and their families in Israel. For more information on One Family Fund visit www.onefamilyfund.org.

Empowering

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lage, she got a B.A. in psychology from Bar Ilan University. Mimi explains the importance of the ENP's programs in a population where "Parents are emotionally still in Ethiopia, and wives and husbands have problems." ENP brings teenagers together to provide academic assistance, emotional help, workshops for parents, and leadership training.

At Ono Academic College, the fastest growing college in Israel, we meet Ethiopian law students. A few years ago, when there were three Ethiopian-Israeli law students in all of Israel, Ono Academic College committed itself to educating fifty Ethiopian Israelis a year. In addition to regular law courses, the Ethiopians take two extra courses in leadership and communication. Third year student Elias spoke in fluent English about how he had learned that he had rights and how to speak up for them. He spoke persuasively about the need for all Ethiopian law students to find jobs in order to be really integrated.

Elias' speech and demeanor made clear that the college is successfully empowering young people.

Atidim is a program that identifies students from the periphery who excel in math and science and gives them training and help finding employment. Atidim works with young people before, during and after the army. Several leading Israeli companies are now participating in the post-army program.

Prima, who arrived in Israel at age 8 with her parents and four brothers and sisters, explains that her parents wanted them to succeed the poor economy caused the family financial hardship. She lived in Netanya, about which she exclaims, "Oh, what a neighborhood!" After excelling at a good high school, she was accepted to Ariel College to study chemical engineering. Prima loved her studies but the financial situation was too difficult, and she was thinking of dropping out.

Atidim came to her rescue, finding her employment in a patent design company

where she works while she continues her studies. The company pays her university expenses. "Atidim changed my life," Prima says enthusiastically.

Yossi Wassa, the first Ethiopian stand up comedian, creator of "It Sounds Different in Amharic," jokes about his love of theater, "It's the only profession where everyone claps when you're finished." Yossi was nine years old when he and his family made the difficult trip to Israel in Operation Moses. In his play, Yossi tells the story of their trip, the shock of the new culture, and his reactions to it. Yossi was placed in the theater troupe of the army, later received a scholarship to Haifa University and has received assistance in producing his plays and developing his new theater company.

15 year old Daniel is an accomplished athlete who came to Israel with his family in Operation Solomon when he was one. Since their arrival Daniel's parents have not been steadily employed. Once Daniel's athletic abil-

ities were recognized, he became part of the Red Project, sponsored by the Hapoel Tel-Aviv soccer team. The team encourages kids to study by providing individualized educational support for students in addition to lots of soccer practice. Daniel lives with fellow Project participants in a special dormitory in Holon. Eli, a thirteen year old Israeli born Ethiopian, participates in an after school version of the program.

After meeting those leading the effort today and the young people whose lives they impact, I am confident that we can meet the challenge. Everything is in place: Ethiopian role models, well conceived programs of ENP/JAFI and JDC, implemented by dedicated staffs.

To succeed, we need the financial support of world Jewry. Through your gift to the Jewish Federation of Delaware, you can help us fully integrate Ethiopian-Israelis into Israeli society.

For more information, please call Sam Asher, Federation's executive vice president, at 302-427-2100, ext. 14.

Reflections

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Suzanne, Robin and I extended our trip with a visit to our sister city, Arad. We were delighted with the warm hospitality and the

opportunity to meet the people on the ground that have made this a vital, vibrant city. The work accomplished at the Absorption Center alone is astounding;

bringing new olim (immigrants) of all ages and experience levels into the fold is no small feat. We met volunteer counterparts who raise money and build community, just like you.

The opportunity to make personal connections and observations is priceless. I wish each of you could see what I saw first hand. If you can't join us for a mission

(we're planning one for fall 2006) then I urge you to keep reading the Jewish Voice, attend Federation events or simply stop and ask as Suzanne, Robin and I continue to share stories of how the work we do here changes lives around the world - immeasurably - for the better, even our own.

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Myths and Facts

By Mitchell H. Bard

MYTH #187: "The creation of Israel in 1948 changed political and border arrangements between independent states that had existed for centuries."

FACT: The boundaries of Middle East countries were arbitrarily fixed by the Western powers after Turkey was defeated in World War I and the French and British mandates were set up. The areas allotted to Israel under the UN partition plan had all been under the control of the Ottomans, who had ruled Palestine from 1517 until 1917. When Turkey was defeated in World War I, the French took over the area now known as Lebanon and Syria. The British assumed control of Palestine and Iraq. In 1926, the borders were redrawn and Lebanon was separated from Syria.

Britain installed the Emir Faisal, who had been deposed by the French in Syria, as ruler of the new kingdom of Iraq. In 1922, the British created the emirate of Transjordan, which incorporated all of Palestine east of the Jordan River. This was done so that the Emir Abdullah, whose family had been defeated in tribal warfare in the Arabian peninsula, would have a Kingdom to rule. None of the countries that border Israel became independent until this century. Many other Arab nations became independent after Israel.

This article can be found at <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsources/myths/mf10.html#a>



Dr. Moty Brill, mayor of Arad, Delaware's Partnership 2000 community, meet with JFD Campaign Director Ruth Rosenberg and Campaign Co-Chairs Robin Kauffman Saran and Suzanne Grant.

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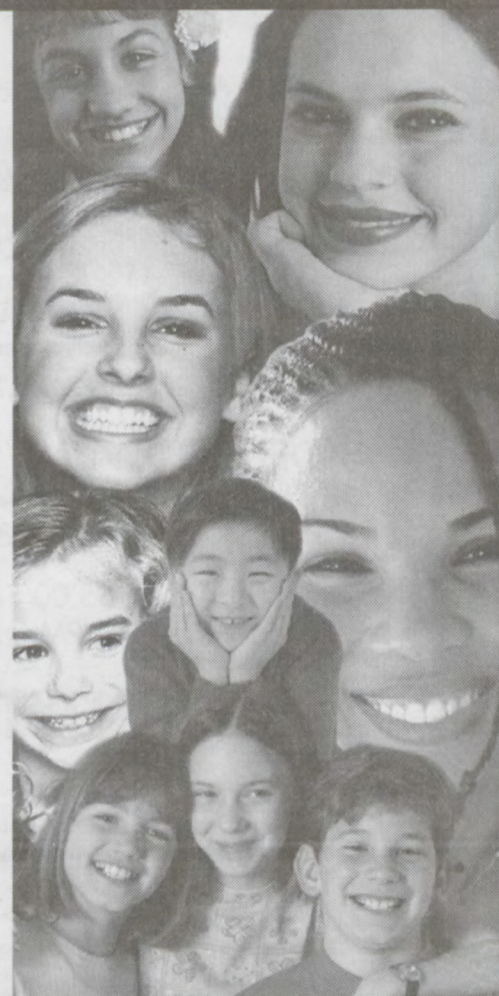


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INSIDE DELAWARE

AKSE program discusses religion in an age of terrorism



Rabbi Brad Hirschfield

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Blvd. and Torah Dr., invites the entire communi-

ty to a special September Shabbat weekend program featuring scholar-in-residence Rabbi Brad Hirschfield. The weekend begins with Friday, September 9th Shabbat services. Following services, enjoy a festive traditional Shabbat dinner. After dinner, Hirschfield will lead an informative discussion. During Shabbat morning services on September 10th, Rabbi Hirschfield will deliver a D'var Torah. Following services will be an elaborate Kiddush. Stay for the afternoon and participate in another spirited discussion to focus on the challenges that AKSE will likely face in its next 120 years, including issues of diversity and unity within the synagogue and Jewish community.

On Saturday night at 8:30 p.m., a special program is planned that will reach out to both the Jewish and gen-

eral community. The centerpiece of the evening will be the acclaimed new documentary "Freaks Like Me," which examines religion in an age of terrorism. The film, which features Rabbi Hirschfield, captures the efforts of religious leaders at the Barcelona forum to better understand each other and break down the fears of each other's traditions. It provides a compelling picture of the world's cultures coming together to offer an alternative to dangerous religion and soulless secularity. The showing of the film will be preceded by an introduction and followed by a discussion led by Hirschfield.

The film depicts how different traditions view violence, justice, and doubt. Interspersed throughout the film are conversations with swamis, imams, monks, yogis, rabbis, and

priests. Directed by award-winning filmmaker David Holbrooke, "Freaks Like Me" allows us to confront the darker elements in each of our traditions and also to embrace the light.

"Religion can inspire the very best and the very worst acts," said Rabbi Hirschfield. "This film addresses both. We're living at a time when religion is doing more damage than at any other period since the Crusades. But people seem to need religion more now than at any other time since then."

Rabbi Hirschfield, an Orthodox rabbi and Vice President of CLAL - The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, a leadership training institute, think tank, and resource center, is a highly regarded advocate of religious pluralism and interfaith dialogue. Last year, several

young leaders in our community were privileged to participate in a leadership institute taught by Rabbi Hirschfield and others from CLAL.

Rabbi Hirschfield is a popular media resource who has appeared on CNN, ABC-TV's "Nightline UpClose", PBS-TV's "Frontline: Faith and Doubt at Ground Zero", NPR radio, and in other national broadcast and print media.

This free program is part of a celebration of the 120th anniversary of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, the first synagogue in the first state. It is made possible with the help of grants from the Kraft Educational Foundation and the Delaware Humanities Forum.

No reservations are required. Please contact Mark Wagman at 475-8351 for more information.

Hadassah goes to Washington

By Aileen D. Heiman
Special to the Jewish Voice

Why has Hadassah Medical Organization been nominated for this year's Nobel Peace Prize? Growing up a fourth-generation life member of Hadassah (the Women's Zionist Organization of America), I knew the simple facts. Hadassah supports hospitals in Israel, and recently dedicated the new state-of-the-art Center for Emergency Medicine. The CEM advanced Jerusalem's already unique level-one trauma center, the only one of its kind in the Middle East, where they treat terror victim and terrorist alike. But Hadassah is much more. An organization of over 300,000 women, in addition to the male Associate members, Hadassah involves itself in every facet of our daily lives, as Jews and Americans. At this year's convention twenty-seven members of Wilmington Hadassah went to Washington, D.C. to learn about Hadassah's programs in Israel, Europe, and here at home, and to rally behind the political causes central to future generations.

There were informational sessions on Youth Aliyah/Youth at Risk, a program that offers psychological, physical, economic and educational assistance to children in Israel and on the Hadassah Foundation (the largest women's foundation in the world,) a pioneer and leader in the field of social change for women and girls. At a workshop on Hadassah's newly revamped "Check-It-Out" program, I was able to see the materials used by Hadassah volunteers to educate and empower high-school students towards choosing a healthy lifestyle and learning to recognize when something is wrong. Delegates prepared for their meetings on Capitol Hill by attending workshops on: "The

Future of Advanced Medical Research" (Stem cell research initiatives and genetic discrimination), "Israel on the Hill: The Questions They Ask, The Answers we Need!" (advocacy for Israel), "The First Amendment: Are Your Freedoms at Risk?" and "Heart Disease Doesn't Care What you Wear." Throughout the convention we heard from esteemed speakers ranging from Nadine Strossen (President of ACLU) to Mike Castle, Delaware's lone U.S. Representative to Congress, to Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer and his wife, Sheila, recipients of this year's Henrietta Szold honor.

One of the most popular sessions was on "Why Women Matter," a panel discussion on whether or not women's presence in politics makes a difference. Moderated by Dee Dee Myers, the four speakers impressed us with their varied viewpoints and caused us all to think about Hadassah's role. We heard from: Ellen Malcolm, President of EMILY's List, Linda Chavez, political analyst, Letty Cottin Pogrebin, author, co-founder and editor of Ms. Magazine, and Judy Biggert, U.S. Representative-R from Illinois.

The entire delegation surged with pride when the grand total of money raised last year flashed across the big screen, \$135,552,000, but nothing could compare to the sea of red Hadassah folders that could be seen Tuesday morning on Capitol hill.

The Delaware delegation, 12 strong, set out to lobby Rep. Castle, and Senators Carper and Biden on foreign aid for Israel, the genetic non-discrimination act, stem cell research, and a ban on Iranian nuclear weapons. We knew we would be heard- in addition to our 12 voices, we had the strength of 300,000 Hadassah members behind us.

At the closing brunch, our own Senator

Biden spoke to the convention delegation, about the war in Iraq, the mid-East process, and his personal relationship with Israel, forged over 30 years ago during his first trip, organized by Hadassah women from Delaware.

It is difficult to return from the National convention and not feel pride for the incredible people and programs of Hadassah. We were in awe of the 13 year old boy from Puerto Rico who donated \$50,000 to Hadassah in lieu of having a Bar Mitzvah party and were proud to hear from our Nobel-nominated doctors and nurses in the trauma center. Everyone plays a role in making Hadassah the organization that it is.

"Where are you from?" It seems a simple question, but for a 23-year old who has lived in Delaware, went to school in Baltimore, moved to California, and is now moving to North Carolina, there is no easy way to answer. At the 91st National Hadassah Convention in Washington, DC, the answer was simple- I was home with Hadassah. You, too, can feel at home with Hadassah. Find your personal cause among Hadassah's many programs and stop waiting to get involved. We look forward to seeing you at our first program of the year on September 26 and hope you will plan to attend National Convention 2006 at the Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee.



Senator Joseph R. Biden with delegation

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Course instructors are JCRC Chair Mark Wagman, a new community Shaliach (young Israeli emissary), and members of the JCRC Hasbara Committee. For some sessions there will be guest instructors, such as current campus activists. Students will learn through hands-on activities, including group challenges, games, and debates. Topics will include Israel today—the "good news" as well as the conflict, the relevant facts of history and geography, the basics of advocacy, and how to tailor your approach to a particular audience and campus culture.

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SEASIDE NEWS NOTES

Condolences to the Silverblatt and Colker Families

On August 1st Cindi Silverblatt's mother Geraldine Koves passed away after a long illness. Our hearts and best wishes go out to Cindi, Stanley, Allison and Ryan and your entire family! Cindi will host a "Minyan of Comfort" at her house on Sunday, August 14th at 10am. Please call 227-1107 to RSVP or request directions.

Saturday Kiddush Sponsors Needed

We are in need of volunteers to sponsor our Saturday Kiddushes. Dates in need are September 17th, October 15th, and November 19th. Please leave a message at 227-1107 if you would like to sponsor a Kiddush!

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Upcoming Programs

Saturday, August 20th at 10am Please join us for Shabbat services with our leader Dr. Chick Silberstein. Kiddush will follow the service.

Sunday, September 25th: We are planning a talent show for Sept. 25: "WANTED: Members with talent: dancing, singing, playing a portable instrument, poetry-reading, whatever. We would like you to be in our talent show at SJC. Anyone who is interested in performing please call Diane 226-2370 or Cheryl 227-1056 or Jules 945-2362. Please call now!!!!

Discussion Group: Thursday, August 25, 7:30 p.m. "What is

Spirituality?" will be presented by Seaside's own Allyn Fruman. Can one be spiritual without being religious? Can one be religious without being spiritual? Come, participate, and make your views known!

Bible Study: August 18th at 7:30pm at Seaside. Everyone is welcome! Bible study is usually on the 3rd Thursday of each month and Discussion Group is usually on the 4th Thursday of each month so set your calendars and join us.

Programs are held at the Seaside Jewish Community, Ocean Wave Lodge on Holland Glade Road in Rehoboth Beach. Checks are to be mailed to Seaside Jewish Community, P.O. Box 1472, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

"Introduction to Judaism" classes to be offered

Once again the rabbis of the community are offering "Introduction to Judaism" classes for those considering choosing Judaism. These classes begin with an orientation program on Tuesday, September 6th at 7:00 pm at which time Rabbis Michael Beals of Beth Shalom, Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Beth Emeth, and Beth El's Rabbi David Kaplan will explain the curriculum and requirements of this program which has been an integral part of the community for well over twenty years.

