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## American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee Makes First Allocation To Tsunami Relief Partners

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee has made the first in a series of allocations of the more than \$2 million it has raised from individual donors in support of its South Asia Tsunami Relief effort.

The 90-year-old organization continues to see donations arrive via phone, Internet and physical mail at a record clip and anticipates that it will ultimately raise several million dollars. Additionally, JDC has shipped more than \$300,000 worth of medicine to India, which is being distributed by the organizations partner agencies in the field.

JDC plans to divide the monies it raises for tsunami relief between immediate projects and long-term infrastructure rebuilding efforts, such as schools, hospitals, orphanages or medical clinics. JDC will announce at a later date which long-term projects it will support.

Partner organizations supported through this recent allocation include:

\*International Rescue Committee. JDC is allocating \$150,000 for ongoing delivery of relief supplies in the hard-hit Aceh province of Indonesia.

\*Disaster Mitigation Institute. JDC is allocating a combined \$150,000 for delivery of food, clothing and temporary shelter materials in Chennai, India. JDC operates a field office in Mumbai, which will coordinate with these partner agencies in the field.



Israeli army officers hand over tsunami relief aid to Sri Lanka defense force officers, Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004. Sri Lanka accepted the aid even though there are no diplomatic relations between the two countries. Credit: IDF/BP Images/JTA

\*Caritas. JDC is allocating \$75,000 to Caritas to support its relief efforts in India.

\*Chabad International. JDC is allocating \$25,000 to provide medical help, meals and clothing for injured survivors in Thailand. As part of a major, non-sectarian effort, Chabad volunteers are work-

ing at hospitals, providing clothing and counseling services.

Additionally, JDC has dispatched a team of regional experts to Sri Lanka to determine which critical areas of need are not being serviced adequately and to select a partner agency on the ground with whom to work. Once this

assessment is complete, JDC will make an allocation of \$150,000 to support relief efforts in Sri Lanka.

"We have to consider immediate needs and long term rebuilding and our allocations will reflect that thinking," said Steven Schwager, JDC's executive vice president.

"We will need to help rebuild infrastructure, but our focus today, and in the coming weeks, will be on feeding survivors, keeping them warm, fighting outbreaks of disease and helping people in the region cope with the terrible psychological trauma this catastrophe has brought them."

### How You Can Help Victims Of The Tsunami

Send a donation to the Jewish Federation of Delaware and help the hundreds of thousands of people in South Asia whose lives have been devastated by the recent tsunami. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) has set up a special emergency mailbox to collect funds for relief efforts following Sunday's earthquake and subsequent tidal waves in South Asia. Your check, made payable to the Federation, will be forwarded to the JDC.

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## State Department Finds Europe Moving Against Anti-Semitism

By Matthew E. Berger, JTA

The State Department's first report on global anti-Semitism finds increased governmental action in Europe to combat bias against Jews, but an uneven track record among law enforcement agencies responding to anti-Semitic incidents.

The report was released Wednesday after Jewish law-makers and community officials pushed Congress last year to pass a law requiring the State Department to step up monitoring of anti-Semitic incidents around the world. The report is expected to be released annually. The law, and the report, are part of an effort to pressure European governments to do more to stop a wave of anti-Semitic incidents across the continent since the Palestinian intifada began

more than four years ago. Jewish organizations have been strong advocates for forums on anti-Semitism held by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and others. While little new information can be gleaned from the State Department report, Jewish officials said its publication would draw attention to the issue of global anti-Semitism, and pressure foreign countries to work harder to prevent bigotry against Jews.

"The idea of this publication being public can serve as a really good guidepost for other countries," said Daniel Mariaschin, executive vice president of B'nai B'rith International. "They should be aspiring to this level of detail."

Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, said a detailed listing of anti-Semitic incidents that comes

from the United States government, rather than American Jewish organizations, would have added impact around the world. The report says recent anti-Semitism has come from traditional anti-Jewish prejudice in Europe, along with anti-Israel sentiment "that crosses the line between objective criticism of Israeli policies and anti-Semitism."

It also cites anti-Jewish sentiment among Muslims in Europe, and spillover criticism of the United States and globalization that is redirected against Jews. As part of the report, the State Department announced new responsibilities for overseas embassies, seeking additional monitoring of acts of violence against Jews and Jewish properties and actions taken by governments to prevent anti-Semitism.

It also said efforts have been accelerated to combat anti-Semitism through education, law enforcement and legislation. "Anti-Semitism is an issue that cannot be ignored by other governments anymore," said Mark Levin, executive director of NCSJ: Advocates on Behalf of Jews in Russia, Ukraine, the Baltic States & Eurasia.

The report defines anti-Semitism as hatred toward Jews because of their religion or ethnicity. "An important issue is the distinction between legitimate criticism of policies and practices of the State of Israel, and commentary that assumes an anti-Semitic character," the report says. "The demonization of Israel, or vilification of Israeli leaders, sometimes through comparisons with Nazi leaders, and through the use of

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Chabad Rabbi Nechemia Wilhelm helps identify tsunami victims' bodies in Phuket, Thailand. Credit: Chabad.org

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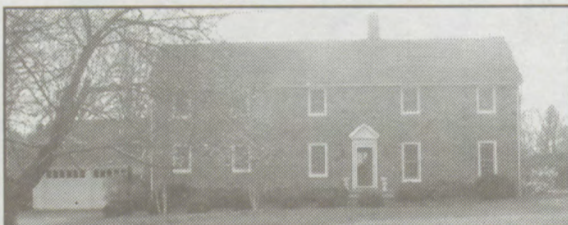
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## Live generously - not just a tag line



Ruth Rosenberg

You may have noticed that the Jewish Federation of Delaware, along with its parent/umbrella organization, United Jewish Communities (UJC), has adopted the tag line, "Live Generously...It does a world of good." As with anything new, there have been varied reactions to this new phrase.

What does it mean to "Live Generously?" Is it an admonition implying that we've been less than generous? Are we to feel guilty for not living up to some unknown charitable standard? Or is it a suggestion, something to consider as we make our way through life. Ever the optimist, I choose to think it's to be taken positively.

I believe that to "Live Generously" is to conduct your self in a way that is giving, considerate and thoughtful. Be conscious of how your actions and words impact others;

what impression do you want to leave? After all, your true legacy is defined by your actions. I recently heard the phrase, "I'd rather see a sermon than hear one." I suggest that to Live Generously is to be a sermon. Conduct yourself as if someone was watching, in a way that you are sure to be proud. I've heard people criticized for being tightfisted, but never for being too generous.

Whether it's tipping your server at lunch or giving to a charity that tugs at your heart, living generously means that you present your self in ways that positively affect others. You may give your time as a tutor or mentor, help raise money for an organization or give as generously as you can. You can comfort mourners at a shiva, open the door for someone on crutches, smile at a passerby. The ways to Live Generously are

surely infinite.

There are moments in time that urge us to respond quickly and generously. The recent disaster in Asia has caused many of us to write a check, visit a website, or make a call that will help make a difference to the countless victims of the tsunami. The Jewish Federation of Delaware stands prepared to direct your gift, through the Joint Distribution Committee, to provide aid to those so desperately in need. Your contribution, your willingness to Live Generously, will literally make the difference between life and death to the survivors of the enormous catastrophe.

So as you look back on resolutions made which perhaps now are a dim memory, consider the choice to Live Generously in 2005. It will undoubtedly do a world of good.

## Women's Philanthropy is contagious!

Women's Philanthropy at the Jewish Federation of Delaware successfully brought in over 100 new gifts in the 2004 Annual Campaign. As of December 15th, 807 women pledged \$673,330; 101 of those pledges were women donors that had not made individual gifts in previous years. Women's Philanthropy includes each woman's gift to the Annual Campaign. The Giving and Programs subcommittees plan programs and fundraise throughout the Campaign. The Newcomers

subcommittee held a Welcome Brunch for newcomers to the area and created baskets filled with information about Jewish life in the area. 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. The Newcomers subcommittee plans to have welcome baskets throughout the year and an annual Welcome Brunch.

On the National level, National Women's

Philanthropy holds events for Lions of Judah, women giving \$5,000 or more in their own name. The International Lion of Judah Conference, held this past October in Washington DC, raised more than \$18 million, including more than 40 new Lion of Judah Endowments (LOJE). Lion of Judah Endowments allow each Lion to perpetuate their annual gift by the establishment of a permanent fund. The Lion conference attracted more than 1,400 participants from around the United States and six

other countries including Israel, Canada, United Kingdom, Argentina, Brazil and Mexico. Keynote speakers included First Lady Laura Bush, Teresa Heinz Kerry, and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. The next International Lion of Judah Conference will be in 2006. Our next Delaware Lion of Judah event will be this spring.

For more information on Women's Philanthropy, or to get involved, contact Jennifer Young, 302-427-2100 x 19.



Left to Right, Connie Sugarman (Women's Philanthropy co-chair), Dan Horowitz, Rachel Harad (Newcomers subcommittee chair), and Lisa Driban with the Newcomers Welcome baskets.



