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We Remember The Holocaust

By DAN WEINTRAUB
JCRC Director

"No one can forgive crimes committed by other people. It is therefore preposterous to assume that anybody alive can extend forgiveness for the suffering of any one of the six million people who perished."

- Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

The year 5758 has been busy already with Holocaust related concerns. A Holocaust denial advertisement and opinion essay in a December issue of *The Review* campus newspaper at the University of Delaware spurred the Jewish Community Relations Committee, Hillel and others into constructive responses and activity. Rabbi Israel Singer and former Ambassador Ronald S. Lauder spoke at a special program of the Jewish Federation of Delaware about Swiss Banks' unjust enrichment with Nazi gold and Jewish assets. And, as we mark Israel's 50th anniversary this year in celebrations and events we are reminded of the contributions of Holocaust victims to the creation of the modern State of Israel. This week includes the traditional Holocaust Day of Remembrance but for those who remember the lessons of the Holocaust there are many other days throughout the year when we also reflect on the Holocaust and its contemporary relevance.

At press time, a community wide interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Day Service was scheduled to take place on April 23, 1998, from noon to one p.m. at the City/County Building in Council Chambers and outside at Freedom Plaza. Concordia Lutheran Church's spiritual leader Pastor David E. Mueller was scheduled to address *"The Three 'R's': Remembering, Repenting, Redeeming: A Christian Reflects on the Holocaust."* Musical selections were to be performed by fourth graders in Albert Einstein Academy led by Michal Cherrin.

Barbara Schoenberg, Vice-President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, was scheduled to give welcome and introduction for the service. Wilmington Mayor James Sills and New Castle County Executive Thomas Gordon were scheduled to attend. Rev. Donald Dunnigan, Senior Pastor at the Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church planned to give the opening prayer. The closing prayer was to have been led by Rev. Laura Lee C. Wilson, Executive Director of the Wesley Foundation

Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware. Memorial prayers were to have been led by Rabbi Laurence Malinge and Cantor Daniel Leeman at the Holocaust Memorial in Freedom Plaza.



This event was organized by the interfaith Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, a program of the Jewish Community Relations Committee. This annual event has been co-sponsored by the Christian Council of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore Delaware Region; the National Conference of Christians and Jews; the Interdenominational Ministerial Action Council; the Jewish Federation of Delaware, and the Rabbinical Association of Delaware.

Earlier in the week, the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee had scheduled a Holocaust Book Lecture on April 21, 1998 at 7 p.m. at the Concord Pike Public Library by Professor Sara R. Horowitz of the University of Delaware. During this program she was expected to speak about her book *Voicing the Void:*



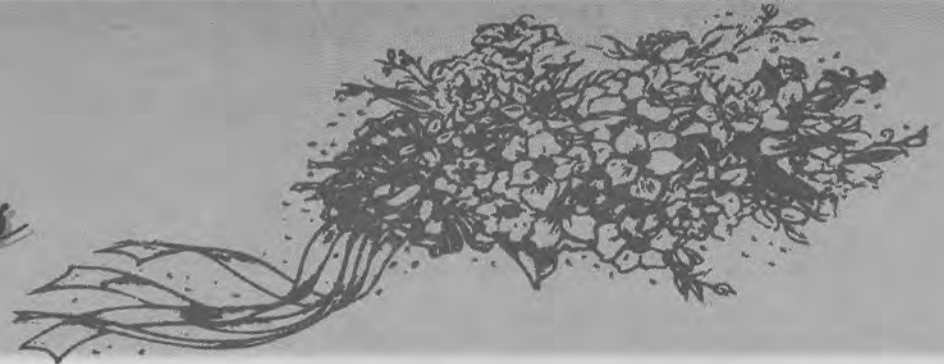
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Fiction.*

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee maintains a collection of Holocaust books, periodicals and video tapes at the Concord Pike public library. This collection is open to the public and advances the committee's goal of educating Delaware students and citizenry about the Holocaust.

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee's members include survivors and scholars who frequently lecture on topics relating to the Holocaust. Connie Kreshtool is the acting Chair of the committee which is staffed by the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

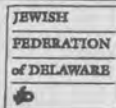
Hillel at the University of Delaware has organized a campus Holocaust Remembrance observance for the evening of April 23, 1998.

Love To Our Mothers



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PANIM EL PANIM
(Face to Face with JFD People)



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Elaine Friedberg

By BONNIE FALCHUK

On May 17, a brunch hosted by Ellen Koniver and Jerome Grossman will be held at the Jewish Community Center in honor of Elaine Friedberg, who is retiring, as an announcement says, after "sixteen wonderful years" as the principal of Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School.

And on April 24, at its annual Faculty Recognition Shabbat, Congregation Beth Emeth will commemorate her retirement after 35 years as a Hebrew teacher there.