Classes include, but are not limited to, Basic Beliefs, Comparative Religion, Liturgy and History and run from after the High Holidays into the spring. Graduates receive a "diploma" indicating their completion of the program. If they choose to continue towards conversion they pursue private instruction with their sponsoring rabbi. Everyone registering for the program must have a sponsoring rabbi so it is suggested that interested persons contact one of the rabbis before the orientation; if there are any questions about the Introduction to Judaism classes in general.

Rabbi Kaplan can be reached at 366-8330, Rabbi Beals at 654-4462 and Rabbi Grumbacher at 764-2393.

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There were seven students from a class of forty confirmed this year from Temple Beth El in Newark. Confirmation class is held once a week on Sundays for students in eighth through tenth grades from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Confirmation is taught on a three year cycle. This past year, the students visited other synagogues as well as some churches to see the similarities and differences and to compare. The class also enjoyed their annual retreat with Rabbi and Lynn Sontowski as well as a few parent volunteers.

In the picture: Top Row: (from left to right) Lynn Sontowski (teacher), Michael Poznansky, son of Sheree and Michael; Lauren Rudolph, daughter of Nancy and Michael; Rabbi Kaplan. Middle Row: Rebecca Despina, daughter of Janet Greenblatt and Joseph Despina; Kimberly Sterin, daughter of Marianne and Jay; and Samantha Aaronson, daughter of Dolores and Russ. Bottom Row: Olivia Prager, daughter of Terry and Kenneth; and Natalie Simmons, daughter of Roselina and Robert.

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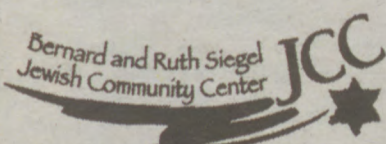
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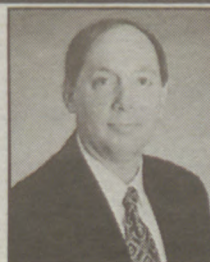
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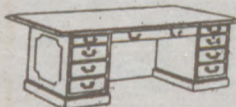
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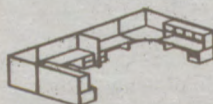
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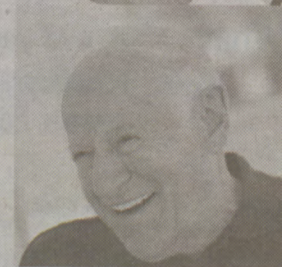
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JEWISH GLOBAL NEWS

Color war rages in Israel

By Dina Kraft, JTA

An orange wave symbolizing Israel's anti-withdrawal movement has rolled onto the country's shores — orange T-shirts, orange ice pops, orange flags, orange ribbons, even orange-draped chupahs, or wedding canopies, and orange stretchers at funerals.

In its wake is a smaller blue ripple from those who support the government's plan to evacuate settlements in the Gaza Strip and northern West Bank in mid-August — mostly in the form of blue ribbons flapping from car antennas

and hanging from backpacks.

Seeing the orange "gives a sense of how many people are against" the withdrawal. "It's like a poll," says Nomi Cohen, 18, passing out orange ribbons at a busy intersection near the entrance to Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, a right-leaning city with a large religious population, one sees mostly orange ribbons tied to car antennas and rearview mirrors. In left-leaning Tel Aviv, there appears to be a roughly even number of blue and orange ribbons.

"We need to show a contrast to

orange," says Oded Muiraz, 24, a student racing among the cars near Tel Aviv's main train station distributing blue ribbons. "I think it's very important to be out here because otherwise it gives the impression that everyone is orange. If we are apathetic, it will give the impression that the minority is the majority."

According to polls, most Israelis support the government's withdrawal plan.

At first, pro-withdrawal activists were divided about which color to choose in response to the defiant orange: Green for the "Green Line," as the 1949 armistice line that served as Israel's de facto border until 1967 is known, or blue for the country's flag?

After about a week of debate, blue sometimes mixed with white, mirroring the colors of the flag — was chosen.

In recent years the right wing had succeeded in associating itself most strongly with the Israeli flag. But an unforeseen consequence of the anti-withdrawal camp's decision to wrap itself in orange — after the orange groves of Gaza's Jewish settlements — has been that the Israeli left has reclaimed the country's traditional blue and white.

Though the profusion of day-glo orange and royal-blue ribbons may make for a more colorful commute, underneath the color war is the serious question of where Israel is heading and whether the society can handle a move as controversial and divisive as the withdrawal.

In a bid to soothe flaring tempers and foster dialogue, Gesher, an organization that works to bridge the gap between religious and secular Israelis, launched a telephone-dialogue campaign in late July, posting a central number which so-called Oranges and Blues can call to discuss the withdrawal with each other.

Publicized under the slogan "We have to keep in touch," the venture is being advertised in Israeli newspapers and on billboards with a picture of an orange ribbon and a blue ribbon tied together.

"It is the opportunity to actually talk to someone with different opinions than yourself in a way that will help humanize the issues and open up dialogue," said Aryeh Halivni, Gesher spokesman.

Meanwhile, in Tel Aviv, shopkeepers are having a hard time selling any clothing that happens to contain orange, even though outside of Israel it's one of the hippest colors of the summer.

"I can pack up all the orange clothes and store them until further notice," fashion designer Raziela Gershon told Ha'aretz. "The color orange is the trendiest color this year. And since it has turned into a symbol of protest, the customers are protesting against it."

At a recent wedding outside Jerusalem, orange bunting was draped across a chupah, and revelers waved orange flags and orange ribbons on the dance floor.

The wedding invitations even included a prayer for Gush Katif,



Young settler children eat orange ice pops — the color of the anti-disengagement movement — as thousands gather for a mass protest July 19, 2005, in the community of Kfar Maimon in southern Israel. Thousands of opponents of Israel's historic Gaza Strip pullout are gathered in the village ahead of their bid to break into settlements and impede next month's withdrawal. Credit: Brian Hendler/JTA

the main Jewish settlement bloc in Gaza — trimmed, of course, in orange.



Young people prepare to join former Israeli security chief Ami Ayalon on a trip he is leading on a 'Blue and White Voyage' across Israel to drum up support for the Gaza Strip withdrawal, Sunday, July 24, 2005, near Tel Aviv. Credit: Avi Steinberg/JTA

Jewish races to watch in 2006

By Matthew E. Berger, JTA

Sixteen months before the 2006 congressional elections, fund-raising has already started in earnest across the country.

Jewish and pro-Israel political groups have determined some places to focus their resources this year. It's too soon to tell which members of the U.S. House of Representatives will be vulnerable, but the Senate picture is a bit clearer:

* Florida — Sen. Bill Nelson (D) is considered vulnerable in a state that has increasingly leaned Republican in recent years. In polls, he is garnering around 50 percent, and it remains unclear who his challenger will be. Nelson has more than \$2 million on hand and is expected to get strong support from pro-Israel donors and the statewide Jewish community.

Rep. Katherine Harris (R), known nationwide for her role as Florida's secretary of state in the 2000 presidential election recount, has announced her candidacy, and her name recognition could make it a tight contest.

* Maryland — Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D) is retiring after five terms in the Senate, and several candidates have emerged to seek his seat. Rep. Benjamin Cardin (D) is considered the early front-runner. Kwesi Mfume, a former congressman and former president and CEO of the NAACP, is running as well, while Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D) announced Monday he will not seek the Senate seat.

Both Cardin and Mfume have good records on Israel, but Cardin, who is

Jewish, has stronger support and better relationships with community leaders. The most likely Republican challenger is Lt. Gov. Michael Steele, who is well liked in the state and has made inroads into the Jewish community.

* Minnesota — The departure of Sen. Mark Dayton (D) leaves the race wide open. Pro-Israel groups have centered their support around Rep. Mark Kennedy (R), who has accumulated a strong record on Israel since entering the House of Representatives in 2001.

Several Democrats are running or considering the race, most notably Hennepin County Attorney Amy Klobuchar, the chief prosecutor of all adult felony and juvenile crimes in the area. Al Franken, the former "Saturday Night Live" writer who co-hosts a program on the liberal Air America Radio, had considered entering the race but then announced that he won't run.

* New Jersey — Sen. Jon Corzine (D) is considered a favorite for governor next year and, if elected, will appoint a replacement in the Senate. He may name a caretaker but could vault one of the state's Democratic congressmen to the front-runner list for the Senate.

Most lawmakers in New Jersey, on both sides of the aisle, are respected by supporters of Israel, and much rests on Corzine's decision.

* Pennsylvania — Sen. Rick Santorum (R) presents a conundrum for many Jewish voters: He's a darling of the pro-Israel community for his leadership on Middle East issues and

his stance against international anti-Semitism, but he's an anathema to liberal-minded Jews because of his positions on social issues, such as his firm anti-abortion views.

While Santorum is expected to get strong support from some Jewish quarters, many Jews are mobilizing behind the state treasurer, Bob Casey, who has been actively courting the Jewish vote. Some Jewish PACs are not backing Casey, however, because he is pro-life.

* Rhode Island — Sen. Lincoln Chafee (R) has disappointed pro-Israel advocates, who have not been impressed with his work as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Near Eastern and South Asian affairs subcommittee. Chafee may be challenged for the Republican nomination by Stephen Laffey, the mayor of Cranston, and pro-Israel PACs will back Laffey.

The former state attorney general Sheldon Whitehouse has received the support of Democratic Reps. Patrick Kennedy and Jim Langevin and will face Secretary of State Matt Brown in a primary. The winner should expect Jewish support, especially if he runs against Chafee.

* Tennessee — Sen. Bill Frist (R) will not seek re-election. While the state has increasingly leaned Republican in recent years, Rep. Harold Ford (D) has name recognition and could be a strong Democratic candidate who will receive help from Jewish groups. Several Republicans are expected to make it a tight primary race.

* West Virginia — Sen. Robert Byrd (D) has angered pro-Israel advocates

for years; this year he frustrated other Jewish activists as well when he compared Republicans to Adolf Hitler. The senator recently published a new autobiography, in which he continues to apologize for his youthful activities with the Ku Klux Klan.

A member of the Senate since 1959, Byrd has rarely encountered strong challengers, but he could this year if Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R) enters the race. Capito would get a lot of help from pro-Israel PACs if she

decides to run.

In addition, several other candidates are expected to attract pro-Israel Jewish money, even without strong challengers. They include Sens. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), both longtime darlings of the Jewish community. In addition, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.) is expected to receive funds from those seeking to curry favor with a likely 2008 presidential candidate.

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JEWISH WAR VETERANS SLATE AUGUST ACTIVITIES The Jewish War Veterans Dept of Delaware will be holding a picnic for members and their families, August 21st. If you are interested in attending, please call Barbara Golin 302-234-4192 before the 15th of August.

The Jewish War Veterans, Dept of Delaware will be attending the ground breaking ceremony of the Delaware Veterans home in Milford, Delaware August 15th.

MILESTONES

In Memoriam

BALICK

Jacob Balick, 85, died July 18th in Jennersville, PA. He was born in Wilmington and was a graduate of P.S. duPont High School, Class of 1938. He graduated from Drexel University in Philadelphia where he served as president of Kappa Phi Delta Fraternity.

He was a distinguished veteran of World War II, serving in the field artillery in the Army's 83rd infantry division. He was wounded twice in combat and received the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster.

After his discharge, he returned to Temple University Law School, graduated and was admitted to the Delaware Bar Association. He was one of the longest practicing lawyers in the State of Delaware, enjoying a 57 year membership in the Delaware Bar Association before his December, 2004 retirement from public practice.

He was a past president of Jewish Family Services of Delaware and the Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society served on such boards as the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center and the Delaware Mental Health Association.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian Rosen Balick of Jennersville, PA; their five children, Jennifer Balick of Tel Aviv, Israel, Michael J. Balick of Mount Kisco, NY, Robert H. Balick of Wilmington, DE, David H. Balick of King of Prussia, PA and Andrea Balick Feldstein of Landensberg, PA; his sister, Dorothy Balick of Philadelphia, PA; and nine grandchildren, Rachel, Melissa, Daniel, Alison, Tamara, Jessica, Eric, Maya and Alex.

The funeral was held on July 21st at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington. Memorial contributions to the synagogue would be appreciated.

BLACKMAN

Dr. Bernard Blackman of Miami Beach, FL, died July 1st. He practiced medicine for 40 years, 24 of them in Wilmington. He beloved by his patients, friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Siegel Blackman, who passed away five years ago. He will be missed by his daughter, Macy Blackman of Kensington, CA and by his brother, Belle Russian of Broward County, FL.

Following a July 5th memorial service in Florida, he was interred beside his wife at the Hebrew Cemetery of Newport News, VA.

GILBERT

Irwin Gilbert, PhD, of Kennett Square, PA, died on July 16th.

He was the beloved husband of Louise Truesdale Loening and the late Barbara (Shapiro). Survivors include his children: Richard Greenfield and his wife, Nancy, Hermine Brindak and her husband, Paul, and Steven Greenfield and his wife, Emily; his seven grandchildren; as well as his brother, Milton Greenfield and his wife, Micky.

Mr. Gilbert was interred in Montefiore Cemetery in suburban Philadelphia.

Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to The Kristol Center for Jewish Life (Hillel) at the University of Delaware, 47 West Delaware Avenue, Newark, DE. 19711 or to the Barbara Greenfield Scholarship Fund, c/o

University of Delaware, Development Office, George Evans House, 5 West Main Street, Newark, DE 19716

KATZ

Harold M. Katz, 50, beloved son of Manfred and Barbara Katz of the Delaware Jewish community, died in Tulsa, OK after a brief battle with cancer.

Born in Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD, he came to Tulsa to work in the health care industry. He became the executive director of Palmer Drug Abuse Program and Palmer Continuum of Care in 2001. Previously, he served as administrative director of the Community Action Project of Tulsa County and at several healthcare facilities during his 25 year career.

He devoted much of his free time to volunteer service within Tulsa's Jewish community. He was a past president of the Tulsa Jewish Retirement and Health Care Center, past treasurer of Temple Israel Foundation, past president of Temple Israel and president elect of the synagogue's Brotherhood, president elect of The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art, and 2005 chairperson of the Jewish Federation of Tulsa.

He was to receive the Maimonides Award this month from the Jewish Federation of Tulsa and had received the Volunteer of the Year Award from his synagogue earlier this year.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to Harold Katz's physicians in Tulsa and at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore.

He will be dearly missed by his wife, Blythe; his sons, Ethan, Matt and Stephen; his sister, Anita; and his two brothers, Dan and Carl.

A memorial service was held on July 14th in the sanctuary of Temple Israel with interment in the Old Temple Section of Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulsa.

Memorial contributions would be appreciated to either the Palmer Continuum of Care, Inc. 711 South Sheridan, Tulsa, OK 74112; Temple Israel, 2004 East 22nd Place, Tulsa, OK 74114 or to the Jewish Federation of Tulsa, 2021 East 71st Street, Tulsa, OK 74136.

SPITZER

Zoltan "Zoltie" Spitzer, 90, died peacefully at home on July 4th surrounded by his family.

A Holocaust survivor, he brought his family to the United States in 1957 and supported them through his earnings as a barber in Michael's Barber Shop where he worked until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Susan; his daughters, Marka Spizz of Long Island, NY, Eva Weissman and Karolin Lipman, both of Wilmington; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A graveside service was held on July 5th in the Jewish Community Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to either Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th & Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802 or to the Cancer Center for Kids at Winthrop Hospital, 259 1st Street, Mineola, NY 11501.

STANFIELD

Howard Martin Stanfield, 59, of

Newark, died on July 16th. This Chicago, IL native who was educated at the University of Illinois and Southern Illinois University, where he received his master's degree in plant pathology, embarked on a varied career in chemistry, biochemistry and computer technology. His business travels took him to Texas, Virginia and Delaware where he ultimately settled and built a life with his wife of 20 years, Sheella Mierison.