(From left) Amy Leviton, Connie Sugarman, Robin Saran, Suzanne Grant, and Arlene Simon, of the Women's Philanthropy Giving subcommittee meet to discuss how to get more women involved with the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

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# EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

## Mideast musings

On Sunday, Palestinian men and women will go to the polls to assure Mahmoud Abbas, (a.k.a) Abu Mazen, a victory in his bid to become PA Chairman. It's a symbolic rather than a true election as the man who aspires to succeed Yasser Arafat has no real opposition. U.S., Israeli and numerous European leaders have already anointed Abbas as the only Palestinian leader with the clout to move the peace process forward. However, recent "campaign" comments have created serious questions about his commitment to quashing terrorism and creating a two-state society where both Palestinians and Israelis can live in safety and security.

Indeed, Abbas has demonstrated a true talent for delivering mixed messages.

On January 4th, this "peace-maker" referred to those Palestinians who staged a mortar attack against Israel as "martyrs" while condemning Israel as the "Zionist enemy" when an Israeli tank fired two shells into a field in retaliation.

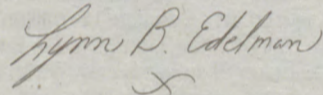
One day earlier, Abbas declared in a public appearance that the estimated 4.5 million Palestinian refugees and their descendants from the two-year war that followed the creation of Israel in 1948 have the right to return to their original homes. This created jubilation in Gaza and consternation in Jerusalem about the potential to weaken the Jewish character of this historically Jewish State.

It is in the refugee camps themselves where the Chairman-elect's remarks generate the most controversy. In Jabalya last Sunday, he decried Kassam rocket attacks against Israel as "useless" and provoking "grave Israeli escalation". The very next day, he reiterated his belief that the attacks were a mistake but defended the Palestinian attackers as "freedom fighters". Abbas added that "Palestinians will not take up arms against each other," generating concern about the sincerity of his interest in stopping the terror that has destroyed hundreds of thousands of Israeli and Palestinian lives.

In the wake of these remarks, Secretary of State Colin Powell told NBC's "Meet the Press" that Abbas may very well have to undertake military operations against terrorist elements if he wants to end the intifadah and bring a new spirit of peace and prosperity to the region.

All of us pray that this will be the proud legacy that Chairman Abbas creates for his people.

Shabbat Shalom,



Lynn B. Edelman  
Editor

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Palestinian news sources often lie

On Jan. 1, both AP and UPI wire services reported that a 10-year-old Palestinian girl was killed in Gaza when a Palestinian rocket inadvertently hit her house. This fact was corroborated by eyewitness reports of residents.

Nevertheless, the official Palestinian Authority Information Service reported falsely that the girl was killed by an Israeli tank firing a shell on Palestinian houses. This fabrication was propagated by numerous Arab news sources. A notable exception was the Saudi Press Agency that, to its credit, reported the facts. Palestinian officials were caught in their lie.

All too often, the wire services "balance" consistently unreliable reports of the Palestinian Authority and terrorist groups with more reliable information from other

sources. Readers and news editors should always treat information coming from Gaza and the West Bank critically. This story is a hopeful sign that wire services are trying to bring more objectivity to Mideast reporting.

The Palestinian people deserve a government that, first of all, tells them the truth. Unfortunately, the Palestinians still live in a fantasy world of anti-Israel propaganda and hatred that is a legacy of Yasser Arafat. When we see a new Palestinian leadership breaking from this self-destructive and self-deceiving past, we shall know that we are truly on a more hopeful path toward peace.

Mark Wagman, Chairman,  
Jewish Community Relations Committee  
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*(This Op-Ed piece originally appeared in the January 5th edition of the News Journal)*

## This Week in Jewish History



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### JANUARY 8, 1986

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### JANUARY 9, 1886

Ida Cohen Rosenthal, co-founder of Maiden Form, the first company to make modern bras, was born on January 9, 1886 in Tsarist Russia. "This Week in History" is 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/week52.html](http://www.jwa.org/this_week/week52.html)

### JANUARY 5, 1998

To commemorate her 30 years on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), Muriel Siebert rang the closing bell on January 5, 1998. She was the first woman to own a seat on the NYSE.

### JANUARY 7, 1996

On January 7, 1996 Debbie Friedman gave a sold out concert at Carnegie Hall, commemorating twenty-five years as one of the world's



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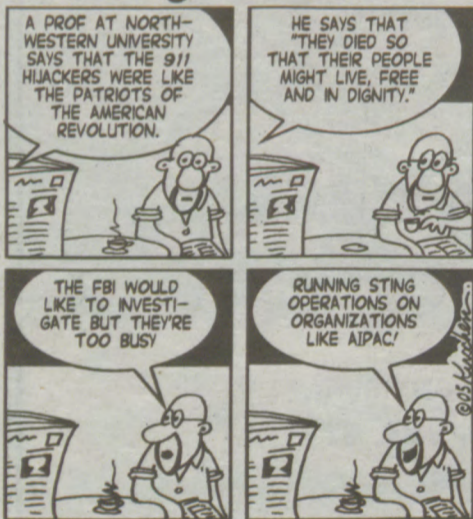
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Week of January 7

Va-eira

Exodus 6:2-9:35

### Conveying the word of God

Our parsha begins in the midst of the encounter between God and Moses at the burning bush. Their spirits crushed by cruel bondage (Exodus 6:9), the Israelites did not respect Moses as he told them of their covenant with God to be brought into the Promised Land. Therefore, upon receiving his task to confront Pharaoh with the command to let the Israelites go: Moses appealed to the Lord, saying, "The Israelites would not listen to me; how then should Pharaoh heed me, a man of impeded speech!" (6:12)

Moses is God's chosen messenger who "conveys not his own word but the word of God, and he does so because he is irresistibly compelled by a Force and a Will more powerful than his own.

Prophetic eloquence is not a matter of native talent, but of revelation that derives from the supreme Source of truth that is external to the speaker" (Sarna, Exploring Exodus, 61). God has already explained to Moses at the burning bush that his leadership abilities and persuasive powers came from God. If prophets are vessels for God's voice, then why do they reluctantly accept their commission?

Perhaps the penalty for prophecy is loneliness. A prophet stands outside of the community. The text clearly states that the Israelites did not listen to Moses because their spirits were crushed by the slavery that had overcome them. Downtrodden and skeptical, they could focus only on the work assigned to them, and devote their limited energy to the challenges of immediate survival needs. How overwhelming for the slaves to consider the idea of the Promised Land when they would be whipped for stepping out of the assembly line! Moses empathized with the slaves and feared that he would fail as a prophet. God's message, i.e., his prophecy, would fall on tone-deaf ears.

People are more complicated than they may seem, and success is determined by so much more than pure ability. In our tradition, Moses is a great leader. But the Torah paints this leader as a real, flawed man with doubts and insecurities.

None of us is Moses, but each of us can do more than we are doing to move the world in the direction of freedom. We can only realize our potential as people and as a people by overcoming the voice within us that justifies inaction and that condones a failure of nerve.

Torah commentary courtesy of Family Shabbat Table Talk, an educational service of the Reform movement.

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# EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

## Kids

By Melody Amsel-Arieli

Israeli kids mature early. As they near high school graduation, they don't collect college catalogs or worry of SAT scores like their American cousins. Instead, they're inducted into the Israeli Armed Forces, boys for three years and girls for slightly less. Most hope for acceptance into elite battle units or, at the very least, Army assignments like computer programmers, radio announcers, or air controllers. But, as time passes, their initial gung-ho Zionism and youthful optimism may pall. Daily pressures and dangers seem to go on forever. Some of are injured; some bury their friends.

Israeli soldiers live for visits home, when they can exchange their army uniforms for style and glitter, dance the light fantastic,

cozy up with their friends around a hookah, and chill out. As the pungent apple-flavored smoke fills the room, they dream of returning to civilian life, real life.

When they are finally discharged from the army, many kids toss a couple of things into their backpacks and set off for faraway lands. It is almost a rite of passage, exploring an exotic country like Peru or Columbia, first losing themselves, then finding themselves. No adventure is too dangerous. Bungee-jumping? In a flash. Scaling mountain peaks, riding rickety local buses over breathtaking gorges? No problem. These kids are in top physical shape, brash, and self-confident. They come as gods, afraid of nothing.

Many kids are lured to India, then push northward to Nepal and Tibet, all exotic by Western standards and all cheap too. Kids

with a couple of hundred dollars in their pockets can get by for months on end if they live like the natives. And anyway, they're sure to meet other kindred spirits, Israelis like themselves, however far they venture. So many Israelis ply these routes that the Lubavitchers have set up centers in Kathmandu, Shanghai, or Bangkok where kids can get a helping hand and meals spiced with Yiddishkeit.

Naturally, while the kids are gallivanting around the world, their parents are plotting. But what can they say? Their child has grown, he's been tried and tested and he's survived. Doesn't he deserve these last moments of freedom before shouldering the yoke of higher education, before marriage and children? So they grit their teeth and prepare for yet more nights of worry. Only now, they don't even know what to worry about.