It will be a double loss for Delaware's Jewish educational community. Elaine Friedberg's tenure at both institutions is impressive not only for length, but also for the leadership and innovation she has brought to her roles.

Elaine, who resides in Wilmington with her husband Ralph, first became active with the Gratz program over 20 years ago when her children started there. Involvement as a parent led to

teaching and administrative duties, and then to the position of principal. "She wasn't exactly looking for the job - but she threw herself into it," says former Gratz teacher Gladys Gewirtz of Elaine Friedberg's first days at the helm.

Gratz (which is a branch of the Jewish Community High School program of Gratz College in Philadelphia) offers a five-year program for currently 86 students in grades 8 through 12 who wish to continue their Jewish education. Students don't need to have celebrated a Bar or Bat Mitzvah or be affiliated with a synagogue to attend. They don't even have to be Jewish; a few non-Jewish students have attended Gratz in the past. Courses range from offerings in Hebrew language, Jewish ethics, history, and current events to innovative courses developed by staff members. She cannot praise her faculty enough, citing their "experiential teaching, inventive teaching ... we're fortunate to have these dedicated and devoted people in

Wilmington."

As an example of innovation, Elaine mentions the new Jewish Heritage video series, a collection of around 200 films with Jewish themes which can be viewed in the context of existing courses or grouped as courses of their own - for example, students can view and discuss several films dealing with such topics as the founding of Israel or intermarriage. The films are also available in the lobby of the JCC for the public.

Gratz students can earn advance credits for college and teaching certificates which help qualify them to teach in Jewish institutions. "Our graduates come back to us as rabbis and as lay leaders in the community," she says, noting that several former students have taught (like Edina Buzgone, who works with the video collection) or served on the board (Joel Panitz is a former student currently on the board).

What kind of students attend Gratz? "The students who come to

us are often among the top scholars in their classes - they're the ones who do it all," she says, adding that in some cases, the impetus comes from the parents, who expect that their children will continue their Jewish education, and sometimes the desire to attend is something the teenager expresses on his or her own.

"It's not just a place to study, it's a place to socialize and study together," she says, emphasizing that the social aspects of being at Gratz are very important for many students.

The social aspect is important to her, too. When asked what she would like to see happening for Gratz in the next few years, she says that she would like to see it become "a true community high school ... the 'place to be' for all teens in the community." To help realize that goal, she notes that Gratz, which currently shares rooms with the Albert Einstein Academy at the JCC, needs larger chairs and desks for its teenage students and more storage space for teaching materials.

When she leaves, the position of principal will be taken by Marlene Milunsky, who is currently a teacher at Gratz.

Once retired, Elaine is looking forward to spending more time with the families of her three children - especially her even grandchildren, all of whom live nearby, and having time to travel.

Kudos from her fellow educators will follow her. Dr. Uziel Adini, director of the Jewish Community High School program at Gratz College, speaks glowingly of her work and warmth, saying that in all his many visits to the Wilmington campus, he always had "a feeling of complete trust" in her work, and calls the Wilmington program "vibrant." Gladys Gewirtz calls her "a very straight arrow ... I'm very fond of Elaine," and mentions how she always gives credit to others. At Beth Emeth, Rabbi Peter Grumbacher jokes that many dentists liked her teaching, since she was always giving candy to her students, and speaks of the support she gave to him when he was new. Rabbi Laurence Malinger praised her devotion to the countless students she helped prepare for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

Jerome Grossman, the president of Delaware Gratz, sums up the sentiments of many: "She will be sorely missed."

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Congrats to Toni Young

Congratulations to Toni Young who was honored at the Annual Award Dinner of the Delaware Region National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc.

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Toni Young

them we create solutions to many of society's problems which are not met by business or government entities ... Each of us has a individual life but each of us is also part of a community, we must dedicate a portion of our time and energy to the communal life if we expect to live in a supportive community that meets real needs." Toni Young



PANIM EL PANIM

(Face to Face with JFD People)



This letter was sent to 1998 UJA Federation Campaign Chair Dr. Barry Kayne from Paige Alderson, a committed teen donor in Dover. The Federation Allocations Committee will have its final meeting on May 14th, and your pledge (not necessarily your payment) is crucial to the committee's efforts and to our entire Delaware community.

Dear Dr. Barry S. Kayne:



Shalom! I am very honored to be helping my fellow Jews. Next year I hope I will be asked to give more money. I hope that your campaign will work and succeed to its goal! Thank You very much for asking for money. It made me feel important.

Sincerely

**Paige Jessica Alderson
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Please call 427-2100 to make your commitment to the 1998 Campaign. Remember, no gift touches more lives. Take it from Paige.