He worked with his wife at Creative Learning Solutions, Inc., a training and consulting firm which he served as business manager. Prior to that, he served as a Unix System administrator for Chase Cardmember Services in Newark.

The couple were active members of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth in Wilmington and P'Nai Or in Philadelphia. They enjoyed dancing with the Arden Folk Dance Gild and paddling with the Wilmington Trail Club.

Known to family and friends as "Howie", he was passionate about music, playing clarinet in the Newark Community Band and in the Music Chavurah.

Mr. Stanfield also is survived by his sister, Rochelle Stanfield Grossman of Bethesda, MD; his niece and five cousins.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, August 28, 2 p.m. at Temple Beth El in Newark.

Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to The Wellness Community, 4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807 or to Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810.

SIMON

Beverly B. Simon, 84, of Wilmington, died July 11th.

A retired officer manager of the Brandywine Lock and Safe Company, she was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and the Academy of Lifelong Learning.

She is survived by her husband, Max; her children, George and Robert Simon and Ruth Hrycak; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and her sister-in-law, Hanna Braunstein.

A graveside service was held on July 13th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 1096 Old Churchmans Road, Newark, DE 19713; or to the American Diabetes Association, 100 West

10th Street, Suite 1002, Wilmington, DE 19801

TEDER

Todd J. Teder, 30, of Claymont, DE, died July 9th.

A graveside service was held on July 13th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road in Wilmington.

WORMSER

Charlotte, "Lottie", Wormser, formerly of Northwood, died July 18th at the age of 84. She came to this country after World War II and made her way to Delaware in 1948. She worked as a licensed practical nurse for more than 40

years.

Mrs. Wormser was the widow of Fred Wormser and is survived by her children, Helene and Richard Weinberg, Miriam and Paul Scherer; and her grandchildren, Jonathan, Leslie, Jordan and Jennifer.

She was interred on July 19th in Machzikey Hadas Cemetery.

Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to the ALS Foundation, 321 Norristown Road, Suite 260, Ambler, PA 19002; or to Compassionate Care Hospice, 5610 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19808.

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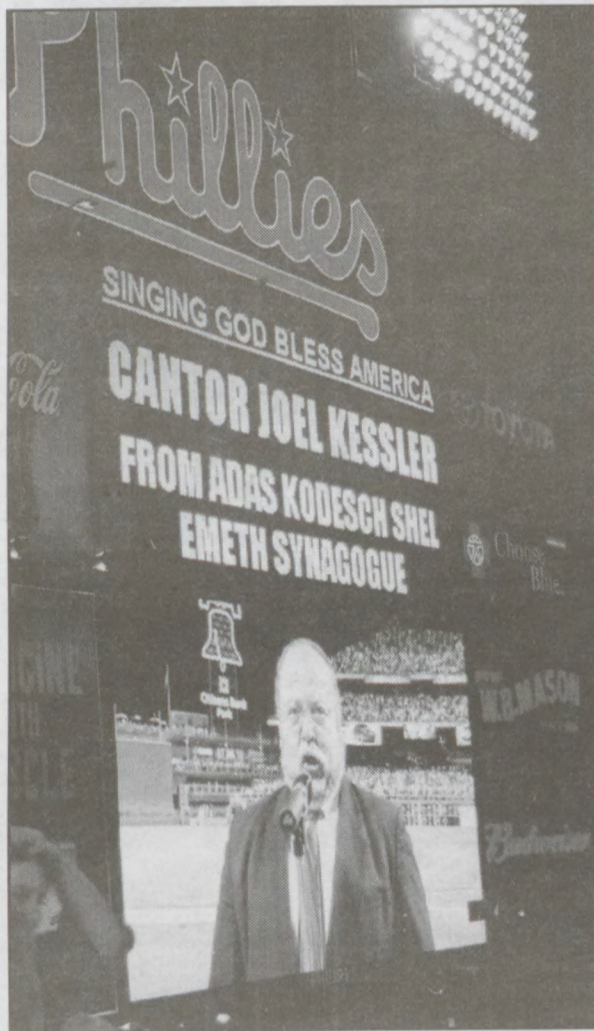
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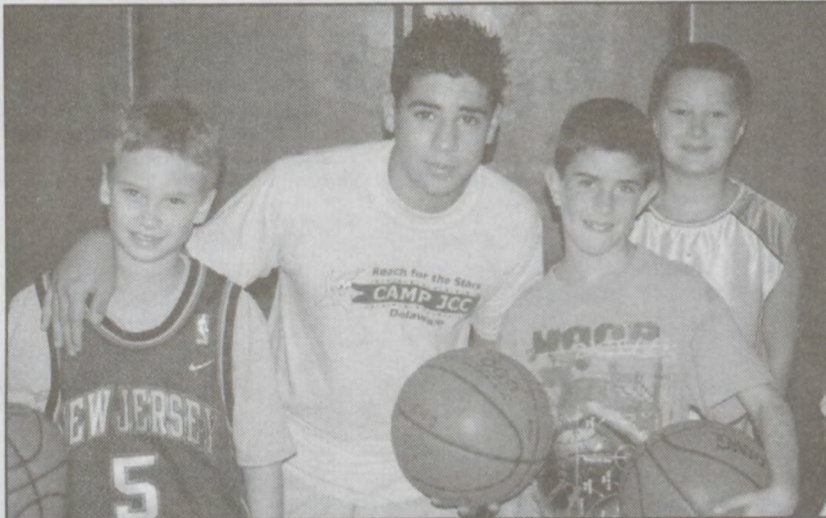
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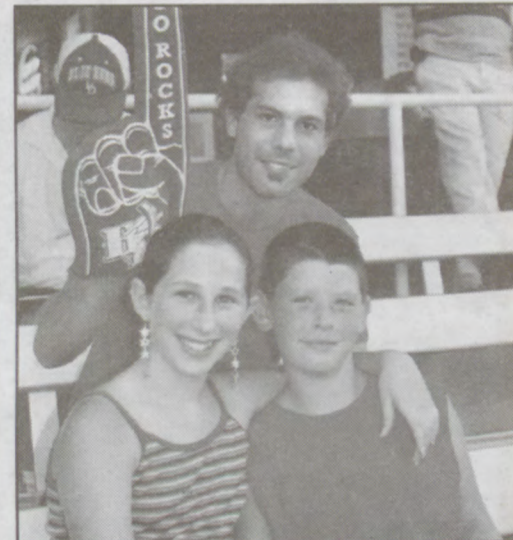
Above, Cantor Joel Kessler from AKSE, entertains the Phillies hometown crowd, Erev Independence Day at Philadelphia's Citizens Bank Park.

Photos by Joel Glazier



Above, JCC Basketball Camp proved popular with campers, Jake Levinson, Alex Schwartz and Ethan Andrews. In center is visiting Israeli counselor Dani Asori, grandson of Dan and Deane Kattler of Wilmington.

Right, Musician Steven Howard leads the newly forming Community Klezmer Band. The high school math and music teacher asked for those interested to join him on Wednesday nights at AKSE to play some Klezmer tunes. "Anyone who can play an instrument can join us, and we are in desperate need of a clarinet player and a good drum set as we have two drummers." For information call 235-7652 or AKSE at 762-2705.



Camp JCC Israeli counselor Ben Watts (top) gets into the Blue Rocks spirit with campers Brittany White and Matthew Bernard.



JCC Sharks swimming team members take a break between races by playing a cool round of "Go Fish-Nemo style", clockwise from left: Valerie, Aliya, Emily and Jenna.

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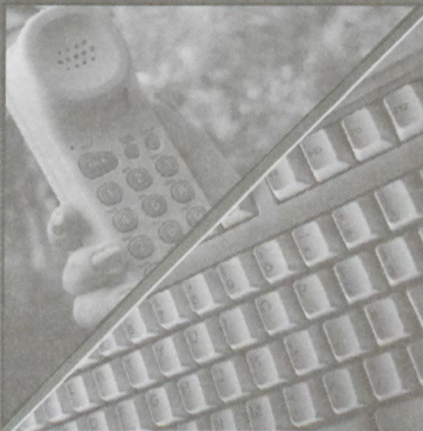
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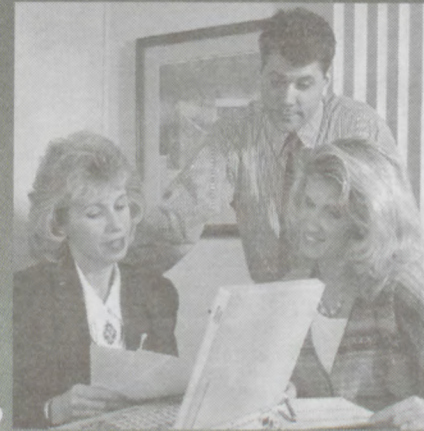
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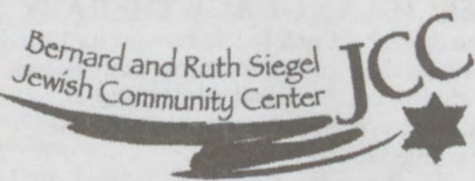
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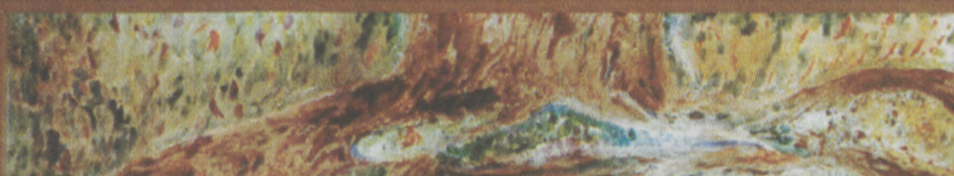
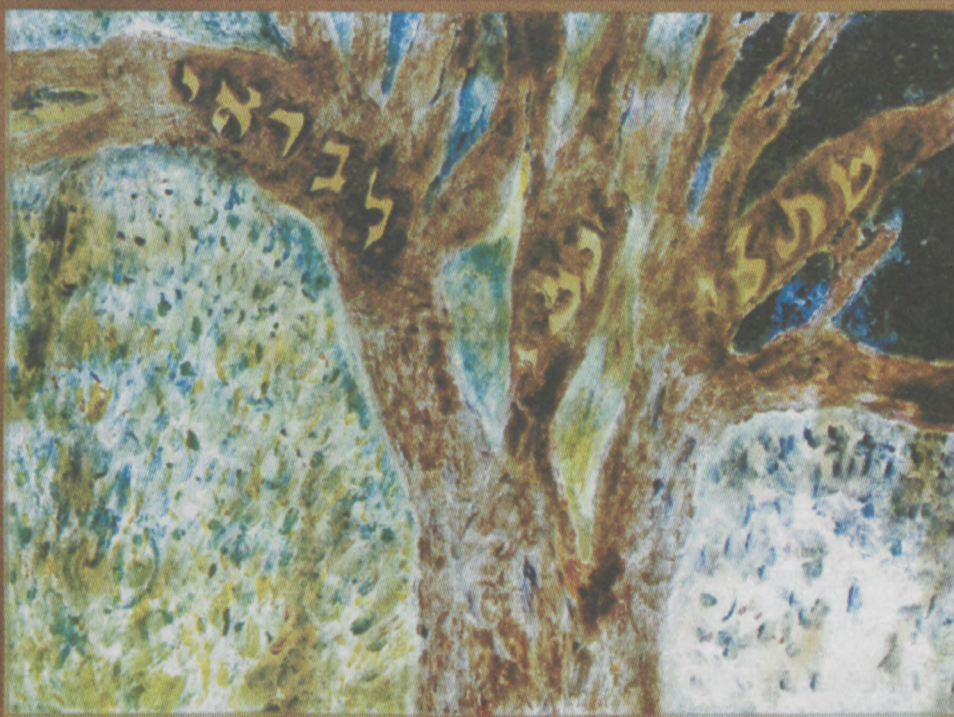
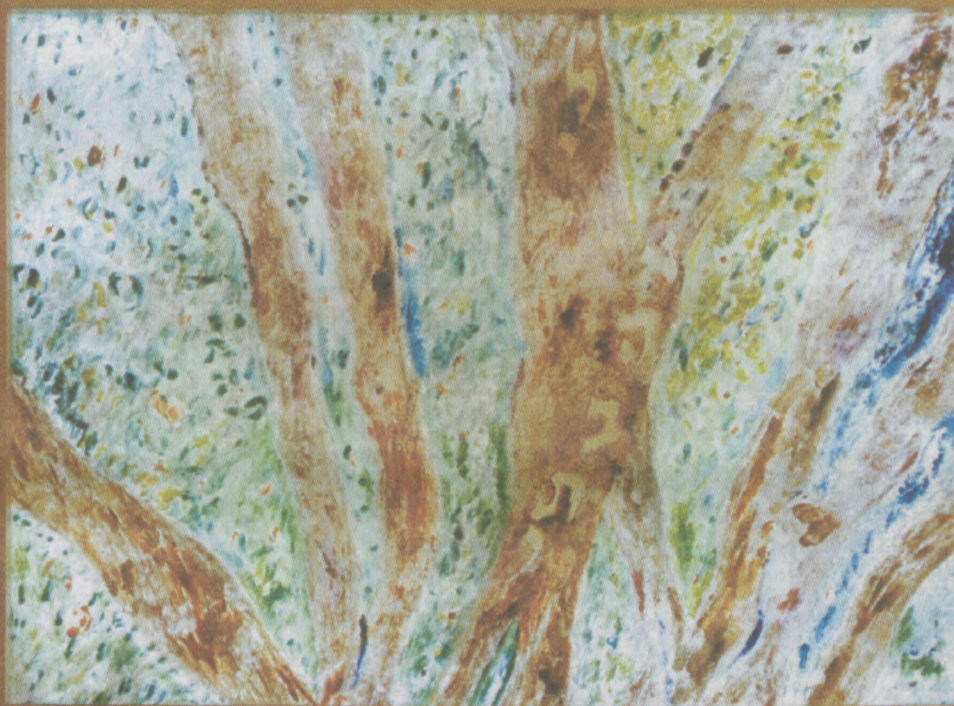


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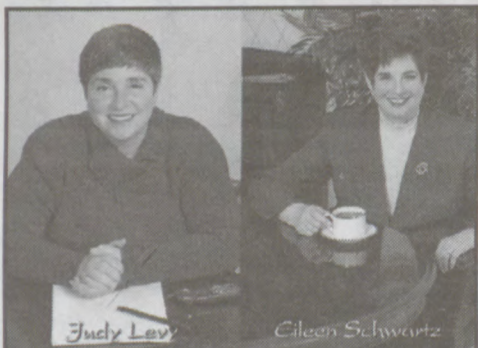
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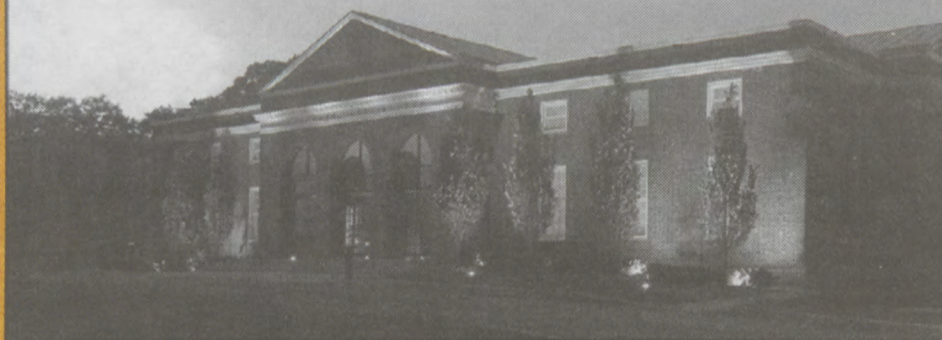
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Welcome to our Community

An Introduction to Jewish Delaware

By Toni Young

Although there were Jews in Delaware from the seventeenth century days of Dutch settlement, Judaism did not flourish in early Delaware, and by 1840, it appears to have been nonexistent. Not until 1879, when the Moses Montefiore Mutual Aid Society was organized, did Delaware have a permanent Jewish institution. Therefore, Delaware became the last of the original thirteen states to have an organized, Jewish community and worship services for the High Holidays. In 1879, Wilmington had a Jewish population of less than 100 people, and most of the new immigrants engaged in retail businesses. A small number of Jewish retailers lived in Dover, Smyrna and Milford.