It's probably better that way.

Yair expected to spend a day or two in Thailand on his way to China. But before he knew it, the days stretched into weeks, and the weeks into months. He was not alone. The same thing happened to Yonatan too. Other Israeli kids, on their way to New Zealand or Australia, stopped over in Thailand too. And little by little, word spread of the country's beauty, especially the remote, peaceful islands in the south. More and more young Israelis were drawn to Thailand, to the sea and the sand, to paradise on earth.

When the tsunami struck last week, there were over a thousand Israelis in Thailand. Many of them were our children, beautiful as gods, off to find themselves. Nearly one hundred of them may never be found.

## The Mideast's second chance

By Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr.

Last year, when the Palestinian moderate Mahmoud Abbas briefly served as prime minister, the United States, Israel and the international community failed to give him the support he badly needed, making it all too easy for Yasser Arafat to undercut him.

Now, we have a second chance. Arafat is gone and Abbas is favored to win the Palestinian presidential election next month, having made "the total cessation of violence" his highest priority.

He is currently seeking commitments from all the Palestinian factions for a cease-fire and is determined to bring the various security services under control. His recognition of Palestinian responsibility to act decisively against incitement and terrorism will give Israel what it has been lacking: a partner for peace.

But Abbas' reemergence also raises a fundamental question. Arafat had the capacity to make peace, but lacked the will. Abbas has the will, but does he have the capacity to overcome violence, corruption and the sense of victimization that are a legacy of Arafat's leadership?

Israel, the United States and the international community have a shared responsibility to help him build a capacity for peace.

Already, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is taking steps to facilitate elections and to deal directly with the Palestinian leadership. "We're ready to make painful compromises for a genuine and durable peace," he said. And I believe Sharon is sincere.

But there is more Israel must do to support Abbas if he demonstrates his commitment to end terrorism. First, it should hold Palestinians to a tough but not impossible standard when it comes to violence. Sharon and Abbas agree that Syria and Iran direct many terrorist activities. The future of Israelis and Palestinians should not be handed over to radical leaders in those countries. The test for the Palestinians should be whether they make a concerted, sustained effort against terrorism. The sooner they meet the basic responsibilities of statehood, the sooner they will have a state.

Second, Israel should transfer responsibility for security to the Palestinians wherever they show they are ready to assume it, and take down checkpoints not vital to Israel's security.

Third, Israel should coordinate its disengagement from Gaza with the Palestinians. Egypt has a role to play in training Palestinian security forces and fighting arms smuggling.

Fourth, Israel must convince the Palestinians that its disengagement plan is truly "Gaza first," not "Gaza last."

Sharon should reiterate his commitment to the "road map" (the initiative sponsored by the U.S., Russia, the European Union and the United Nations) directly to the Palestinian people. Sharon has taken an important symbolic step by calling for the removal of all settlements in Gaza and four more in the northern West Bank. This is an under-appreciated breakthrough revealing his understanding of the demographic pressures Israel faces. If the peace process gets back on track, he should act quickly to remove unauthorized outposts and end settlement growth.

As always, the U.S. has a critical role to play in this process. We should bolster Abbas' ability to deliver tangible benefits to the Palestinian people. Hamas has supplanted the Palestinian Authority as an economic and social benefactor. It pays significant sums for school and college tuition for young Palestinians. It delivers social services to the destitute.

But Abbas must gain the means to reassert the primacy of the Palestinian Authority. We can help by funding highly visible projects such as building hospitals and schools that will help Abbas put thousands of people to work. But we can't repeat past mistakes; we must act with urgency. An international pledging conference under consideration for late spring 2005 may prove worthwhile, but Abbas can't wait

that long.

President Bush deserves support for his proposal to provide a quick infusion of \$20 million to the Palestinians. But he must finally make good on his June 2003 pledge to "ride herd" on the road map by appointing a senior envoy to hold each side to its commitments.

Finally, the U.S. must demand that neighboring Arab countries take visible steps toward normalization with Israel. Jordan and Egypt should return their ambassadors to Israel. Others in the region should begin once again to meet openly with Israelis to discuss economic matters, business opportunities, water supplies, regional security, the environment and other issues of common concern. Two-thirds of Palestinians and Israelis support a two-state solution. Yet nearly the same proportion in both communities believes the other side really wants a one-state solution. Now, pragmatic leadership from the Palestinians, Israel and the U.S. can break that dynamic and restart the peace process. If second chances are rare, third chances are virtually unheard of. The time to act is now.

Joseph R. Biden Jr. of Delaware is the senior Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He recently returned from a trip to the Middle East. This opinion piece first appeared in the December 15th edition of the LA Times.

## Israeli travel to Southeast Asia will continue

By Nechemia Meyers

While the exact number of Israelis killed or injured in the tidal wave that devastated Southeast Asia has yet to be determined, it was certainly in the dozens because there were an estimated 7,000 people from Israel in the area when disaster struck, and, at the time of writing, some 100 are still missing. It is astounding that Israeli tourists far outnumbered visitors from Australia—a closer, more populous and far richer country.

Israelis travel overseas to a far greater extent than do, for example, Americans and Canadians. The reason is obvious. We can't go anywhere in the immediate neighborhood and feel under siege, even at times, like now, when relative quiet prevails. So a trip overseas is our equivalent of a visit to Yellowstone, Las Vegas or Disney for a North American. The situation was a little easier when Sinai seemed safe; now, after the terrorist bombing in Taba, it no longer appears to be and the number of Israeli visitors to that area has declined significantly.

Thailand, where 75,000 to 80,000 Israelis go each year, is a particularly attractive alternative. The Thais are friendly, and their country offers both exotic sites and Western-style resorts. Most important of all, it is cheap. As Tel Aviv travel agent Yoel Levenstein puts it:

"The dollar goes further there than almost anywhere else in the world."

The majority of Israelis who visit Thailand, India and other Southeast Asian destinations are youngsters in their 20s or early 30s. Having completed their three years of army service, where they did what others told them to do and kept their own desires to themselves, they are anxious to let go, to ignore other people's strict guidelines. This sometimes has unfortunate consequences; all too many succumb to the allure of readily available drugs and some require extensive detoxification, on return home, before they can get back on track.

Local travel agents are all of opinion that the recent disaster will not influence tourism to Southeast Asia in the long run. Trips to the area are being postponed, but no more than that. In Levenstein's words: "Except in regard to those areas where the tourist infrastructure has broken down completely, the bookings will continue."

There is two way traffic between Israel and Thailand. The same planes that carry thousands of Israelis to Thailand also carry thousands of Thais to Israel. There is scarcely an agricultural settlement in this country without its little colony of Thai workers, upon whom Israeli farmers have become very dependent, particularly where harvesting fruit and field

crops are concerned. Thousands keep coming every month from Bangkok even though several have been killed by Arab terrorists. The Thai Embassy in Tel Aviv has tried to persuade at least those who work in Gush Katif to leave, so far with limited success. The agricultural workers simply need their Israeli wages to support the families they left behind.

The tremendous number of Israelis vacationing overseas — in Southeast Asia and elsewhere — does seem a little strange against the background of reports about poverty and deprivation in Israel. But the fact of the matter is that three-quarters of Israelis live rather well and can pay for vacations abroad more readily than the other third can pay for bread and milk.

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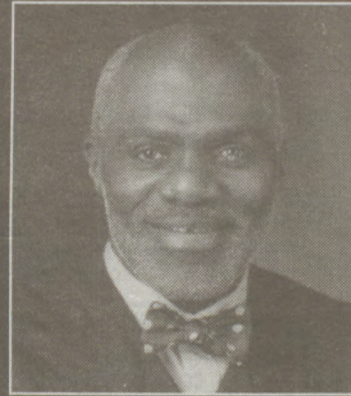
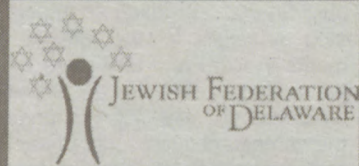
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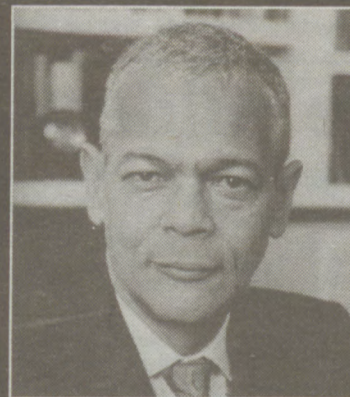
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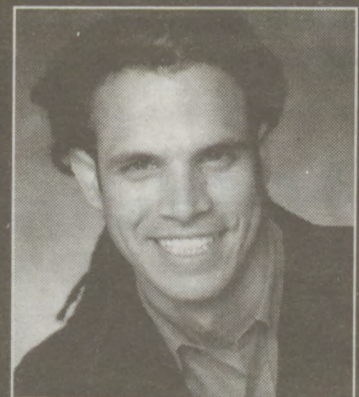
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### Ner Tamid sponsors Tu B'Shvat getaway

By Leonard Tehrani

The Ner Tamid Jewish Center of Chester County, located in West Chester, PA announces its annual Tu B'Shvat Getaway. The event will take place at the DoubleTree Hotel on U.S. 202 in North Wilmington, DE. Celebration begins on Friday evening January 21, 2005 and promises an inspirational weekend with dynamic speakers such as Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis, Rabbis Tovia Singer, Bergstein, Millstein, Unger, Feldheim, Abrahamson and more.