Between 1880 and 1920, the Jewish population of Wilmington grew tremendously as East European immigrants found their way here. By the early 1920s, Wilmington's Jews numbered more than 4,000 people.

The influx of struggling immigrants, primarily merchants and peddlers, spurred the formation of many service organizations. Between 1899 and 1902, three of today's primary institutions were founded to offer assistance to the new arrivals. The Hebrew

Charity Association, today's Jewish Family Service was founded in 1899; The Young Men's Hebrew Association, today's JCC, in 1901; and the Bichor Cholem Society, today's Kutz Home, in 1902.

The immigrants also established several synagogues to meet their differing religious expectations. Three of the early synagogues survived: Adas Kodesch, founded in 1885; Chesed Shel Emeth, founded in 1901, merged with Adas Kodesch in 1957; and Beth Emeth, founded in 1906.

Although Wilmington had the largest concentration of Jews in the state, Jews continued to live in Kent and Sussex counties. By the early twentieth century, Dover, Lewes, Smyrna, Felton, Laurel, Georgetown, Millsboro, and Seaford had some Jewish retailers, peddlers, canners, distillers or hotelkeepers. The first Jewish farmers arrived in Viola in 1897 and 1900. With support from the Jewish Agriculture Society, 25 Jewish families settled on Delaware farms between 1912 and 1929. Jewish immigrants also entered farm-related businesses - livestock, poultry, and farm supplies.

No Jewish organization existed downstate until 1916, when the short-lived Jewish Farmers Association was estab-

lished. Religious services were held informally, in individual homes, until 1939 when the Jewish Congregation of Lower Delaware, today's Congregation Beth Shalom, was incorporated.

As the Wilmington Jewish community grew, it became increasingly fragmented. A fourth synagogue, Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom, was formed in 1922. By 1929, there were more than twenty Jewish organizations, often working at cross purposes. Attempts to unite the community were unsuccessful until 1935 when the Jewish Federation was established as a representative body of Wilmington's Jewry. In the following decades, the Federation's role was expanded statewide.

A few Jews attended the University of Delaware before the turn of the century, but Jews do not appear to have settled in Newark until early in the twentieth century. The Newark Jewish Community, today's Temple Beth El, was formed in 1954.

Throughout the twentieth century, the majority of Jews continued to live in Wilmington. Between 1929 and 1945 the Wilmington Jewish community increased 60 percent, to 6,156 people. Only an estimated 80 Jewish families lived in Lower Delaware in 1945. By 1974, the Jewish

population of Delaware was 9000 with 96 percent in Northern Delaware. However by 1995, a dramatic shift had taken place. A new population study estimated the state's Jewish population at 13,500 people with 51% in Wilmington, 32% in the Newark-Hockessin area, and 16% in Southern Delaware.

In this brief introduction, it is not possible to name all the people who have distinguished themselves in the 125 years of active Jewish life in Delaware. Suffice it to say that Jews have held high positions and made significant contributions in numerous fields, including law, business, government, medicine, finance, teaching, farming, and journalism.

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware continues to collect and preserve information on Delaware Jews. The archives of the JHSD are available to all who wish to know more about the rich Jewish heritage in Delaware.

(This introduction is based on information from *Becoming American, Remaining Jewish: the Story of Wilmington, Delaware's First Jewish Community* by Toni Young, unpublished work by Charles Salkin, and the 1995 *Jewish Population Study of Delaware* by Ukeles Associates, Inc.)

Welcome from Bob Pincus

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff and the constituent agencies of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, I welcome you to the First State and its vibrant Jewish community. More than 13,500 Jews of diverse backgrounds and interests make their home here and the Jewish Federation of Delaware stands ready to help them connect to a comprehensive network of programs and services that help build Jewish identity.

The mission of the Jewish Federation of Delaware is to mobilize the Jewish community to address issues, meet local and global Jewish needs and build an agenda for the future. JFD invites individuals to come together as a community coalition committed to *tikkun olam*-repair of the world-and work with us to enhance the quality of Jewish life here in Delaware, in Israel and around the world.

To carry out this mission and vision, the Jewish Federation raises funds for the needs of Jews locally and globally through the Federation Annual Campaign. It plans for our community's immediate and long-range needs and serves as a spokesperson on Jewish issues for the community at large. We do all this in coordination with other Jewish

agencies, organizations and synagogues.

Locally, there are six agencies that receive Federation Funds. Albert Einstein Academy is the Brandywine Valley's only Jewish day school, serving students from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. Delaware Gratz serves students who wish to continue their Jewish studies beyond their bar or bat mitzvahs. Jewish students at the University of Delaware can connect with their heritage and one another through the Kristol Center for Jewish Life (Hillel). Our elderly receive comprehensive, compassionate care at the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home-a modern, kosher, skilled nursing facility. Individuals and families in need of counseling and support can find it at Jewish Family Services of Delaware. The Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center provides a broad range of recreational, social, camping and child care programs to the community.

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This publication contains invaluable information about Federation, its agencies, area synagogues and other Jewish organizations that welcome your involvement and input. I urge you to make the Jewish connection to benefit yourself, your family and your fellow Jews locally and globally.

Find out more about the Jewish Federation of Delaware by calling 302-427-2100 or visit us on the web at www.shalomdelaware.org.

Message from Marion Hamermesh

I am honored to greet you on behalf of the Editorial Committee of the Jewish Voice. Whether you are new to our community or have been here for a while, we hope that you find this special issue of the Jewish Voice to be a helpful resource throughout the year.

The goal of The Jewish Voice is to provide the Delaware Jewish Community with local, national and international news and opinions which you might not see elsewhere. This annual Shalom Delaware insert is your guide to the agencies, congregations and some of the events in this community.

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Often people ask what the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD) is all about and what can they do to assist in the work of the Society. The JHSD was established in 1974 and was incorporated the following year. Our purpose is to collect, preserve, and share those materials that tell the story of the Delaware Jewish Community. The Society's collections encompass information on the history, activities, and the people who have lived in and affected Jewish life in our state. These collections, which make

up our Archives, contain over 350 linear feet of materials relating to synagogues and temples, Jewish organizations, Jewish owned businesses, Jewish families, and Jewish individuals. The JHSD Archive is located at 505 Market Street in downtown Wilmington. It is within the building of the Historical Society of Delaware Library.

The JHSD, however, is more than old records, photographs, and collectibles. Our organization serves as a resource center for information on the preservation and conservation of documents and photographs. It is a place where individuals and families can place various items and that reflect the history and life of a family through the generations. Perhaps we have materials relating to your family on file! The Archives serve as your "Community" Archives reflecting "Your History." Our most time consuming function is to "process & preserve" the materials that become part of the archive. Items are processed and cataloged and housed in

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Not only does the JHSD maintain the archive and serve as a resource center but it also produces displays and publishes a newsletter and various booklets and pamphlets as well as videos.

We need your assistance and support! Why not consider joining our organization, making a financial contribution, or donating items for our archives. Membership forms are usually available at the synagogue offices, at the Jewish Community Center, or by calling the Society at (302)655-6232. Join us today! You'll be glad you did! By preserving and understanding our past, we help ensure a strong and healthy future.



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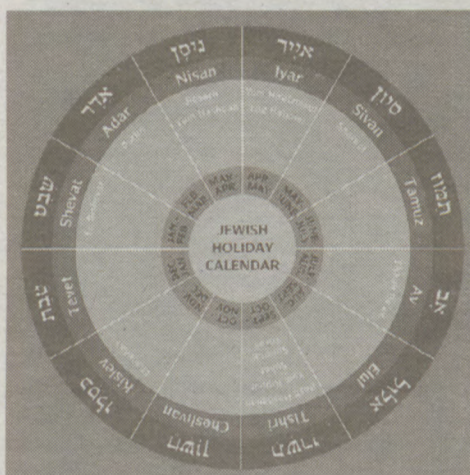
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Celebrating our Jewish Holidays



Jewish Holiday Festivals

The Jewish calendar is full of festivals and special days, either commemorating a major event in Jewish history or celebrating a certain time of year (such as Jewish New Year).

Festival days are known as Yom Tovim and many of these days are marked by Jews refraining from working - however, unlike the Sabbath cooking (for the day ahead only) and carrying items outside of the home are both permitted. Except where stated, all of the following festivals are guided by these laws.

The main festivals are as follows:



Purim (Festival of Lots)

This one-day festival takes place four weeks before Passover and usually falls in February or early March. It recalls the story of Esther, a Queen who foiled a plot by one of her advisors, Haman, to kill all the Jews. As well as the story being read in synagogue in a book called the Megillah, it is a day for parties and celebrations, and fancy dress is traditional. Pastries called Hamantaschen are also eaten - these are triangular (the same shape as Haman's hat) and filled with poppy seeds, jam or fruit.

Normal work and activities are permitted on Purim.

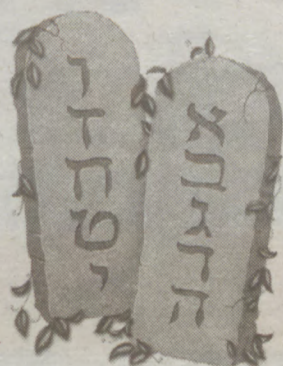


Pesach (Passover)

This takes place around March/April time, and commemorates Moses freeing the Israelites from their enslavement under the Pharaoh in Egypt. The festival lasts for eight days and during that time no 'leavened' food (i.e. food containing wheat or any type of grain) may be consumed (including bread, cereals, whisky and beer) - Jews

who come from the Middle East, known as Sephardi Jews, will eat rice and pulses, but European Jews won't. The reason for eating no leavened food is to remember when the Israelites had to leave Egypt in a hurry and did not have time to prepare proper food for themselves - their bread did not rise in time and so was considered 'unleavened' and tasted more like crackers. This is symbolized on Pesach by eating Matzah - unleavened bread.

On the first two nights, a service known as a Seder (order) is held at home - this tells the story of the Passover and the Jewish exodus from Egypt, chronicled in a book called the Haggadah. The service is traditionally a relaxed affair - it is customary for those attending to lean to their left to show that they are no longer bound by the restrictions of slavery imposed by the Pharaoh of Egypt and may sit however they please. Four cups of wine are also drunk during the service, and a celebratory meal is eaten.



Shavuot (Pentecost)

Shavuot takes place seven weeks after Passover and commemorates Moses being given the Ten Commandments by God following the Exodus from Egypt. The festival lasts for two days and requires relatively little advance preparation compared to some of the other Yom Tovim; however, it is traditional to eat dairy products, as when the Jews were awaiting the arrival of their commandments and were unsure as to what their dietary laws would be, they ate only dairy products and vegetables, to avoid eating the meat of any animals which might be forbidden. Cheesecake is a particular favorite at this time of year, and many people steer clear of meat altogether. The synagogue is decorated with flowers for the festival's duration in celebration of the giving of the commandments.

There are few other customs associated with the festival, although some Jews often stay up all night on the first night to study the Bible.



Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)

The Jewish New Year takes place around September/October, and is considered one of the most important and serious holidays (or High Holy Days) in the Jewish calendar. As well as being a time for

celebration it is also a time for reflection and repentance for sins committed in the previous year. In synagogue, people pray to God to forgive them for their wrongdoings and to give them a good year - during the service a Shofar, or ram's horn, is blown, to alert congregants to the seriousness of the festival and the fact that God is deciding their fates for the coming year - which will be sealed on the Day Of Atonement ten days later. This period is known as The Ten Days Of Repentance and is traditionally a solemn time.

However, Rosh Hashanah is also a time for celebration - other traditions include eating apples dipped in honey in the hope that this will lead to a sweet year.



Yom Kippur (Day Of Atonement)

The Ten Days Of Repentance end with Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day Of Atonement, which is the day on which the fates of all Jews are sealed for the coming year. This High Holy Day is the most solemn and serious day in the Jewish calendar, which involves praying for forgiveness for sins and afflicting oneself as punishment for those committed in the past year. Jews fast (refraining from any food or drink) for 25 hours from sundown on the previous evening until sundown the next night, and are not allowed to work, bathe or wear leather shoes. The fast begins with a special evening service known as Kol Nidre (All Vows), and synagogue services last for the whole of the following day until the Fast ends.

Although it is a solemn day, Yom Kippur is also thought of as a happy day because it is the time for Jews to cleanse themselves of wrongdoings and reach a spiritual high. Fasting is not only done as a means of affliction but also because nothing is supposed to detract congregants from their prayers on the day. However, children below Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah age, pregnant women and diabetics are discouraged from fasting, as is anybody whose health is likely to be seriously affected by the 25-hour abstinence.

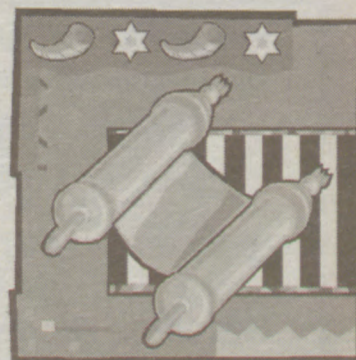
Succot (Tabernacles)

This festival begins five days after the end of Yom Kippur and commemorates the booths the Israelites constructed in the wilderness and lived in after their exodus from Egypt. During the eight-day festival, Jews are supposed to live in a similar booth known as a Succah (dwelling) - the walls are made of wood and the ceiling of greenery to leave the stars visible. In countries such as Israel where the climate permits, many people sleep in the Succah, but elsewhere it is used mainly for meals only.

In synagogue, each congregant says a blessing over four different species of plants - a palm branch (lulav), citron (esrog), myrtle branch and willow twig - which are representative of the four differ-

ent types of Jewish person.

The middle four days of the festival are regular working days - although the fourth of these, Hoshana Rabba (Save Us), is treated as one final chance to purge the soul of sins committed in the previous year. The eighth day of the festival is called The Eighth Day Of Solemn Assembly (Shemini Atzeret), when a prayer for rain is said during the synagogue service.



Simchat Torah (Rejoicing Of The Law)

Following immediately on from Succot is Simchat Torah, which celebrates the end of the reading of the Torah, in synagogue - and the fact that it can now be read from the beginning again. This is one of the happiest festivals in the Jewish calendar - it is celebrated by making seven circuits of the synagogue which are punctuated with dancing and singing of traditional Hebrew songs.

Children are given flags to hold on the circuits, and many synagogues hold parties after the service.



Chanukah (Festival of Lights)

Another eight-day festival, which takes place in December. The story of Chanukah hails back to a period in history when, Jews were forbidden to follow their faith and many were forcibly converted or killed for not converting. Eventually a band of Jews called the Maccabees gathered an army and revolted against the Greeks and won the battle, although their temple and way of life was all but destroyed. This band of men sought to clean up the temple and restore the faith, but in order to light the temple the special seven-branch candelabra (Menorah) was needed, and only enough oil could be found to keep it alight for one day. However, a miracle occurred and the Menorah continued to remain alight for seven days on only one day's supply of oil until new oil could be made to keep the light going.

Traditions of Chanukah include lighting candles on a Menorah every night for eight nights in the home, eating food cooked in oil (doughnuts, potato pancakes etc.), giving presents, holding parties and celebrations, and playing games with a dreidel, a traditional spinning top.

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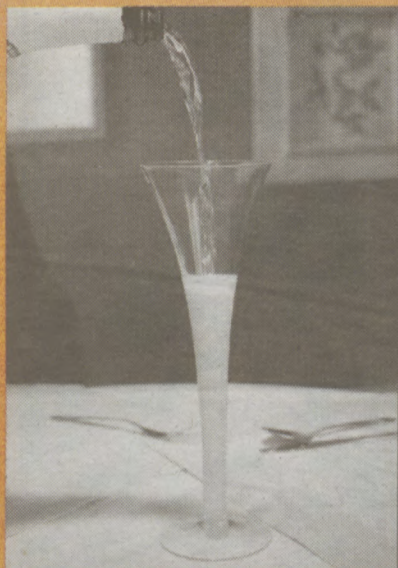
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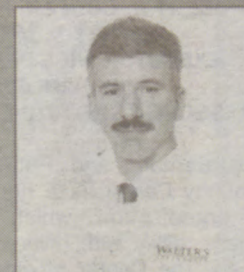
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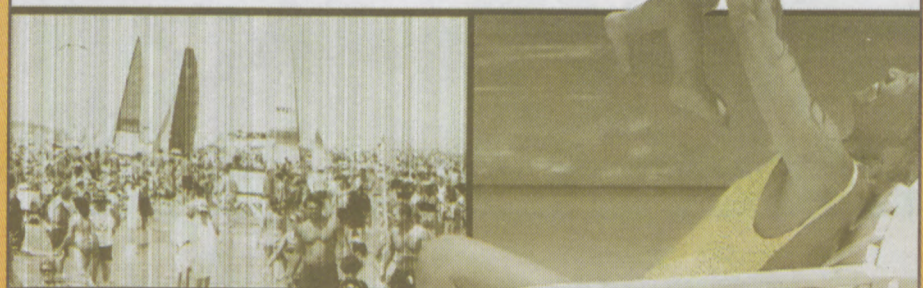
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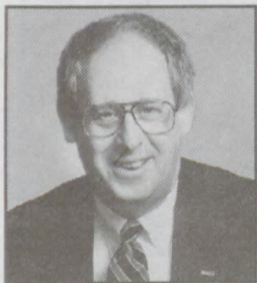
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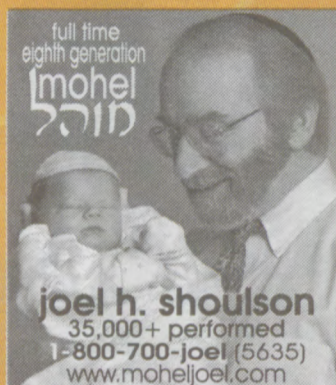


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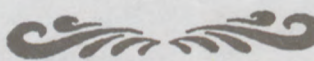
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tion with other Jewish teens from throughout the region in a learning environment where discussion, debate and sharing of views and knowledge is invigorating.

Gratz offers an award-winning service learning program at the Mary Campbell Center as well as community service volunteer programs such as student teaching opportunities at area synagogues and *Tikkun Olam* projects such as the very pop-

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High school and college credits, as well as both the JCHS and the I.M. Wise teaching certificates are granted to those students who qualify. Gratz students who meet certain criteria may apply to the Jewish Fund for the Future, the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Endowment Fund, for the Greenbaum Jewish Studies College Scholarship. For more information about eligibility, please contact Gina Kozicki, at 427-2100, ext. 20.

Classes meet on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at three sites, on Wednesdays at the Mary Campbell Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel JCC from 7:00 p.m. to 9:05 p.m. Part-time programs are available.

Contact Marlene Milunsky, Principal, for further information (gratz@delawaregratz.org)



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The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Inc. is a non-profit agency which receives funds from the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the United Way of Delaware and contributions from the community. In the early 1900s, a home caring for the Jewish elderly was the dream of a group of Jewish women, the Bichor Cholem Society, who raised funds to make this dream a reality. This tradition exists to this day, and includes Sabbath observance, Jewish holiday services, and delicious and plentiful kosher food. Today, the Kutz Home cares for men and women of many faiths requiring nursing care.

The Rehabilitation Department provides physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy as needed. The Home's Medical Director is on call around-the-clock. A podiatrist visits bi-monthly, and the Home's psychiatric consultant advises staff on the care of residents with emotional and dementia-related problems. The Home's Resident Relations and Counseling staff assists residents and family members with adjustment and other concerns.

The Kutz Home has an active Auxiliary which raises funds to provide many additional services, such as a paratransit van, dining room furnishings and special medical equipment. Our caring volunteers spend their time and energy making life for our residents interesting and pleasurable.

The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home is proud of its long history of caring for the community's elderly with the reverence they deserve. For

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Samuel H. Asher, center, executive vice president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, discusses Jewish community needs with (from left) Dory Zatuchni, executive director, Jewish Family and Children's Services of Delaware, Marlene Milunsky, principal, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Susan Detwiler, executive director, Kristol Center for Jewish Life at U of D (Hillel), Karen Friedman, executive director, Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Dr. Jack Sparks, Head of School, Albert Einstein Academy and Jeff Metz, executive vice president, Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center.

Cooking with Jewish Flair

Preserving a heritage along with recipes

By Matthew Dorf, JTA

When Joan Nathan serves gefilte fish for Passover, she puts a carrot in the fish head. For her, the reason is simple: That's the way her mother-in-law always did it.

"This is what her mother did. She died in the Holocaust," Nathan said during an interview in the kitchen of her Washington home. "It's my way of remembering her family," she said. For Nathan, the author of "Jewish Cooking in America" and the star of a 26-part PBS series by the same name, "it's not just about the recipes." It's about preserving Jewish heritage.

BROWNIES

These brownies, created by Capsouto Freres for their Passover seder, are moist and delicious all year round.

3/4 stick unsalted butter or margarine, softened

3/4 cup sugar
5 eggs, separated
6 ounces bittersweet chocolate
6 ounces finely ground almonds or almond flour
Pinch of salt

1. Cream the butter and sugar together. Mix in the egg yolks.

2. Melt the chocolate over a double boiler. Cool and add to the butter mixture. Add the finely ground almonds or almond flour.

3. Beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry. Fold into the batter. Pour into a 9-inch square greased baking tin. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 45 minutes. Cool and cut in squares.

Yield: about 24 brownies (Meat or Pareve)

PISTACHIO MACAROONS

During the American Colonial period, Jewish merchants frequently had glass bowls filled with pistachio nuts for visitors in their homes. Sometimes at Passover they made their macaroons with these pistachios instead of almonds.

3 cups shelled pistachio nuts

1 cup sugar

3 egg whites

Sugar for dusting

1. Whirl the pistachio nuts in the food processor until ground but not pureed.

2. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper and set aside. In a medium bowl mix the

ground pistachio nuts, sugar and egg whites.

Refrigerate for about 10 minutes. Drop the batter from a tablespoon onto the cookie sheets, leaving 1/2 inch between macaroons. Bake in a preheated 325-degree oven for 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly brown. Dust with sugar when cool.

Yield: about a dozen (Pareve)



MY FAVORITE BRISKET (NOT TOO GEDEMPTE FLEYSCH):

Gedempte Fleysch — well-stewed — that's how Eastern European Jews prefer their meat. Slow cooking, of course, became a practical necessity with grainy cuts of forequarter meat. Because a brisket stretched into many meals, it was an economical cut for large families in Europe. Leftovers were ground up to stuff knishes or kreplach. The meaty gravy became the base for a midweek cabbage or potato soup or a sauce to cover pompushki, Ukrainian baked dumplings, which resemble Pepperidge Farm rolls. In this country, it became particularly popular.

Brisket comes from the front quarters of the steer, the chest area. The whole piece of meat, from three to 10 pounds, is potted (hence the term pot roast) and cooked slowly by braising in liquid. It should be covered and simmered in a 325-degree oven for several hours.

2 teaspoons salt

Freshly ground pepper to taste

1 5-pound brisket of beef, shoulder roast of beef, chuck roast or end of steak

1 garlic clove, peeled

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

3 onions, peeled and diced

1 10-ounce can tomatoes

2 cups red wine

combination with meat or fowl.

3. Parve - Foods which contain neither meat nor dairy ingredients are called "Parve." All fruits, grains and vegetables in their natural state are Kosher and Parve. Fish which have fins and scales are Kosher and Parve. Some examples are salmon, halibut and carp.

Not Kosher fish species include sturgeon, catfish and swordfish. All shellfish, eel, sharks, underwater mammals, and reptiles are not Kosher. A Parve item can become either dairy or meat when it is cooked together with food in either category. (Example: fish fried in butter is considered dairy, not Parve.)

Certain grain products and their derivatives, although Kosher the rest of the year, may not be used during Passover. In addition, in many communities legumes are not permitted on Passover. Kosher for Passover items may be made only with utensils that are Kosher for Passover according to Jewish law.

The separation of meat and dairy products also applies to the utensils used for storing, preparing and serving these foods.

Therefore, completely separate sets of pots, dishes, cutlery, etc. must be used for meat and dairy foods. Kosher food prepared in pots used previously for preparing non-Kosher food may become not Kosher.

2 stalks celery with the leaves, chopped

1 bay leaf

1 sprig fresh thyme

1 sprig fresh rosemary

1/4 cup chopped parsley

6 to 8 carrots, peeled and sliced on the diagonal

1. Sprinkle the salt and pepper over the brisket and rub with the garlic. Sear the brisket in the oil and then place, fat side up, on top of the onions in a large casserole. Cover with the tomatoes, red wine, celery, bay leaf, thyme and rosemary.

2. Cover and bake in a preheated 325-degree oven for about 3 hours, basting often with pan juices.

3. Add the parsley and carrots and bake, uncovered, for 30 minutes more or until the carrots are cooked. To test for doneness, stick a fork in the flat (thinner or leaner end of the brisket). When there is a light pull on the fork as it is removed from the meat, it is "fork tender."

4. This dish is best prepared in advance and refrigerated so that the fat can be easily skimmed from the surface of the gravy. Trim off all the visible fat from the cold brisket. Then place the brisket, on what was the fat side down, on a cutting board. Look for the grain — that is, the muscle lines of the brisket — and with a sharp knife, cut across the grain.

5. When ready to serve, reheat the gravy.

6. Put the sliced brisket in a roasting pan. Pour the hot gravy on the meat, cover and reheat in a preheated 350-degree oven for 45 minutes. Some people like to strain the gravy, but I prefer to keep the onions because they are so delicious.

Serve with farfel (boiled egg barley noodles), noodle kugel or potato pancakes. A colorful winter salad goes well with this.

Yield: 8 to 10 servings (Meat)

Tip: Try adding a jar of sun-dried tomatoes to the canned tomatoes.

They add a more intense flavor to the brisket.

EGGPLANT AND GREEN PEPPER KUGEL (CASSEROLE):

Here is an eggplant kugel first tasted in Jerusalem, the world's capital of international eggplant dishes. The recipe was brought there by American immigrants.

1 large eggplant (about 2 pounds)

1 onion, diced

1 green pepper, diced

2 tablespoons pine nuts

1/4 cup olive oil

2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

2 large eggs, lightly beaten

1 matzah, crumbled

2 tablespoons butter or margarine

1. Peel the eggplant and dice in 2-inch cubes. Cook in simmering salted water to cover until the eggplant is tender — about 20 minutes. Drain and mash.

2. Meanwhile, saute the onion, pepper and pine nuts in olive oil over medium heat until the vegetables are tender but not crisp. Combine with the basil and salt and pepper.

3. Mix the eggplant with the lightly beaten eggs as well as the vegetable mixture. Add the matzah and mix well. Place in a grease casserole and dot with butter or margarine. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 35 minutes or until golden brown on top and crusty on the sides.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings with butter (Dairy); with margarine (Pareve).

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GARLIC-ROSEMARY POTATO LATKES

From: *The Gefilte Variations* by Jayne Cohen

These exceptionally fragrant potato pancakes require no topping or sauce as adornment. They are perfect as is, ready to accompany any roasted or grilled chicken or meat.

Yield: about 4 servings.

Ingredients: 1 1/2 lbs. Yukon Gold, or 3 large russet (baking) potatoes, peeled
2 tablespoons chopped garlic
1 tablespoon fresh rosemary leaves
1 large egg, beaten
1 tablespoon matzoh meal or unbleached all-purpose flour
3/4 teaspoon salt, or to taste
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, or to taste

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

Olive oil for frying

Coarsely shred the potatoes, using grating disk in a food processor. (Don't wash out the food processor—you'll be using it again right away.) Transfer the potatoes to a colander or strainer and use your hands or a wooden spoon to press out as much moisture as possible.

Remove grating disk from processor and replace with steel blade. Return about 1/3 of the shredded potatoes to the food processor. Add the garlic and rosemary and process, using pulse motion, until roughly pureed. Transfer the mixture to a large bowl. Add the remaining shredded potatoes, the egg, matzoh meal, salt, pepper, and baking powder to the bowl. Mix until thoroughly combined. Refrigerate for about 15 minutes to mingle the flavors.

In a heavy, 10- to 12-inch skillet (cast-iron is ideal), heat about 1/4-inch oil over high heat until hot but not smoking. Drop 1/4 cup of the potato latke batter into the pan, and flatten with a spatula. Repeat with more batter, cooking no more than 4 or 5 latkes at a time; crowding the pan will give you soggy latkes.

Regulate the heat carefully, reducing it to medium as the latkes fry until golden and crisp on the bottom, about 4 minutes. To prevent oil from splattering, use two spatulas (or a spatula and a large spoon) to turn the latkes carefully. Fry until crisp and golden on the other side.

It's best to flip the latkes only once, so that they don't absorb too much oil. So, before turning, lift the latkes slightly with the spatula to make sure the underside is crisp and brown.

As the latkes are done, transfer them to paper towels or untreated brown paper bags to drain.

Continue making latkes in the same manner until all the batter is used. If necessary, add more oil to the pan, but always allow the oil to get hot before frying a new batch.

Serve straightaway. Or keep the latkes warm in a 200 oven (place in a single layer on an oven-proof platter lined with paper towels) and serve when they are all ready to be brought to the table.



JEWISH APPLE CAKE

1 c Vegetable oil

2 c Sugar

4 Eggs

3 c Flour

1/4 c Apple or orange juice

2 1/2 ts Vanilla

3 ts Baking powder

5 tb Sugar

2 tb Cinnamon

1 c Apples

Mix first seven ingredients well. Chop apples coarsely. Mix sugar and cinnamon, then add apples and coat them well. Layer batter and apples in a greased tube pan. Sprinkle remaining cinnamon sugar on top. Bake for 1 1/2 hours at 350° F.

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Keeping Kosher

Question: What is Kosher?

The following is an outline of a very intricate and complicated set of rules that make up the laws of Kashruth. It is meant only to provide a general overview of Kashruth. A competent rabbi must always be consulted for proper interpretation and implementation of the law.

Answer: The Hebrew word "Kasheir," or "Kosher," means fit or proper.

When applied to food, the term indicates that an item is fit for consumption according to Jewish law. The word "Kashruth" refers to the general subject of Kosher food.

There are three categories of Kosher food - Meat, Dairy and Parve (or Pareve).

1. Meat - For an animal to be Kosher, it must have split hooves and chew its cud. (Examples: cow, goat, lamb.) Non-Kosher animals include pig, horse, camel and rabbit. Kosher fowl include chicken, turkey, goose, and certain duck. Animals and fowl must be slaughtered by a specialist, called a shochet, and then soaked and salted in accordance with Jewish law. All carnivorous (meat-eating) animals and fowl, and the blood of all animals and fowl, and any derivatives or products thereof, are not Kosher.