Participants will experience a relaxing, informational, and inspirational weekend while enjoying elegant kosher dining, live entertainment, comical speakers and more.

Tu B'Shvat celebration continues at Longwood Gardens in Chester County, PA on Sunday January 23rd. Participants will have an opportunity to explore traditional and mystical aspects of this Festival of Trees, enjoy a live Jewish music concert featuring Sandy Shmueli, Rak-Dan Israeli dancing, take home craft projects and story telling for children, family programs, and gourmet Glatt Kosher Dining at "Café Hatikvah" inside the Terrace Restaurant.

This comprehensive, fun packed weekend offers workshops and panel discussions on: Pleasures of being Jewish; Bible Codes; Kabbalah and Spirituality; Love, Dating & Marriage; Traditional and mystical aspects of Tu B'Shvat; Nurturing your Soul;

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Longwood Gardens. Some extra activities at Longwood may require additional fee. 8% occupancy tax is not included.

For more information and registration Call 1-800-SHABBAT or call: Ner Tamid Jewish Center at 610-399-1265 nertamid-jewishcenter@yahoo.com

Leonard Tehrani is the founder and executive director of the Ner Tamid Jewish Center of Chester County. He is an alumnus of Albert Einstein Academy in Wilmington and West Chester East High School. After graduating from high school, he attended Yeshiva Ohr Somayach in Jerusalem for one year. He is currently attending Drexel University and is very active in Jewish education in the Chester County area.

### AEA soccer team completes successful season

How does one measure success for a sports team? Is it the number of victories? Is the degree of sportsmanship? Is it the camaraderie? It is all three for the 2004 Albert Einstein Academy soccer team! Under the fine leadership of coach Rich Crosby and assistant coach Benji Cohen, the team, in its fourth year of representing Albert Einstein Academy, competed against teams from Benchmark School, Centreville School and Wilmington Montessori School. The remarkable final record was 7 wins and 2 losses.

Albert Einstein Academy is the Elementary Jewish Day School in the Brandywine Valley serving students in New Castle County, Delaware and Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania. Albert Einstein Academy is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and is a constituent of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. For more information about Albert Einstein Academy contact Michael Brassloff, Interim Head of School, at 478-5026.



Team members: (front row left to right) Ari Cohen, Yoni Blumberg, David Schnoll, Danielle Kuller, Jacob Grant, Sam Kogon, Rachel Bloom, Emily Harad, Mark Stape, Sam Rambo; (second row left to right) Gabe Kaplan, Evan Kahn, Torrey Carroll, Jared Kahn, Stephanie Saran, Scott Crosby, Danny Goodman, Jesse Saran, Aaron Kogon, Josh Schwartz; (back row) Coach Rich Crosby.

### Hillel Foundation invites Shabbat dinner sponsors

Shabbat is special at the Hillel Foundation on the University of Delaware Campus. Each week, after services, Friday night dinner brings together the Jewish students for warm and friendly conversation and singing. Hillel is building Jewish community.

In order to eliminate barriers to any student who wants to celebrate Shabbat, the Kristol Center for Jewish Life at the University of Delaware provides these Sabbath dinners free to students. However, as more students participate, the costs continue to rise. The Kristol Center is now inviting Shabbat Sponsors to be a part of building the Jewish community on campus. For a minimum contribution of \$250, any individual or organization can sponsor a Shabbat dinner at the Kristol Hillel Center. The organization is welcome to send a representative to that dinner. In addition, students will see a sign and table tents thanking the sponsor for supporting Jewish life on campus.

Leading the way, the Wilmington chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women is

already committed to sponsoring a Shabbat in February. The Council will be providing information on its work in Delaware and nationally. Other organizations, such as synagogues, sisterhoods, brotherhoods and civic organizations are welcome, as are individuals who may want to commemorate a special event. There are 18 Fridays from January through May in the school calendar, and next year is completely free. In addition, there are opportunities to help sponsor the different Passover seders held on the UD campus.

The Kristol Center for Jewish Life at the University of Delaware, a Hillel Foundation, serves 1600 Jewish students on the University of Delaware campus with opportunities for leadership and spiritual exploration, and educational, social and social action programming.

For information on how to sponsor a Shabbat dinner or Passover seder at the Hillel Student Center on the University of Delaware campus, contact me by phone at 302-453-0479, or via email at [sdhillel@udel.edu](mailto:sdhillel@udel.edu).

### Milton director participates in international conference

Marion Hamermesh, Site Director of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School in Wilmington, traveled to Chicago earlier this month to participate in the Tenth International Directors' Conference of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School. At the conference, Hamermesh was unanimously elected by her colleagues to the International Director's Council. "This appointment is an opportunity for me to help articulate the future direction of the Mini-School," she said, adding that "It is important that the needs of sites in small communities have a place at the table." Hamermesh believes that "The Melton School's experience in Delaware is a good model for understanding the issues which face schools which may not have all the financial, human and intellectual resources available in big cities."

At the opening session Dr. Betsy Dolgin Katz, Director of the North American office, spoke about the contribution of Mini-School Directors to making adult Jewish learning a new Jewish profession and how their commitment and professionalism is facilitating thousands of people to move forward in their Jewish lives. Dr. Yonatan Mirvis, International Director, spoke of

the partnerships that ensure the success of the Mini-Schools. He reminded everyone of how Florence Melton, whom he compared to Judah the Maccabee, felt strongly that the survival of the Jewish people depended upon quality adult Jewish education and in order to have this a strong partnership was needed. As such she chose one of the greatest centers of Jewish learning in the world, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, with which to form this partnership. This Israel-Diaspora partnership branches out, forming strong ties with our sponsoring agencies and schools around the world.

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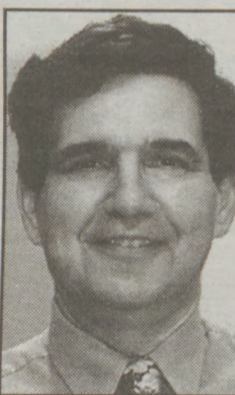
### Ben Gurion University professor to speak

The Israel Advocacy Committee at Congregation Beth Emeth will present Dr. Fred Lazin, Professor of Politics and Government at Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheva, on Friday, January 28, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. He will discuss "Prospects for Peace" and "Israel After Arafat".

Born in Boston, Fred Lazin holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Chicago. He immigrated to Israel in 1975 to join the faculty at Ben Gurion University. Because of his unique experiences, Dr. Lazin knows the perspectives of both the American and Israeli Jew. He can provide Americans with a better understanding of how Israelis view themselves, their society, prospects for peace and the Intifada.