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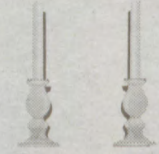
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Jewish Lifestyles

A limited trip to Europe

By E. E. Jaffe
Special to the Jewish Voice

Recently my wife and I set out on a vacation trip to Europe to visit places in Germany, Poland, Hungary, Austria and the Czech Republic that had a direct relationship with the Jewish Diaspora in these countries. The most remarkable and memorable visits were in Berlin, Warsaw and Krakow, and Prague. In Berlin, among other places we had an opportunity to visit the new Memorial To The Murdered Jews of Europe. It is located near the Brandenburg Gate and was completed earlier this year. The designer is the architect Peter Eisenman. The design is a radical departure from traditional memorials. It took 17 years for the German politicians to settle on the design and the message it conveys. There are no obvious symbols except for a grid of 2711 blocks of various heights, without any inscriptions, attached to the ground in a series of rows. Some of the blocks are shallow between zero to 3.3 feet in height and the tallest are 13.1 feet tall, all others are intermediate in height. Thus, between some rows of blocks walking visitors cannot be seen outside the confines of the memorial. The major part of the memorial is erected completely outdoors. There is no protection against the weather or vandals.

All blocks are made from the same high quality concrete and are gray in color. The largest blocks weigh 16 tons, with an overall average of 8 tons per block. There are 41 trees planted at the periphery of the memorial's field of about 140,000 square feet. The memorial is fully accessible from two streets. It induces an eerie feeling, not unlike a visit to a cemetery.

In addition, there is a large underground information center, including seminar rooms and a bookshop. Various projections and computer screens inform the visitors about the evolution of the Third Reich's attitude toward Jews and the ultimate destruction of the European Jewry. Some of the automated exhibits are interactive, that is they respond to questions of the many visitors, mostly Germans. According to workers at the museum the memorial has been visited by a large number of visitors as we have ourselves observed on the occasion of our visit.

It is noteworthy that the memorial is located in the heart of Berlin and in the vicinity of many embassies, cultural institutions and residential premises. In fact, a bunker of Goebbels' office villa was once located in a corner of the memorial site. The construction of the memorial was financed by the German Federal Government and costs about \$34 million, based on the current Euro exchange rate. It was a memorable but also



Ann Jaffe (right) and her Israeli sister-in-law Eda Swirsky (left).

excruciating experience.

During my study at a German university in Erlangen, after WW II, I shared living quarters with another Jewish student. Unlike most Jewish students who emigrated when given a chance, my friend completed his studies, ultimately received a Ph.D. degree and became a diplomat in the German Foreign Service. He served for 6 years in the German embassy in Moscow, followed by a similar stint in Tel-Aviv. After retirement he became the head of the Jewish community in Berlin. He is now fully retired. We met him at our hotel and he showed us places around town that we would otherwise not have been able to see. One of the remarkable places was a large synagogue, which is now a museum with unusual and valuable exhibits. Subsequently, we had dinner at another active Synagogue's dining room. It was a real treat, to see so many exhibits, and meet my old friend, Dr. Alexander Brenner.

Soon we were in Poland and visited Auschwitz and Birkenau, which offered details of the evidence to which the Berlin memorial was dedicated. Beyond the gate, into which is worked in an inscription that "Arbeit Macht Frei", meaning that work makes free, are the barracks. The gate announcement was an unmitigated lie. The evidence is unmistakable that work led to death. There are exhibits of great quantities of human hair,

worn shoes, spectacles, even empty containers of Cyclon B, which was used to kill unsuspecting inmates. Even the punishing cells and the small gage railroad that delivered the bodies of the murdered to be incinerated in ovens have been preserved. When we walked into the crematoria the sun was shining but when we came out it was raining, as if the heavens were shedding tears at the enormous crime perpetrated by the German Nazis. We followed through with a visit to Birkenau about a couple of miles away.

Return to Warsaw

In Warsaw we visited the old ghetto, which had been rebuilt. I saw Warsaw in June 1946 while traveling from Moscow to Breslau (now Wroclaw). At that time Warsaw lay in near total ruins, not unlike Dresden, which we also visited earlier. Both cities have been almost completely rebuilt in the past 60 years.

In the Polish city of Krakow we experienced a Klezmer Festival in the center of the old Jewish quarters. For this occasion the center yard in front of the old Synagogue was cleared and a large stage set up with all the required acoustic and broadcasting equipment. The Polish TV Broadcasting Authority was providing the equipment, including long booms with TV cameras, which swung out from towers some hundreds of feet away from the stage. Klezmer performers came from many countries for the occasion, including

the American actor/singer Theodore Bikel. He sang a couple of touching Yiddish songs, and the announcer importuned the audience of thousands of Poles, in elegant Polish, to honor the Jewish survivors and their cultural heritage.

In Vienna we dined at a Jewish kosher restaurant. Interestingly, there were no inscriptions, nor any indications that a restaurant was functioning in the building, save for one important indicator. In front of the restaurant entrance was parked a police car with two policemen on full alert. Obviously Jews are still vulnerable from a variety of potential sources.

In Budapest we visited the recently renovated synagogue on Dohany Street, which survived WW II, and is the second largest synagogue in the world, after the Temple Emanuel Synagogue in New York City. A guide showed and explained to us the major attractions, including the Holocaust Cemetery right outside the Dohany Synagogue, and a major sculpture commemorating the victims of the Holocaust, as well as a memorial to Raoul Wallenberg.

Jewish Life in Prague

In Prague we made our way from the hotel via the subway to the Jewish part of town. The day was Saturday and consequently we tried to gain entry into a functioning Synagogue. Again, police were stationed in front of the entrance as well as at the nearest major road intersection. To gain entry we had to undergo a search by a functionary, including passage through a metal detector. Inside, my wife was able to get a seat in the women's section. I, on the other hand, though given a Siddur and a Tallit by the Gabbi, had to stand while the prayers were in progress, because all seats in the relatively small room were taken. I was able to sit down temporarily on vacated seats while some men were called to reading of the Torah. The Synagogue is small but Orthodox and as a consequence the praying is thorough and uninterrupted. The total number of praying men was about thirty, led by a young tall Rabbi with a modest beard. After the services we had an opportunity to dine in the Synagogue's dining room. The attendants and waiters were Russian workers, not unlike the ones we encountered in another synagogue dining room in Berlin.

All in all it was an exhausting but interesting and exhilarating journey, including many other interesting experiences along the way. Clearly, we cannot and should not forget the great tragedy that has befallen the Jews of Europe in WW II. Incipient Jewish life seems to be sprouting once again in some European countries with apparent help from some governments, particularly Germany's.



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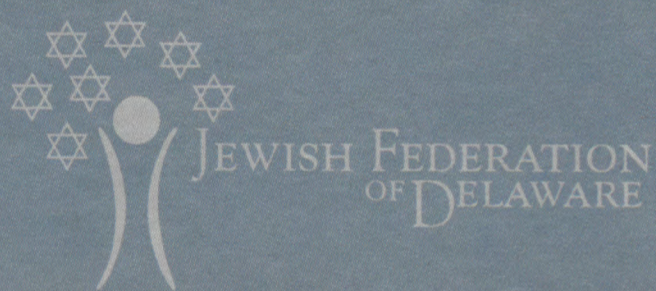
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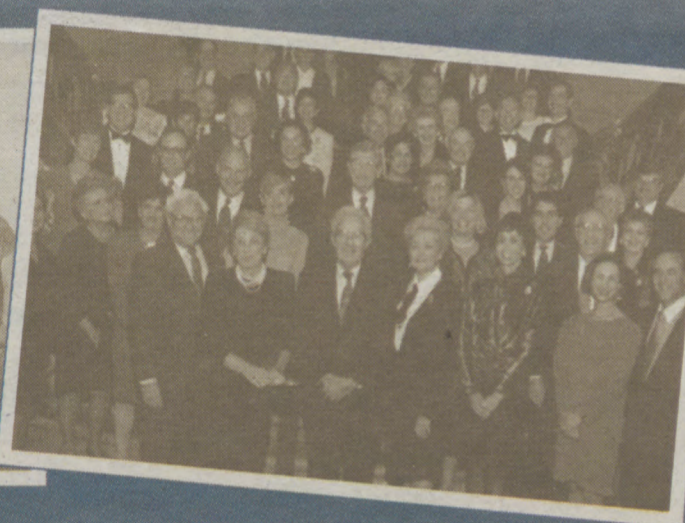
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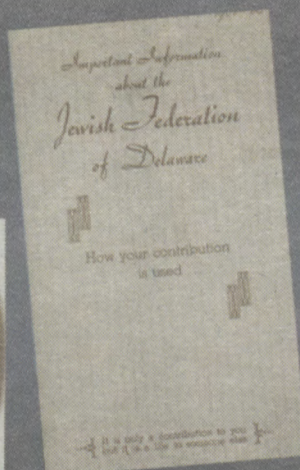
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1930s

(L to R) Dr. Joseph M. Barsky and Milton Kutz, presidents. Benjamin Codor, executive director.

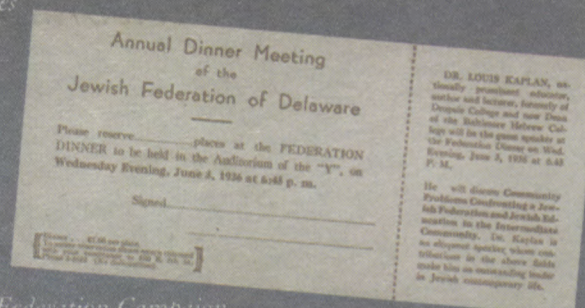


June 1935, Wilmington Federation of Jewish Charities formed to centralize the efforts of all agencies concerned with philanthropy and community planning.

Ben Codor hired to be first executive director of Federation and executive director of the Jewish Welfare Society.

November 17-27, 1935, first Federation Campaign reached its goal of \$26,700. 632 donors contributed. Major recipients were YMHA, today's JCC, Bichor Cholem, today's Kutz Home and the Jewish Welfare Society.

Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations formed.



A Message to the Community – by Barry S. Kayne & Samuel H. Asher

We celebrate 70 years of community unity, 70 years of working together to assist Jews in need in Delaware, Israel and throughout the world.

Take a moment to remember some of the milestones, to see how Federation has continued to balance the needs of our local community and the international community. Let's recall a few milestones of the last 70 years.

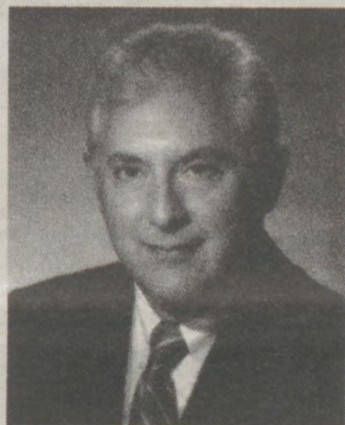
The Jewish Federation of Delaware plays a unique role in building a vibrant Jewish community here in Delaware, in Israel and around the world.

In the 2005 Annual Report, you will see a focus on our new building efforts here in Delaware. Our work is made possible, in large part, by the Annual Campaign, along with the Community Capital Campaign, special campaigns and the Jewish Fund for the Future. This helps us to continue the growth and future development of the Federation's six beneficiary agencies – Albert Einstein Academy, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, the Kristol Center for Jewish Life at the University of Delaware (Hillel), the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Services and the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home.

We are particularly proud of the 2005 Annual Campaign under the chairmanship of Bob Pincus and Suzanne Grant, which is predicted to close at \$1,860,000. This represents the highest campaign total in the history of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. This is due to the

hard work and generous support of many contributors and volunteers.

There is much to celebrate as we mark the 70th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. We are



BARRY S. KAYNE, DDS



SAMUEL H. ASHER

dedicating the Wall of Honor for the Community Capital Campaign and marking the opening of the new early childhood education wing, health and fitness wing and Jewish Family Services offices on the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Campus. The Jewish Federation of Delaware takes tremendous pride in providing a great home for the agencies on the Weinberg Campus and helping to improve all of our facilities.

Under the leadership of our Women's Philanthropy co-chairs, Arlene Simon and Connie Sugarman, more and more women contributed to the Federation – 100 new women donors this year and 5 new Lion of Judah donors.

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Michael Ginzberg, the Marketing Task Force has completed a report that will help our community and our Federation move forward in the coming years. This year, the committee has been the catalyst for expanding the use of the Internet and beginning the use of e-newsletters, improving the Annual Campaign through new types of direct mail and other techniques, and developing a new Annual Report.

Since 1999, Richard Stat has served as Facilities Management Board Chair. We want to thank him for his extraordinary service to the community by chairing the FMB for over five years. The FMB seeks to assure careful allocation of space and other resources, increased efficiency of operations and collaborative work across agencies. As of July 1st, Mike Samuels will be the chair of the Facilities Management Board.

The Community Leadership Institute completed its course of study in November with twenty graduates. Plans for the next CLI Program are in place as a new class is formed for the 2005-2006 academic year. We thank co-chairs, Suzanne Grant, Amy Leviton, Jack Markell and Robin Saran, for a job well done.

Our community's bond with Israel is strengthened through our involvement in

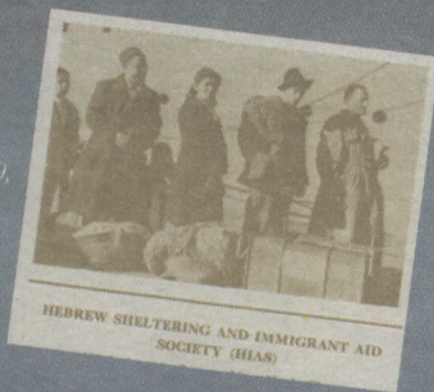
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1940s



Milton Kutz president until 1949, followed by Isaac B. Finkelstein. Ben Codor, executive director.

Jewish Community Relations Council was formed.



Through the Annual Campaigns, Delaware's Jews responded generously to the "drastic change and undreamed of malignancy" in Europe and to the immediate needs of the newly created State of Israel.



Federation gave its first allocation to Jewish education by supporting the Associated Hebrew School, a united, non-congregational Hebrew school.

Partnership 2000, building people-to-people links with our friends in Israel. Last October, Delaware Partnership 2000 chair, Lelaine Nemser visited schools and projects in the Arad/Tamar region supported by our Annual Campaign dollars.

This is a time of promise, yet we continue to face challenges in our advocacy on behalf of a safe and secure Israel. JCRC works to raise awareness of the risks Israel continues to take in its search for peace, such as the disengagement from Gaza.

Under the leadership of Mark Wagman, the JCRC was successful in passing House Bill 400, which moved the Delaware state primary from Shabbat to the second Tuesday in September beginning in 2006.

The JCRC continues to assist families in any issues involving the proper role of religion in the public schools and seeks to increase sensitivity to and respect for diversity in Delaware.

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee is utilizing a grant from New Castle County to greatly expand its work throughout the state. Projects will include a DVD of Delaware survivors and liberators, expansion of its resource center located at Brandywine Hundred Library and curriculum development - all this in addition to sponsoring a moving annual Yom HaShoah observance.

The Jewish Fund for the Future, our Jewish community's endowment fund, manages over \$14,500,000 in over 70 funds. The newly created Endowment Book of Life program honors current endowment donors as well as individuals who have provided for the Jewish community in their will. Under Toni Young's chairmanship this fiscal year, five donors have made provisions to leave bequests to the Jewish Fund for the Future totaling \$1,000,000.

At our Annual Meeting, Bob Pincus will take the gavel as president after his stellar service as co-chair of the Annual Campaign. It is a tribute to our current leadership that such a capable, devoted leader is ready to step in to bring our community to even greater heights. We wish Bob, and all those who are sure to be by his side, all the best as he carries the mantle of the extraordinary, dedicated, admired leaders who came before him.

For seven decades, the Jewish Federation of Delaware has been steadfast in its mission of *tikkun olam*, making our community and the larger global Jewish community a better place. It has been our profound pleasure to have been a part of this proud legacy of Federation leadership.

Yasher Koach to all of the wonderful men and women who have helped build our community and reach this milestone.

May we all go from strength to strength.

2005 - 2006 TOTAL ALLOCATIONS

\$1,982,130

Local
Allocations
67%

Overseas &
National
Allocations
33%

HELPING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY THRIVE

Educating Ourselves & Our Children

Albert Einstein Academy	\$147,582
B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO)	\$3,000
Coalition for Advocacy for Jewish Education	\$1,000
Community Leadership Institute	\$4,000
Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School	\$61,363
Israel Teen Scholarships	\$2,000
Jewish Historical Society	\$2,000
Kristol Center for Jewish Life at the University of Delaware (Hillel Foundation)	\$65,000

Caring for the Elderly

Helping with Personal & Family Needs

Bernard & Ruth Siegel	
Jewish Community Center	\$244,990
Jewish Family Services	\$95,000
Milton & Hattie Kutz Home	\$1,000

Building Our Jewish Community

Capital Maintenance	\$17,249
Interest on Advances- Newark	\$12,000
Jewish Community Relations Committee	\$62,833
Jewish Federation of Delaware	\$508,130
Jewish Voice	\$20,500
JFD Marketing	\$5,000
JFD Outreach	\$10,000
Repayment Reserve- Newark	\$63,183
Southern Delaware Communities	\$2,000
Yom Ha'Atzmaut	\$1,000
Young Emissary	\$6,000
Total	\$1,334,830

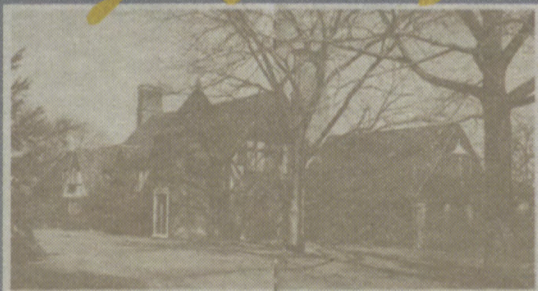
HELPING PEOPLE WORLDWIDE

Partnership 2000	\$3,100
United Jewish Communities	\$609,600
Total	\$612,700

HELPING PEOPLE ACROSS THE NATION

Birthright Israel	\$12,517
JCPA Dues	\$1,500
Jewish Communal Services Association	\$1,000
Schools of Jewish Communal Service	\$817
United Jewish Communities	\$18,766
Total	\$34,600

1950s



The Sellers Estate was purchased for a day camp.



The Max and Jesse Cohen Housing Project in Holon, Israel was built and dedicated.

I.B. Finkelstein, David Braunstein, Daniel L. Herrmann, Sol Zallea, presidents.
Ben Codor, A. Roke Lieberman, and Simon Krakow, executive directors.

Harry Cohen Foundation established.



Ground breaking for the new home for the Aged, the Kutz Home, was held.

The Annual Campaign

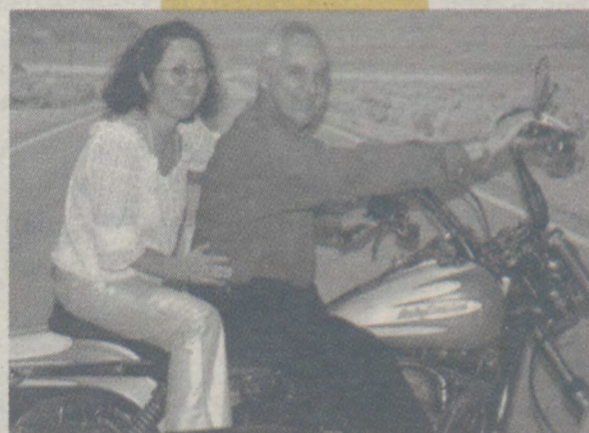
The Annual Campaign is the heart of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Funds raised through this year-long effort have enormous impact on lives locally and abroad. The 2005 Annual Campaign is projected to close at the highest level ever: \$1.86 million with gifts from over 2000 donors. All this is due to the tireless commitment of countless volunteers and the kindness and generosity of our donors.

The Campaign benefited from the vision of an anonymous pool of donors who matched \$500 increases and the Schusterman Foundation who offered to fund the Annual Campaign with a \$1 donation for every \$2 donated to birthright Israel, boosting our efforts by nearly \$20,000.

The 2005 Major Gifts event was held at the beautiful home of Alan and Ellen Levin. Susie Stern, UJC National Women's Philanthropy Chair, inspired the group with stories of the lives sustained and improved because of the funds we provide.

Super Sunday and Super Week was another cause for celebration. Thanks to the efforts of co-chairs Felisha Alderson, Dorothy Bobman and Debra Kimless-Garber, a record \$343,000 was raised over the four day phonathon. Volunteers came out by the score. New this year—prizes were awarded to the campaigners who closed the most increases. Gregg Millman edged out the competition to win the grand prize, an i-pod mini. This year's Spirit Award, given to the agency with the highest percentage of their staff and board at Super Sunday was the Kristol Center for Jewish Life at the University of Delaware (Hillel).

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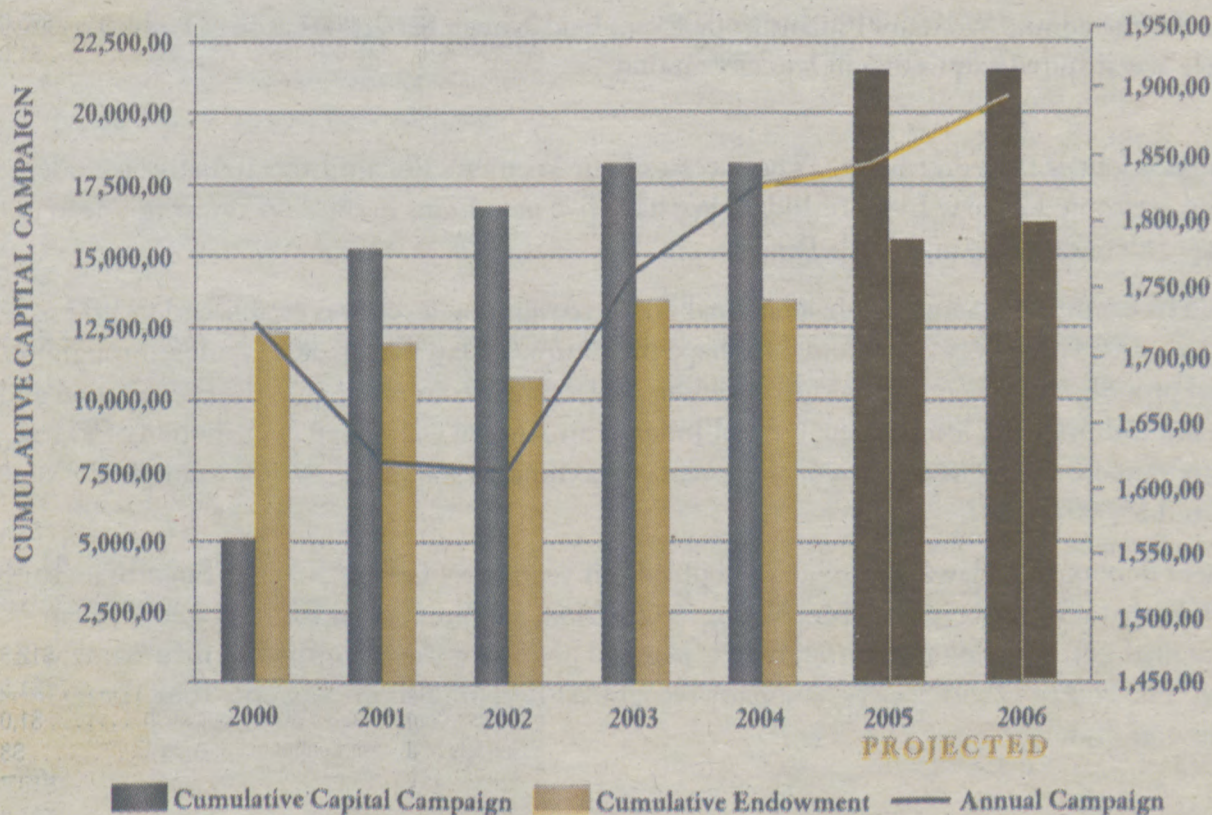
Barry & Reiko Kayne live it up at the First Annual Vanguard Event, The Leather & Lace Ball



Rabbi Michael Beals joins Co-Chairs Felisha Alderson, Dorothy Bobman and Debra Kimless-Garber at Super Sunday



Campaign Co-Chairs Suzanne Grant and Bob Pincus at the Major Gifts Event



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1960s

Sidney Laub, Sam Eisenstat, Edward W. Schall and Irving S. Shapiro, presidents. Harold Nappan, Nathan Barnett, executive directors.

Federation supported the Newark Jewish Community, later known as Temple Beth El, for several years until it could operate independently.

Federation became publisher of the Jewish Voice after buying the newspaper from Rabbi Krinsky.

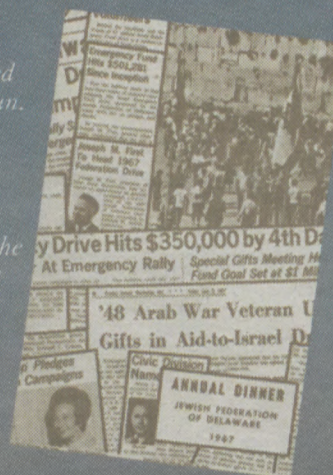


The Capital Fund Campaign for a new Jewish Community Center was conducted and construction on a new building begun.

Year-Round Women's Division began.

Israel Emergency Campaign following the 1967 War raised \$866,000, far exceeding all previous campaigns.

Gratz Hebrew High School opened with assistance from Federation.



The First Annual Vanguard Event, the Leather and Lace Ball, was great fun and a great fundraiser. Co-Chairs Annette and Bob Aerenson, Jodi and Benjie Cohen were delighted with this one of a kind party held at Mike's Famous Harley Davidson. The crowd was entertained by a DJ, fabulous food and raffle prizes. This \$1,000 minimum contribution event was a treat for donors who gave over \$200,000 to the 2005 Annual Campaign.

With mailings, phoning sessions and personal contacts continuing, the 2005 Annual Campaign is poised to reach a new record. Plans are well underway for the 2006 Campaign with Campaign Chair Suzanne Grant and Co-Chair Robin Saran at the helm. Watch for exciting new initiatives.

As the Annual Campaign is the heart of the Jewish Federation, the soul and spirit of the Campaign are reflected in the people whose lives are forever changed by the help we give. Funds raised here feed the hungry, heal the sick, educate, console and offer hope to countless people here at home and around the world. Wherever there are Jews in need, the Federation is there. We can all feel proud of the work we do as exemplified by our newly adopted tag line: *Live Generously...It Does a World of Good!*

Women's Philanthropy 2005

During the 2005 Annual Campaign, Arlene Simon joined Connie Sugarman as co-chair for Women's Philanthropy and led the fundraising efforts for women's giving. Three subcommittees actively engaged the community in fundraising, programming (chaired by Andrea Levine and Caryl Marcus-Stape) and in welcoming newcomers (chaired by Rachel Harad).

Women's campaign achievement is taking off. The 2005 Women's Annual Campaign is at \$675,876 (as of 4/21/05, 44% of the total pledges to date). Women's gifts had a 12% average increase over 2004 women's giving and 104 new gifts from women were recorded.

The Newcomers subcommittee held a Welcome Brunch and created baskets filled with information about local Jewish life. Many of our local Jewish organizations sent representatives to the event making it a successful and informative afternoon. Over 60 people attended the brunch, including many young families.

Author Rita Milos Brownstein was our special guest at the annual Women's Philanthropy Event held November 7, 2004 at the DoubleTree Hotel. Brownstein brought the Jewish holidays alive and inspired exquisite holiday celebrations.

Lion of Judah

The roar of the Jewish Federation of Delaware Lions is louder than ever before. The success of our Women's Philanthropy initiative is evident in our recruitment effort. Over the last two years we welcomed 25 new Lions of Judah. We have five new Lions in the 2005 campaign: Jean Blumenfeld, Barbara Blumberg, Caryl Marcus-Stape, Henrietta Slap and Paula Pernick.

As of April, Delaware is 53 Lions strong. Lions lead by example. Lion of Judah, a national donor recognition level, was established in 1972 as a symbol for the new level of commitment set forth by a cadre of donors that wanted to shape the future. Today, over 13,000 women throughout North America, Israel and through Keren Heyesod proudly wear their Lion of Judah pins to declare their commitment to the preservation and growth of the worldwide Jewish community. The minimum giving level for the Lion of Judah is an Annual Campaign contribution of \$5,000. Our new multi-year Lion program allows a woman to make a pledge over two or three years to become a Lion of Judah. For example a woman may pledge \$3,000 in 2005, \$4,000 in 2006 and \$5,000 in 2007.

The number of LOJE, or Lion of Judah Endowment donors, in Delaware more than doubled this year. Amy Leviton, Connie Sugarman, Ruth Ann Ger and Suzanne Grant joined Miriam Edell, Barbara Schoenberg and Toni Young as *Or L'Atid*, a light unto the future. Lion of Judah Endowments allow each Lion to perpetuate their annual gift, ensuring that through their planned giving a permanent fund in their name will be established with the Jewish Fund for the Future. The Star of David Society nationally recognized Barbara Schoenberg and Toni Young for their LOJE gifts. They serve as an inspiration to the community.

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l to r: Ruth Ann Ger, Suzanne Grant, Toni Young, Barbara Schoenberg and Connie Sugarman demonstrate their shared commitment to the future of the Jewish community by establishing a Lion of Judah Endowment

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1970s

Irving Morris, Howard M. Handelman,
Richard L. Kane, Bernard L. Siegel and
Dr. Nisson A. Finkelstein, presidents.
Nathan Barnett, Michael Ruvel, executive directors.

Albert Einstein Academy opened its doors with
assistance from Federation.

Federation began supporting the Dover Jewish
community by allocating funds to Dover Youth and
Congregation Beth Shalom.



Holocaust Memorial
dedicated at Freedom Plaza.

Federation began supporting Hillel.

Jewish Historical Society was formed
with assistance from Federation.

Annual Campaign was put on fast track
after the Yom Kippur War and raised
over a million dollars for the first time.

Katz Foundation started.

New JCC opened.



Through Jewish Family Services' Resettlement
Committee, some 33 Russian émigré families
were welcomed to Delaware.

Several local Lions, including Leslie Newman, Barbara Schoenberg, Arlene Simon, Michelle Simon and Connie Sugarman, attended sessions at the International Lion of Judah Conference. A Lion of Judah since 1998, Barbara was honored with the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award at the Conference. The Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award honors an extraordinary woman who embodies the spirit and vision of the Lion of Judah through a commitment to *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam* in their community. The conference, held this past October in Washington, DC, raised more than \$18 million, including more than 40 new Lion of Judah Endowments (LOJE) in the national system of Women's Philanthropy.

Women in our community can become involved with the Federation through the Women's Philanthropy Initiative. Whether your interests lie in educational programs, fund-raising or outreach, Women's Philanthropy can enhance your awareness and understanding of your Jewish community and Jewish heritage...and offers you the chance to meet new people with similar interests. The Women's Philanthropy Initiative welcomes you and invites you to participate in our activities.

Jewish Fund for the Future

Grant Highlights:

Over \$900,000, including scholarships for individuals and grants to a diverse array of cultural, educational, social and humanitarian causes including our local synagogues and agencies, other local social service and charitable organizations, and national Jewish causes and concerns. Including:

- \$120,000 to agricultural projects in Israel, from the Joshua Goldinger Trust in Memory of the descendants of Lena and Berel Goldinger;
- \$38,000 towards the Jewish Federation of Delaware allocations process, benefiting the agencies and programs that are important to our community from the unrestricted endowment/Jewish Fund for the Future General Fund;
- \$33,000 to 36 students studying in Israel and the United States, from the Jerusalem Study Fund, Joseph & Marion Greenbaum Scholarship Fund and Gilbert J. Spiegel Memorial Fund;
- \$8,000 to provide social and education services for orphans & immigrant children in Israel, from the Esther Sherman McDonald Endowment Fund for Israel.