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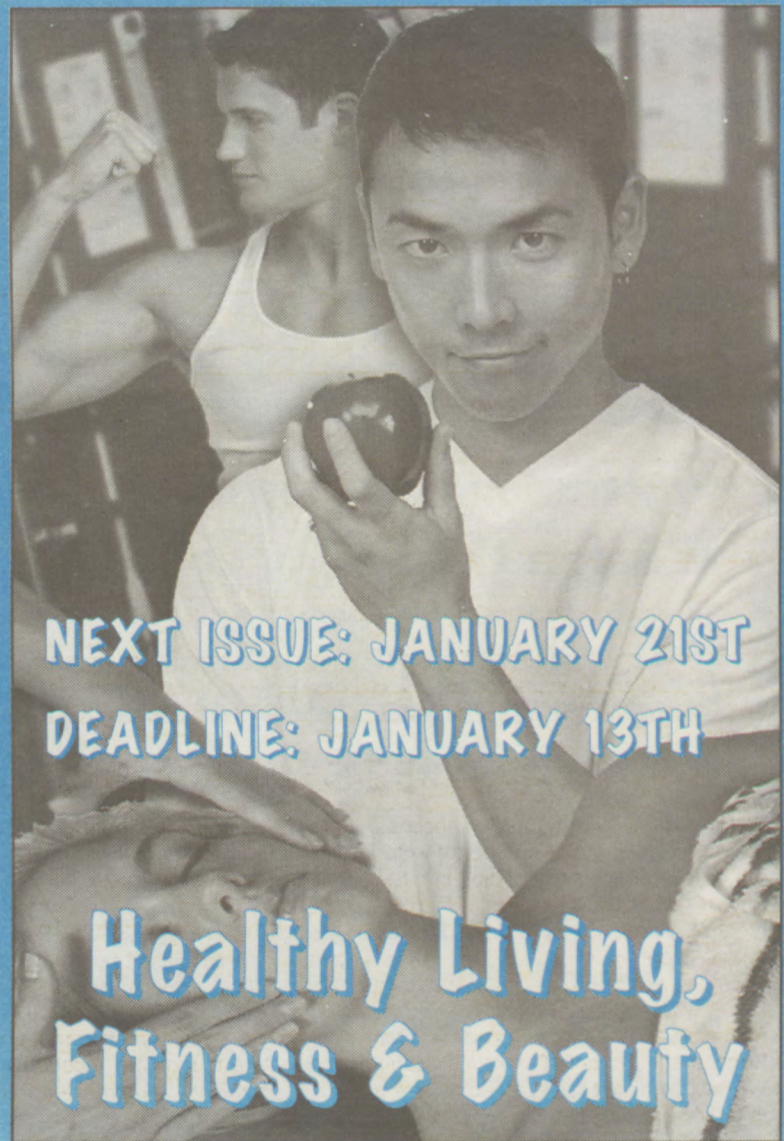
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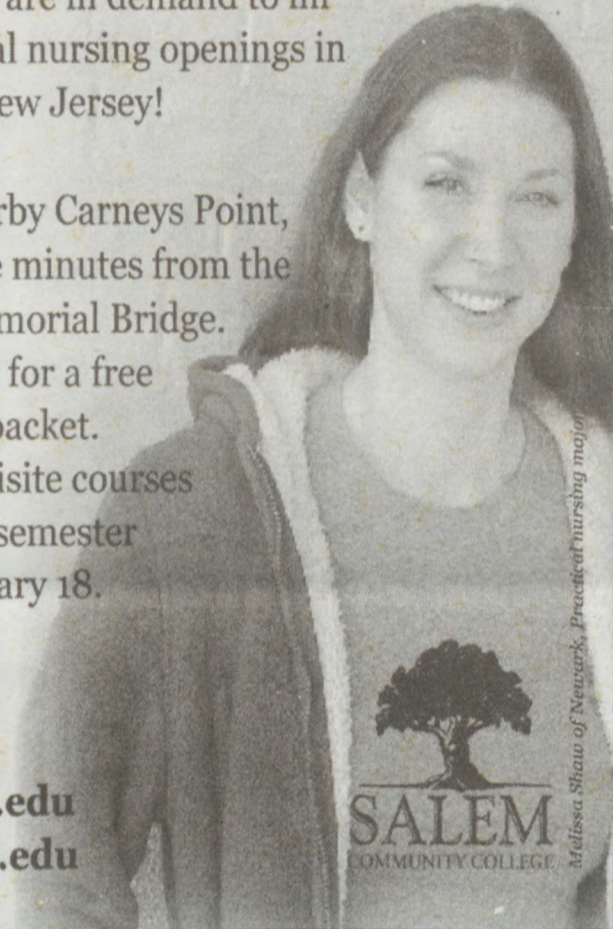
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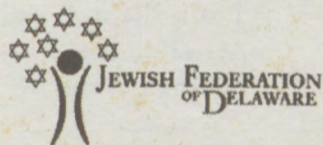
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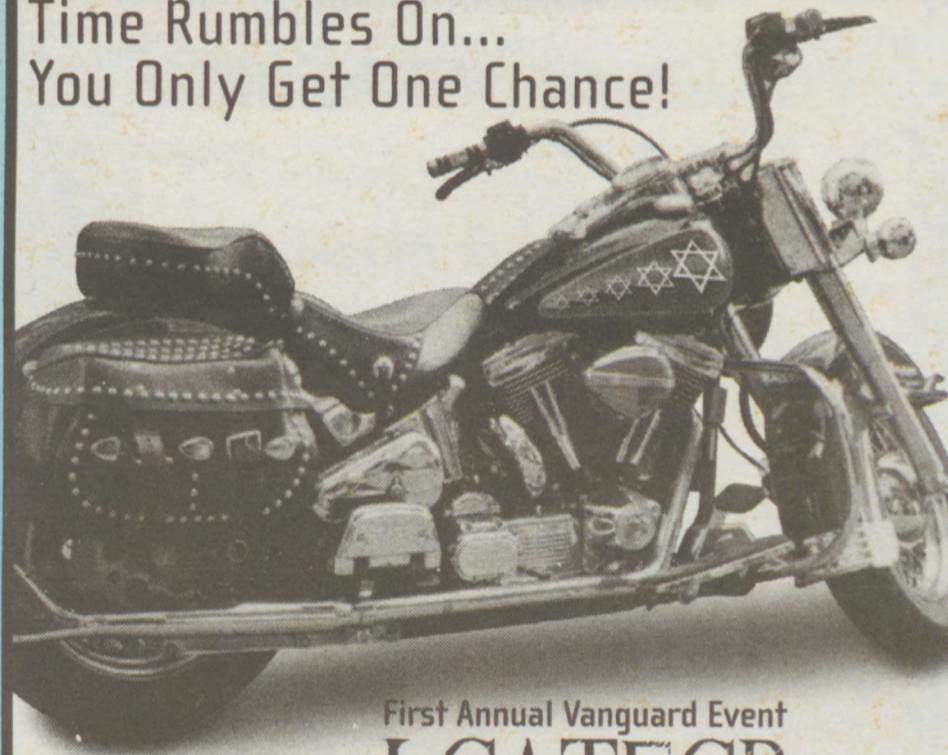
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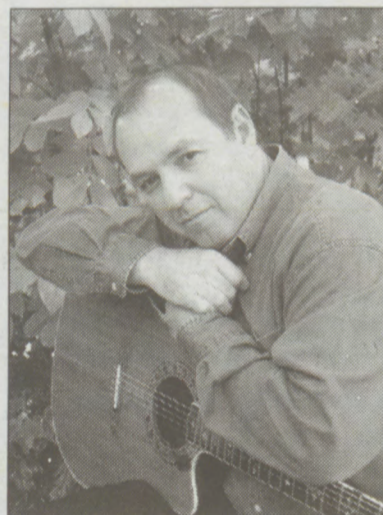
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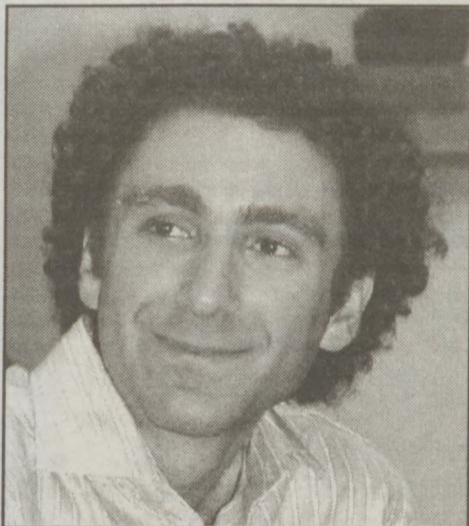
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"I am sitting at my desk in my room in Prenzlauerberg, a hip neighborhood in East Berlin known for its young adult population and reputation as a hotbed of underground creativity during its time as one of the westernmost neighborhoods of the former Soviet block.

The window to my right frames a white apartment building with a red roof and many windows, some with flowers in the windowsills and some without.

From the street, the sign above the entrance to the building reads: 'Toy Repair Shop - visitors welcome anytime.' Through the entrance way and on the opposite side of the courtyard is the shop, in which a small, red overall-clad man with a tuft of white hair goes about his business building and repairing wooden toys."

So began my diary entry of July 17, about one-

and-a-half months after I had arrived in Berlin. Soaking up the impressions of this fascinating city is something that still occupies the majority of my time, even after I've been here for half a year.

But as time has passed, I've realized that this city is dripping with more than charm. It is impossible to go anywhere devoid of historical significance, either from Berlin's dark history as the capital of the destruction of European Jewry, or in its history as a divided city and physical location of the former Iron Curtain.

On my street alone are several buildings that served as makeshift concentration camps during the early years of the Third Reich. Political dissidents were imprisoned in the cellars, where they were beaten and often tortured. The roar of the parties taking place in the canteens above drowned out the cries from below. In much the same way, Berlin's pulse and presence as a cultural and cosmopolitan center of Europe seems to drown out the memory of the things that happened here just a little over half a century ago.

I remember walking one day down Kurfürstenstrasse, one of the main streets, and seeing a placard pasted onto the back of a bus stop. It contained black-and-white photos of Adolf Eichmann and bold text explaining that the site a few meters away, where a hotel now stands, housed the offices of the Gestapo and the office of "Jewish Affairs." This building once had housed the headquarters of B'nai B'rith.

The poster went on to say that from his offices Eichmann planned the logistics of the systematic transport and murder of millions of European Jews.

I stood transfixed, moving my gaze from the photos to the hotel, wondering if the guests knew the once-perverse function of the space in which they were taking their holidays - and if they did, would they still want to stay there? My thoughts merged with the sounds of the passing traffic and I began to think how easy it could be to exist

in Berlin without ever descending into one of those cellars to catch a glimpse of the darker side of this city's history.

Part of that dark past is mine. My grandmother, Rachel Goldberg, lost her family - her parents Mera and Leib, and her siblings Lazar, Avram, and Gitl - after the Nazis invaded White Russia. My grandfather, Isar Goldberg, was forced to fight in the Russian army, and he starved to death while defending St. Petersburg.

Rachel later fled with my father, Gene, to Saratov, and in 1973, they emigrated to Israel, where I was born nine years later.

I am comforted that the subject of reconciling the past is alive in Berlin, as evidenced by the recent controversies involving the construction of the Berlin Holocaust memorial, and the opening of a major art exhibit, in which the works were acquired with the "blood money" of forced labor.

Berliners are engaged in a constant effort to ensure that the past is never too far removed from the present. The process can be painful, including panel discussions on the deep schism between Europe and Israel, and projects encouraging tolerance and cooperation, especially in light of the growth of neo-Nazism.

There are many efforts to provide forums for Holocaust victims and their families, including those of the Foundation providing financial support of my year-long stay in Berlin. The Remembrance, Responsibility, and Future Foundation was formed in August 2000 with proceeds from a legally mandated 10-billion-deutschmark fund created to pay reparations to survivors and others who had been persecuted by the National Socialist regime.

The scholarship program I'm taking part in (along with 27 other students from around the world) is one of the programs financed by 700 million deutschmarks set aside for projects addressing social justice, totalitarianism and humanitarian endeavors. For two semesters, we are able to study at one of Berlin's universities,

and take part in a seminar titled, "European Neighbors," in which we work on small-group projects with such themes as "The New European Identity" and "Political Discussion in Public Art."

This program has special meaning for Humboldt University, the institution that founded it. During Hitler's reign, hundreds of "non-Aryan" students and professors were expelled from this school. In October 2001, Humboldt invited 50 of these expelled students, by then in their 80s and 90s, to tell current student about their experiences. Their visit led Humboldt to invitations to their grandchildren to study in Berlin.

Two years later, the program was expanded. The scholarship program, now in its second year, opened with 30 students from Eastern Europe, Israel and the United States.

When I look out onto Berlin now, I still see the same sights that caught my attention when I first arrived. But my perception of them has changed. Everything I pass looks a bit different, as I try to fit things into the greater history of the city, and of my own family. As my grandmother turns 90 this month, and we remember the deaths of her parents and siblings, I will be in Berlin, closing the circle on a dark period in my family's past, four generations later.

*Israeli born Roger Goldberg is a recent graduate of Brandeis University, and a veteran of international travel and study. After living in Venezuela, Holland, and the Czech Republic, he landed in Berlin, Germany, as a participant in a German government sponsored scholarship program. Roger's family resides in Columbus, Ohio.*

For more information on this scholarship program and for application guidelines, please visit [www2.hu-berlin.de/aia/stud\\_aus/evz.htm](http://www2.hu-berlin.de/aia/stud_aus/evz.htm) or contact Annett Peschel at 49-30-2093-2171 or [evz@uv.hu-berlin.de](mailto:evz@uv.hu-berlin.de)

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## Celebrate Tu B'Shevat at Longwood Gardens



Sandy Shmuely

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the New Year for Trees, at Longwood Gardens on Sunday, January 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Longwood, created to celebrate celebrates this Israeli holiday in honor of Pierre du Pont's love for trees, is the ideal local setting to commemorate this Israeli holiday. Tu B'Shevat, which in Hebrew means the 15th of the Jewish month of Shevat, marks the date used to establish the age of fruit trees in Israel.

Pierre du Pont purchased the land known today as Longwood Gardens in 1906 to save centuries-old trees from falling to lumber mills. Tu B'Shevat in Hebrew means the 15th of the Jewish month of Shevat, the date used to establish the age of fruit trees in Israel.

Longwood's Tu B'Shevat celebration features singer/songwriter Sandy Shmuely who

will perform two Israeli folk concerts at 12:30 and 2 p.m. in Longwood's Special Events Pavilion. Sandy Shmuely, a spirited entertainer who encourages audience participation, has established himself as a talented composer and recording artist in the United States, Canada, Israel, Europe and South America.

There are many opportunities to learn about Tu B'Shevat throughout the day. Rabbi Yossi Kaplan, Chabad of Chester County and the western Main Line, will hold a lecture about the Tu B'Shevat seder at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the lower level of the Terrace Restaurant. Kaplan will discuss the meaning and significance of the fruits of the holiday. An Israeli plant walk led by a Longwood Gardens expertgardener is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. This walk through the Mediterranean Garden will highlight plants that grow in Israel and surrounding areas. If you wish to learn more about trees, a Discovery Cart filled with information will be

open in the Conservatory from 1 until 3 p.m. hosted by a Longwood professional.

To end the day, Don Shillinger of Rak-Dan Israeli Dancing will return to Longwood to conduct an Israeli dance workshop at 3:30 p.m. in the Special Events Pavilion. Based in Philadelphia, Schillinger has been teaching weekly Israeli dance classes in various locales across the United States since 1993. Festivals, camps, temples, universities, community centers and even a swim club have hosted him to teach dance workshops, lead master classes and provide lecture-workshops about Israeli dancing.

Don't forget to bring the kids! Activities especially for kids include a special storytime at 10:30 am in the Terrace Restaurant, led by Julie Schwartz of the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center of Wilmington, Del. and Ellie Alexander of Albert Einstein Academy. Both agencies are beneficiaries of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, also of Wilmington. A pot-a-plant activity will be in the

Potting Shed from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., and teens will tour Israeli plants in the Mediterranean Garden with Julie Schwartz at 3 p.m. The Terrace Restaurant also offers Kids Value Meals with a little something extra special on the menu to celebrate Tu B'Shevat.

The Terrace Restaurant will feature Israeli food selections at each cafeteria station, including a variety of nuts, grain salads, assorted olives and fruit salad, in keeping with the holiday. Food vouchers are available for children and adults, and with advance purchase, kosher food options under strict orthodox supervision are available. There will be a Certified Kosher Supervisor present at the Restaurant at all times.

Gardens admission is required for all activities. For more information, please call 610-388-1000. Group rates are available by calling 610-388-1000 x512. More information is also available on Longwood's website: [www.longwoodgardens.org](http://www.longwoodgardens.org).

## Europe moving against anti-semitism

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Nazi symbols to caricature them, indicates an anti-Semitic bias rather than a valid criticism of policy concerning a controversial issue." The report praises European governments for taking the issue seriously. But it says European law enforcement agencies aren't trained to handle hate crimes, and anti-Semitic acts are often dismissed as petty crimes.

"I concur with the conclusions: The governments, both individually and collectively in Europe, have stopped the denial," Foxman said. "They have accepted the fact that there is anti-Semitism and moved to the area of combating it."

Twelve European countries had serious inci-

dents of anti-Semitism during the reporting period, which ran from July 1 to Dec. 15, 2004. There was verbal harassment of Jews in 28 countries and desecration of cemeteries and synagogues in 30 countries.

The report also notes a rise of anti-Semitism in Pakistan and Argentina, as well as a significant drop in the number of incidents in Australia. The report chastises Syria for condoning and supporting media programs that export anti-Semitism. A section on the media notes that anti-Semitic cartoons often are used to attack Israeli policies, as well as U.S. foreign policy.

Foxman said some of the report's documentation was "meager," specifically regarding anti-Semitic media reports in Egypt.

The report is mandated by the Global Anti-Semitism Awareness/Review Act, which passed Congress in October. The act called for the establishment of an office devoted to monitoring global anti-Semitism, and President Bush told Jewish leaders last month that he would soon name someone to fill the post.

The State Department originally had opposed the idea of a separate report on anti-Semitism, suggesting the topic is addressed in other State Department reports. In a memo to Congress, Secretary of State Colin Powell said a separate report on anti-Semitism "could erode our credibility by being interpreted as favoritism in human rights reporting." The memo also said the legislation establishes an "unworkable precedent."



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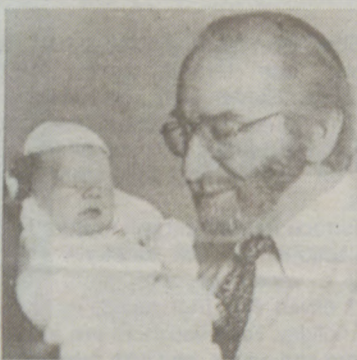
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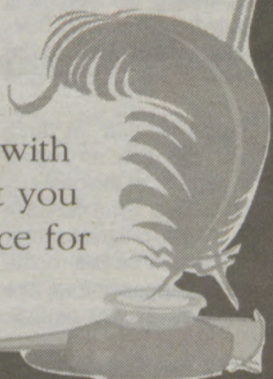
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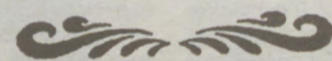


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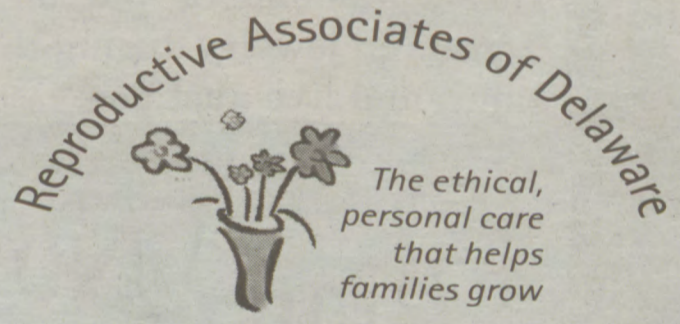
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# MILESTONES

## In Memoriam

### ASHKANASI

Lola B. Ashkanasi, 84, of Wilmington, died January 2nd.