This year, Robert Pincus, Barbara Schoenberg and Toni Young joined United Jewish Communities' Star of David Society. This very special National endowment giving society recognizes donors establishing Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowments/ Lion of Judah Endowments over \$200,000 or permanent endowments over \$500,000. Members of the Star of David Society stand at the forefront of safeguarding Israel, our people and the institutions that enhance our lives—today and tomorrow.

The Jewish Fund for the Future ensures the vitality and future of the Jewish community in Delaware, Israel and around the world. We are the planned giving and endowment arm of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, managing over \$14.5 million in assets, including restricted funds, donor advised funds (philanthropic funds), unrestricted funds, charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder unitrusts. The mission of the Jewish Fund for the Future is to accumulate enduring resources to ensure the stability and continuity of Jewish life in Delaware, Israel and throughout the world.

In 1985, several progressive families in Delaware organized the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund. Starting with under \$300,000 in the

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l to r: Co-chairs Suzanne Grant and Toni Young with
the Endowment Book of Life.

1980s, the fund has grown in the last ten years from \$3.6 million to over \$14.5 million. Over the years, we provided the necessary financial capital to start new programs at our agencies, supplement the Annual Campaign, and ensure the survival and long-term stability of existing programs upon which so many in our community depend. The Jewish Fund for the Future includes endowment funds of Federation beneficiary agencies, several area synagogues and over 80 individuals and families.

The newly established Endowment Book of Life program honors those individuals and families that have established a fund or have provided for the community through their estate plans. Each endowment donor is invited to write a personal statement and sign their page in the Endowment Book of Life, a permanent record of our

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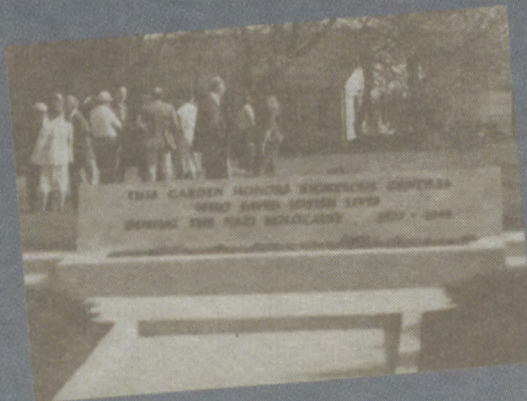
1980s

Paul R. Fine, Martin G. Mand, Stephen E. Herrmann,
William Topkis, presidents.
Morris Lapidus, Bob Kerbel, executive directors.

Delaware adopted Holon as part of Project Renewal.

Federation began funding the Newark Advisory
Committee and later Temple Beth El.

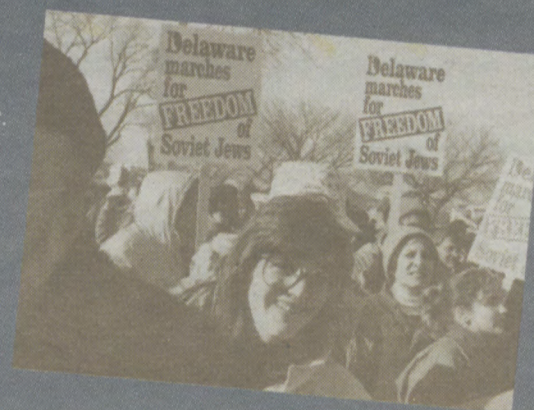
Jewish Community Endowment Fund,
today's Jewish Fund for the Future, was started.



Garden of the Righteous Gentiles
dedicated at Garden of Eden Campus.

Family Campus
at Garden of
Eden Road built.

Delawareans joined the Washington march
demanding freedom for Soviet Jews.



community's commitment to provide for future generations. Endowment gifts can be made to the Jewish Fund for the Future during a donor's lifetime or by bequest, including an outright contribution of cash, securities, real estate or other property, life insurance, IRA or pension plan assets, charitable trust, or grant from a private foundation. Investment committee members meet quarterly to review the fund's performance and asset allocation. The Fund's stellar investment return since inception (June 1987) is 10.1%. The asset allocation of the Jewish Fund for the Future includes: large growth (19%-29%), large value (14%-24%), mid value (0%-10%), small cap (10%-20%), non US equity (0%-10%), fixed income (25%-35%) and cash/short term (0%-5%).

L'Chaim Circle

A new program started in 2004, L'Chaim Circle recognizes men and women who have contributed to the Federation Annual Campaign for 25 years or more. Members of L'Chaim Circle attended a private reception at the Delaware History Museum last October. The unique program honors people who are a vital part of the Jewish tradition of *tzedakah*.

Community Capital Campaign

The Community Capital Campaign for Delaware's Jewish Community is an extraordinary effort that began with earnest community planning initiated nearly a decade ago. Today, at long last, we see new building additions enhancing an already beautiful campus, dramatic improvements enhancing the lives of our most frail seniors and our most energetic college students, and a community unified in a profound sense of pride.

From the lead donors to the dedicated professional staff, the Capital Campaign has raised the consciousness of our community and provided a unique avenue of participation with astounding results. Through the tireless efforts of countless volunteers, \$21.3 million has been raised to date. This glorious outpouring of generosity has allowed us to build the Jewish community of the future with expanded and improved facilities to meet the needs of our diverse Jewish constituency.

The list of improvements to our community's agencies is vast. There are new classrooms, a state of the art fitness center, magnificent, discreet counseling offices, wonderful new kitchens, expanded and improved spaces and much more. Our six agencies— Albert Einstein Academy, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Kristol Center for Jewish Life at the University of Delaware (Hillel Foundation), the Bernard & Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Services of Delaware and the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home — are now poised and ready for the future.

All this is thanks to the extraordinary generosity of time and money by seemingly limitless supporters. Together, we have made a difference in our community that will last, "From Generation to Generation... For Generations to Come."

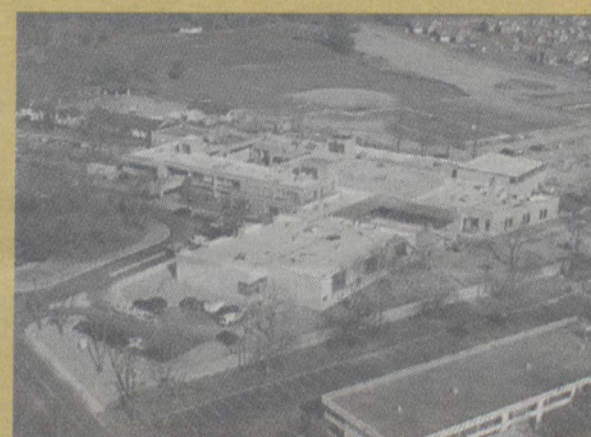
Kadima... Forward We Go!

Partnership 2000

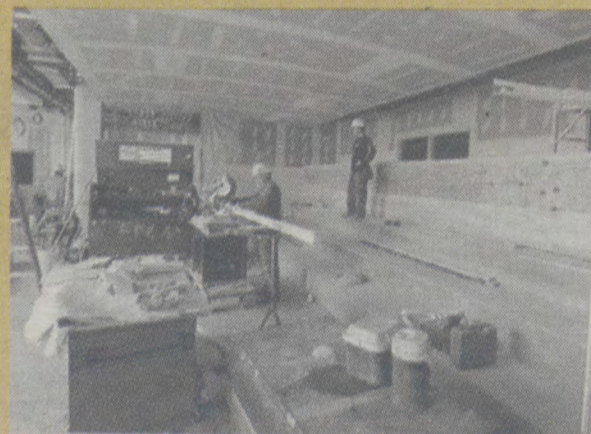
The Jewish Federation of Delaware's involvement with the New Jersey-Delaware/Arad-Tamar Partnership 2000 program began in 1998. Partnership 2000 (P2K) is a program of the Jewish Agency for Israel, United Jewish Communities, Keren Heyesod, Diaspora communities and municipalities in Israel. Each year a portion of our overseas dollars funds projects in the city of Arad and in the Tamar region in Israel. The main goal of P2K is to develop programs that will build bridges in the area of education, tourism, economic development and volunteerism.

During fiscal year 2004-2005, JFD contributed \$70,275 towards P2K programs. The total combined funding from the NJ-DE P2K cluster is \$420,562. This makes Delaware a significant contributor to our P2K region, which includes almost ten Federations in NJ. Delaware P2K chair,

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Aerial view of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg
Jewish Community Campus



Construction of the new Early Childhood Center
Assembly Area

1990s

Steven A. Dombchik, Toni Young, Leslie Newman,
Barbara H. Schoenberg, presidents.
Bob Kerbel, Judy Wortman, executive directors.

Federation elected first female president, Toni Young,
and hired first female executive director,
Judy Wortman.



Operation Exodus Campaigns raised funds to
bring Jews from the FSU to Israel.

Capital Campaign for renovation and
building of agency buildings organized.

Population Study of Delaware
Jews conducted.

Federation moved to the
Community Service Building.



Delaware established a partnership with the
Israeli communities of Arad and Tamar.

Lelaine Nemser and JFD staff member, Jennifer Young, were able to see first hand the benefits our campaign dollars provide and how much our support is appreciated in Israel. At the joint steering committee meetings held last October in Arad/Tamar, critical programs including scholastic achievement programs for immigrant students, parent training programs, regional development & tourism programs and living bridge programs (including Kefiada, Volunteer Corps & JCC Maccabi games exchange programs) were approved for the calendar year 2005. The approved budget also includes the new "Young Emissary" program, which will support a post-army Israeli emissary in our community for six months beginning early September 2005.

During summer 2004, the Delaware community welcomed three Israeli athletes from our Partnership 2000 region of Arad/Tamar for the JCC Maccabi Games. The athletes played along with our Siegel

JCC Maccabi Volleyball, Basketball and Tennis Teams at the games in Boston, Massachusetts. Athletes and their families enjoyed a barbeque hosted by Barry and Reiko Kayne. Three Delaware students experienced Israel through sponsored programs: Nathan Cohen volunteered as a Kefiada summer camp counselor in the Arad/Tamar region; and Robin Wasserman and Rina Wagman received scholarships for their summer 2004 Israel teen experiences.

In early January, JFD hosted a community breakfast for the Regional Manager from Arad/Tamar and learned strategies to enhance P2K programs. Delaware donors pledged their support for victims of devastating floods in the Tamar region — the worst floods in 50 years — and raised funds to help rebuild areas in the region.

Howard Cohen assisted high school students in English classes at the Arad High School this past March through the Volunteer Corps Program. As we go to

press, Iris Tocker and Greg Eng prepare for their participation in the Volunteer Corps and Kefiada programs, respectively. Arrangements for the Young Emissary's arrival later this summer are underway. P2K thrives on the support of our community's volunteers and donors to the Annual Campaign. P2K programs intensify our ties to the Jewish people and to Israel.

"The town of Arad — It's a civil, sane, safe place, surrounded by some of the most exquisite scenery anywhere on the globe. It's also an interesting place, as you well know, undergoing a huge transformation. I tried to imagine what Wilmington would be like if it absorbed 40% more people over the past 15 years, who all spoke a different language initially. Their kids are in the schools, learning Hebrew, all slated to go into the IDF at age 18. I expect that a snapshot of Arad fifteen years from now will be completely different." *Howard Cohen — Volunteer Corps participant, March 2005.*



2003-2004 Community Leadership Institute



CLJ enjoys a mini-mission to New York City

Community Leadership Institute

The Community Leadership Institute is a 10 month program designed to develop a cadre of motivated, educated leaders capable of decision making, development and management of a 21st century Jewish community. Existing and emerging leaders are engaged in a process that will help focus the community on identifying and prioritizing its long-term goals in an atmosphere of respect.

As a result of this initiative, participants are better grounded in Jewish traditions, values and vocabulary. These leaders have become more creative both spiritually and institutionally, and better prepared to use the personal, communal and institutional resources at their disposal to upgrade and enhance both their personal lives and the lives of the entire Delaware Jewish community.

This ongoing program will initiate its second class in September 2005.

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*John Elzofon, Barry Kayne, Bob Pincus, elected June 2005, presidents.
Judy Wortman, Samuel H. Asher, executive vice presidents.*

Capital Campaign raised over 21 million dollars.

Facilities at the Weinberg Campus, Hillel and the Kutz Home were renovated and expanded.

Israel Emergency Campaigns met needs of Israelis during the mitsav crisis.



Jewish Community Relations Committee

JCRC has become a prime source of information and perspective on issues of concern to the Jewish community. This year, issues included the search for peace in the Middle East, the death of Pope John Paul II, the role of religion in the public schools and Holocaust education. We have established positive relationships with news and editorial page editors at the News Journal and other media and our growing Hasbara email list of over 100 individuals (and growing) quickly informs and mobilizes our local activists.

This is a time of promise, but also continuing challenges, in our advocacy on behalf of a safe and secure Israel. The JCRC seeks to raise awareness of the commitment of Israel to taking difficult steps for the sake of peace, such as disengagement from Gaza causing 8,000 people to leave their homes and the release of prisoners. A new challenge is several Protestant denominations who are considering divestment from Israel, and our efforts to outreach to the local religious community. The JCRC continues to closely monitor the media and the campus in order to counter anti-Israel speakers and misinformation.

Rick Jensen, radio host personality of WDEL 1150AM News Talk Radio broadcast live from Israel as part of the America's Voices in Israel program. Our Federation sponsored this significant visit

that furthered Israel advocacy in Delaware. Senators Biden and Carper, who both recently visited Israel, and Congressman Mike Castle have all met recently with the community to affirm their support of Israel.

New strategies of Israel advocacy are focused upon changing the image of Israel from one of perpetual violence as portrayed in the media, to one of a technologically advanced, cutting edge and dynamic country in which the average American would enjoy traveling, studying, or even choose to reside or retire.

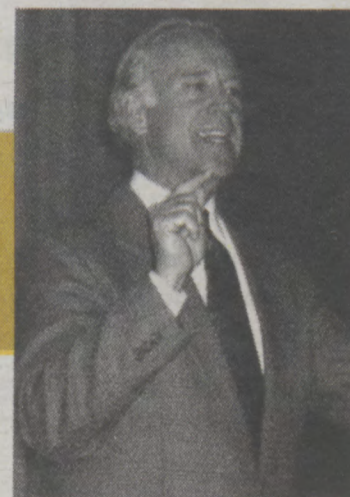
Our community celebrated Israel's 57th birthday by joining the Philadelphia Federation in a festive march down the Ben Franklin Parkway, a world record hora, and Israel Street Festival. A cast of thousands made the day special.

Under the leadership of Mark Wagman, JCRC chair, the community was successful after considerable effort in passing House Bill 400. This legislation moved the Delaware state primary from Shabbat to the second Tuesday in September beginning in 2006.

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee, Under the leadership of Regina Kerr Alonzo, is utilizing a grant from New Castle County to greatly expand its work

throughout the state. Projects will include a DVD of Delaware survivors and liberators, expansion of its resource center at the Brandywine Hundred Library and a Delaware Holocaust curriculum. The theme of the annual State of Delaware Yom HaShoah Holocaust Memorial Observance this year was the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and the other factories of death. Sol Gibbs, a liberator of the Flossenbug concentration camp in Germany, and Morris Freschman, a survivor of Buchenwald, gave moving testimony of their experiences. Front page coverage by the News Journal stressed the lessons to be learned today by our own society and the world.

The separation of religion and state, without a religious litmus test for participation in society, has made America very different from other nations. Recent events in our state and country have caused concern in the Jewish community. The JCRC is eager to assist families with issues regarding the proper role of religion in public education, and seeks to increase sensitivity to and respect for diversity in Delaware.



U.S. Senator Joe Biden briefs the community on Israel

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