She is survived by her husband, Morris; her son, Richard; her daughter, Andrea Lesser; brother Sonney Markel; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 4th at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel with interment in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

The family would appreciate contributions in her memory to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802.

### GROSS

Lisa Gross, 47, owner of Learning Links, died December 1st in California. She was the beloved daughter of Cyra Gross and the late Jan Gross. Services, conducted in San Diego, CA, were private.

### KRAVET

Hannah Jacobs Kravet, 79, of Philadelphia, PA, died December 27th. A native of East Stroudsburg, PA, she also lived for a time in New Brunswick, N.J. She was a former school teacher in Newark, New Jersey.

She was married for 54 years to Martin "Mike" Kravet. Survivors also include her daughter Debra Reis and her son-in-law, Rick of Phoenixville, PA; daughter Linda Wolff and her husband, Jon of Bear, Delaware and was preceded in death by another daughter, Julie K. Perrin. Also mourning her passing are grandchildren, Michael Perrin, Lynn and David Reis and Andrew and Justin Wolff.

Funeral services were held on December 30th in the chapel of Paul's Run in Northeast Philadelphia with interment in Woodbridge, N.J.

Contributions in Mrs. Kravet's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1626

Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

### PEARL

Lillian Aronin Pearl, 88, of Wilmington, died January 4th at the Kutz Home. She was the wife of Irwin Pearl who survives her with fond memories of their 66 year marriage.

Born and raised in Seattle, WA, she graduated from the University of Washington with a BS degree in Microbiology. In 1941, she and her husband moved to Appleton, Wisconsin where they lived for the next 57 years. She was extremely active in this community's Jewish and civic organizations, holding positions including the presidency of Appleton Hadassah, the American Association of University Women, the Parent Teachers Association and her synagogue Sisterhood. Mrs. Pearl also served as principal of the Moses Montefiore Congregation, as a member of the Great Lakes Regional Board of Hadassah and as a den mother for the local Cub Scouts troop. She and several friends created and ran "Sweet Charity", a resale shop that raised thousands of dollars for Jewish charities.

Burial was private.

Contributions in Mrs. Pearl's memory would be appreciated to either Hadassah, c/o Sena Garber, 2302 Swynford Road, Wilmington, DE 19810 or to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809

### RALPH

Claire Ralph (nee Weisman) passed away on December 23rd at the Daughters of Israel Nursing Home in West Orange, New Jersey.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, she lived there for many years before moving to Rye, New York and then to West Orange, N.J.

Mrs. Ralph was a homemaker and an avid golfer who volunteered

for the Free Nurses-Julie Bernstein League in Brooklyn and for the United Hospital in Port Chester, N.Y.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Ralph and is survived by her children; daughter, Donna and son-in-law, Arthur Frankel of West Caldwell, N.Y. and daughter, Helen and son-in-law, Stephen Tanny of Newark, DE. Also mourning her passing are grandchildren, Jessica, Robyn, David and Sarah.

Services and burial were in Clifton, New Jersey. Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to the Daughters of Israel Nursing Home in West Orange, N.J.

### ROTHSCHILD

Steven J. Rothschild, 60, died December 23rd in his Greenville home surrounded by family. He fought a brave 15 month battle with a rare form of brain cancer.

Mr. Rothschild cherished life and lived each day with passion and commitment. Many community organizations benefited from his leadership including the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home which he served as a former president. He also served as president of the United Way, The Delaware Art Museum and as Finance Chair for U.S. Senator Tom Carper.

He was the Managing Partner of the Delaware Office of Skadden Arps, which he helped to found more than 25 years ago. His love for the field of Law was communicated to the students he taught at the law schools of Georgetown and the University of Pennsylvania. He also served as a trustee of the University of Delaware.

Despite extensive career and community demands, he still found time to pursue such varied interests as travel, running marathons, baking breads, racing cars and playing golf.

Perhaps his greatest passion was his beloved family which includes his wife and soul mate of 38 years, Carol; his sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey Lee and Debra Rothschild and Peter Elliot and Elana Rothschild; and cherished grandchildren, Jonathan Evan and Sydney Eva.

A private interment was observed in New York. A public memorial service was held on January 4th at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to either: The Jewish Federation of Delaware, 100 West 10th Street, Suite 301, Wilmington, DE 19801; American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New

Castle, DE 19720; or United Way of Delaware, 625 North Orange Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

### RYDER

Joan J. Ryder, 81, died December 28th. A Holocaust survivor, she and her late husband, Martin, immigrated to the United States in 1948.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Myrna Ryder and Jonathan Niepris; her sister, Helga Velasquez; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on December 31st with interment in Pleasantville, N.J.

Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19709.

### SCHAGRIN

Rabbi Elihu Schagrin, 86, a native of Wilmington, died December 28th.

He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and was ordained by the Jewish Institute of Religion (Hebrew Union College).

Rabbi Schagrin served as spiritual leader of Temple Concord in Binghamton, NY for 32 years. Upon retirement, he served as interim rabbi for congregations in Melbourne, Australia, Wilkes-Barre, PA and Norwich, NY.

He was active in numerous civic and professional organizations and received numerous awards for his service to the community. A Reform rabbi, he was particularly pleased to be recognized by Binghamton's Orthodox synagogue as its Man of the Year in 1981. In deference to his commitment to inter-faith dialogue, he was asked to represent other faiths at the ordination of Bishop Frank Harrison in 1971.

Rabbi Schagrin was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Alan Isaacs; his daughter and son-in-law, Judith and David Scher;

his son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Shelby Schagrin; grandchildren, Julie Alweis and her husband, Richard; Daniel and Richard Isaacs; Elizabeth Schagrin and her fiancé, Chad Bennett; Zoe Schragin and Kate and Alex Scher and great granddaughter, Eliana Alweis.

Graveside services were held on January 2nd in the Jewish Community Cemetery in Wilmington.

Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to the Dorothy Schagrin Memorial Garden, Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Drive, Binghamton, NY 13905; or to the Rabbi Elihu Schagrin Scholarship Fund, Hillel Academy, 4737 Deerfield Place, Vestal, NY 13850.

### WAXMAN

Dr. Ronald L. Waxman, a dentist who served the Newark and Wilmington, Delaware areas since 1966, died on December 28th. The Landenberg, Pennsylvania resident was 65.

Dr. Waxman was born in Wilmington and was active in a number of Delaware charities including Big Brothers of Delaware.

He received his dental degree from Temple University School of Dentistry. After graduation, he served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force before beginning his practice.

Funeral services were held on December 30th with interment at Lombardy Cemetery on Concord Pike and Foulk Road.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; his son, Scott of Kennett Square, PA; his daughter, Ilene Marcos of Purdys, New York and his grandson, Tyler Marcos.

Contributions in Dr. Waxman's memory would be appreciated to the Carmella Terlingo Cancer Fund, c/o Penn Medicine at Radnor, 250 King of Prussia Road, Suite 1-B, Radnor, PA 19087, Attn: Andi.

*The Officers,  
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and Staff of the  
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mark with great sorrow  
the untimely passing of  
Stephen J. Rothschild,  
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# COMING EVENTS

## BRUNCH AT BETH SHALOM

Congregation Beth Shalom will host its second "Brunch and Learn" of the season on Sunday, January 30th. The program will consist of a mini presentation of the show "Cabaret" presented by the New Candlelight Dinner Theater followed by a delicious brunch. The brunch begins at 10 AM with the presentation following immediately afterward. For questions or reservations call 654-4462.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN ISRAEL?

OTZMA is a service-based leadership development program offering young adults ages 20-26 the unique opportunity to contribute and acquire an in-depth understanding of Israel and the Jewish people. The OTZMA program combines social action, civil rights and community building. Spend three months in an absorption center learning Hebrew, three months doing community service using your skills in a development town and three months on a kibbutz or participating in our new internship track! For more information check out our website at [www.otzma.org](http://www.otzma.org) or contact us at [otzma@ujc.org](mailto:otzma@ujc.org).

## CABARET PROGRAM AT AKSE

What good is sitting at home in your room, come to the Cabaret Night at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation on Sunday, January 30th at 7:00 p. m. AKSE's own Cindy Goldstein will share the stage with Rebecca Buswell and an ensemble cast will perform songs from Broadway's most popular shows. Buswell's "Well Whaddya Know - That's Life" played to sold-out audiences during a Fall, 2004 weekend run at the Society Hill Playhouse in Philadelphia. Ticket prices are \$15 in advance (until January 27th), \$20 at the door and \$7 for children ages 12 and under. Make checks payable to AKSE Men's Club, Washington Blvd. and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802

## SEASIDE HOSTS TU B'SHEVAT SEDER

Seaside's 3rd Annual Tu B'Shevat Seder and traditional Israeli lunch will be observed on Sunday January 23rd at 12 Noon. The event features a family based Seder with lots of readings for the kids and plenty of food. Please bring a few extra dollars to help plant trees in Israel. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5/children 11 and under (\$15/\$10 for Non-members). Your check is your reservation so mail it to Seaside Jewish Community P.O. Box 1472, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. For more information call Allison Colker at 302-227-1107.

## TWO FILMS REMAIN IN BETH SHALOM WINTER FILM SERIES AT THEATRE N

The Rabbi Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation of Congregation Beth Shalom's inaugural "Winter Film Series" at Theatre N in Wilmington continues on Sunday, January 9, 7:00 PM with a screening of "The Holy Land". This is a mystery with dark political and criminal undercurrents that takes a look at the seamer side of Israeli life. The final show in the series will be Sunday, January 23 at 8:00 PM. "Gloomy Sunday" is a romantic melodrama set in pre-World War II Budapest that features an agreed upon love triangle and international intrigue as the Nazis occupy Hungary.

As the series is a fundraiser for Congregation Beth Shalom, donations are \$11.00 per ticket. Advance tickets are available for purchase by credit card by calling 302-571-4699 or online at [www.theatren.org](http://www.theatren.org). Tickets can be purchased at the theater starting one hour before each show. Validated parking is available in the City Center garage on 11th Street between West and Tatnall Streets. Bring in your parking ticket and we'll validate it so it's \$1.00 to park. Parking meters are free all weekend too!

A discussion will follow each film and refreshments will be available. Keep your ticket stub for your tax deduction. For further information call Beth Shalom at 302 654 4462.

## HELP! I HATE MY JEWISH (OR NON-JEWISH) IN-LAWS!

Join Congregation Beth Emeth Outreach on Sunday 1/16, 1 p.m. in the Temple Lounge for the Interfaith Family Monthly Potluck Lunch. Bring your favorite lunch food, and your extended family (grandparents, uncles, aunts, children, and in-laws....whether you hate them or not) - both Jewish and non-Jewish, to eat and discuss the challenges of being a family with diverse religious traditions and belief systems. Free child care for children under 12. Please, no shellfish, pork products, or meat with dairy dishes. This event is free but you must call the Temple Office at (302) 764-2393 or email [beout2@minque.com](mailto:beout2@minque.com) to register. For more info visit [www.bethemethoutreach.com](http://www.bethemethoutreach.com).

## JUDAISM FOR INTERFAITH FAMILIES

Congregation Beth Emeth Outreach invites you to join interfaith couples and those new to, or curious about Judaism for its special 6 week interactive course. All questions on Judaism will be answered and discussed in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. The course starts

Thursday, 1/27/05 at 7 p.m. and meets weekly through 3/3/05. The instructor is Dr. Henry Schenker. Space is limited! Please pre-register by calling the temple office at (302) 764-2393 or email [beout2@minque.com](mailto:beout2@minque.com). Visit [www.bethemethoutreach.com](http://www.bethemethoutreach.com) for more info.

## AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR ISRAEL STUDY

The Israel Scholar Development Fund of the American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise is pleased to offer awards to encourage students to pursue academic careers in fields related to the study of Israel. Awards will be available to undergraduates who have already been accepted to a graduate program, graduate students who have received master's degrees in Middle East related fields who wish to pursue a doctorate and doctoral students who are writing dissertations related to Israel.

Each award will be for \$10,000. The grants are for one year. Doctoral dissertation awards may be used for tuition, books, living expenses, travel costs, and other expenses to enable dissertation research. All other awards will be for tuition and books.

Proposals from candidates in all disciplines are welcome. The competition is open only to U.S. citizens.

Complete applications including transcripts and references must be

received by January 30, 2005.

For more information and an application, go to the [Jewish Virtual Library](http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/isdf.html) (<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/isdf.html>)

## SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Sylvia & Isadore N. Silverman Scholarship Fund will be awarding its 16th annual Scholarship to a deserving youth for a Jewish summer experience in camp or Israel. Applications may be picked up at the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth office, Washington Street Ext. and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802, and must be returned by the deadline on March 1, 2005.

The Fund was established in 1989 to honor the Silverman's 55th wedding anniversary by their four daughters and many friends.

## CITY THEATRE HOLDING OPEN AUDITIONS

Attention thespians. Wilmington's City Theatre Company is holding opening auditions on Sunday, January 16th at the Baby Grand Theatre, 818 North Market Street for Company. This award-winning production by Stephen Sondheim, will run from April 29-May 21. Non-equity males, ages 25-50 and females, ages 21-50 are needed. Applicants should bring a headshot and resume to the audition as well as two songs, one ballad and one uptempo. All roles are unpaid.

To schedule an appointment for

an audition, please call Michael Gray at 302-658-7897.

## BECOME A BRONFMAN YOUTH FELLOW IN ISRAEL

Applications are now available for the 2005 Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel. The fellowships provide an opportunity for 26 students entering the 12th grade to spend five weeks in Israel this summer. Students from all over North America will be selected based on their character, intellectual interests, special talents and leadership qualities. Merit, not financial need, is the standard for selection.

Bronfman Fellows will participate in seminars and dialogues with a diverse rabbinic faculty and will meet with some of Israel's most prominent political, cultural and literary figures.

This year's program begins on June 27th with a seminar in New York City. The students will return from Israel on August 3rd. All educational expenses are covered by the program, which includes round-trip international transportation, room and board and travel while in Israel. All meals are kosher.

High school students who will enter the 12th grade in the fall of 2005 may apply directly online at [www.bronfman.org](http://www.bronfman.org). Completed applications must be postmarked no later than January 5th. Finalists will be notified by February 1st.

## State of Delaware Makes First Time Offer to Individual Investors

Secretary of Finance Dave Singleton and State Treasurer Jack Markell have announced that \$25 million in Delaware bonds will be set aside for individual investors in connection with next week's bond sale. This marks the first time that a portion of the State's general obligation bonds will be reserved specifically for individual investors. The tax-exempt bonds will be available in increments of \$1,000 and will be sold on January 10th and 11th.

"Over the last few years, many Delawareans have expressed their interest in purchasing Delaware bonds, but they are often left empty handed because the bonds are in such demand among large institutions," State Treasurer Markell said. "While it is exciting that there is demand across the globe for Delaware bonds, I'm delighted that Delawareans will now have a first crack at investing in our state's future."

The retail component represents twenty percent of a total planned bond sale of \$125 million. The balance of \$100 million, and any unsold retail bonds, will be sold in accordance with the state's tradition of using a competitive bidding process. Merrill Lynch has been selected as the lead marketer of the retail bonds and will be joined by Advest/Lebenthal, A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., Citigroup, Edward Jones, Ferris, Baker Watts, Inc., Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, JPMorgan, Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc., Morgan Stanley, N. D. Meyer & Co., Inc., and Wachovia Bank, National Association.

Secretary Singleton said, "Delaware bonds are in high demand and I'm pleased that individuals across our state will now have access to these good investments."

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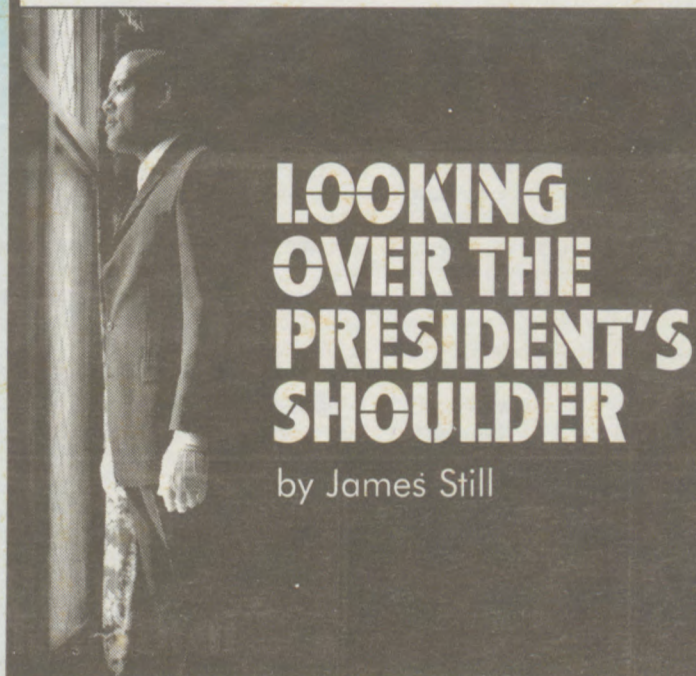


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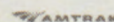
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