Treasured Women Author Lois Wyse At Kutz Luncheon

Lois Wyse, noted author, is the featured speaker at the Kutz Home Auxiliary Luncheon on Thursday, May 7 at 11:30 to be held at the Brandywine Country Club. Ms. Wyse has written more than 60 books for children and adults including *Women Make the Best Friends* and the New York Times #1 Best Seller, *Funny, You Don't Look Like A Grandmother*. Other best sellers are *Love Poems for the Very Married*, *The Six Figure Woman* and *How To Be One and Friend to Friend*. She is a contributing editor of *Good Housekeeping Magazine*. Her syndicated newspaper column, *Wyse Words*, appears in more than 40 newspapers throughout the United States and weekly on the Internet.



Her most recently published and well acclaimed book, *Just Like Grandma Used to Make*, will be her topic at the luncheon. Ms. Wyse takes us on a nostalgic trip back to Grandma's kitchen in a multicultural treasury of comfort foods that recall the tastes and memories of childhood. The book recaptures the tastes we love in a multiethnic collection of more than 170 time-tested recipes. The recipes are designed to be prepared with love and shared with family and friends. Adding spice and warmth to the book are the

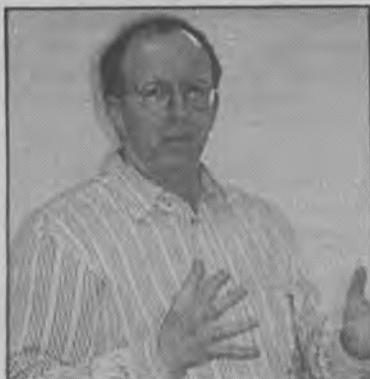
stories that accompany the recipes, told in Lois' own distinctive voice. *Just Like Grandma Used to Make* is a unique cookbook and a treasured gift, perfect for the upcoming Mother's Day, Grandparent's Day and all other occasions and will be available for purchase at the luncheon.

The Kutz Home Auxiliary, which has a membership of over 900, is devoted to enhancing the lives of the residents of the Kutz Home. Anyone interested in information concerning attending the luncheon is encouraged to contact Julie Sandler at 426-1984 or Joy Honig at 888-1034. The giving categories for this luncheon are Diamond (\$150), Gold (\$75) and Silver (\$45).

Israel 50 Event



Israeli food specialties such as felafel were sure crowd pleasers or the community-wide Israel 50 celebration organized by the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation of Delaware.



Arie Rudnik, Shaliach with the Israel Program Center, presented a lecture about the State of Israel, the first fifty years and the next fifty years, for the Jewish Community Relations Committee as part of Delaware's community wide celebration of Israel's 50th anniversary.



JCRC Director Dan Weintraub enjoys the successful Israel 50 event.



Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware displays celebratory "Israel 50" T-shirts at the recent community-wide celebration of Israel's 50th anniversary.



Israeli dancing was a popular event at the Israel 50 celebration.

AE Passover



Students at the Albert Einstein Academy held a full seder on Tuesday, April 7, 1998. The fifth graders hosted their buddies from the Kutz Home. Albert Einstein Academy is the Jewish Day School in the Delaware Valley that extends from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. It is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and is a constituent of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. For information contact the Academy at 302-478-5026. Adam Bloom (left) shows the Seder plate. Alyssa Spritz (right) holds up the centerpiece she made.

Volunteer(s) needed immediately

The Jewish Fund for the Future, the Jewish community of Delaware's endowment fund is in need of responsible person(s) who can volunteer at least 4 hours per week, on an ongoing, regular basis. The work of the Fund is to collect, administer and disburse monies on behalf of the Jewish community for programs that are not handled by the annual Federation/UJA campaign. If you have skills in any of the following areas, please call Marc Shandler, Director of the Jewish Fund for the Future immediately at 427-2100, ext. 19:

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EDITORIAL

Chutzpah ... Love & Our Mothers

As Americans get ready to celebrate the annual national holiday of Mother's Day one wonders where are all the mentions of the women who were responsible for helping in founding both our country and also Israel?

As we are celebrating Israel's 50th, Hadassah is busy trying to answer some of these questions pertaining to Israel. The stories of women who have risked their lives and families to save others are starting to come to be heard.

For instance, Manya Wilbushewitz is one of the founders of the State of Israel. Born

in Belorussia she came from a large wealthy Jewish family. At 15, she ran away from home disguised as a boy, apprenticed herself in a factory and organized the workers. She created clandestine Jewish study groups, and was arrested. After prison she fled to

Palestine where she created the first kibbutz, the first self defense group, helped to found the Histadrut, Bank Hapoalim, HaPoel (sports organization) and Brit Shalom, (the league for Arab-Jewish friendship).

A friend of Henrietta Szold, Louis Brandeis and Chaim Weizmann, and was married to Israel Shohat and had two children.

Manya once wrote that the greatest challenge of all was equality between women and men a goal yet to be achieved in Israel and throughout the world.

To all of our mothers and foremothers, thank you for all your recognized and unrecognized efforts and your belief in life. We only hope that in future generations your actions will not go unnoticed but be as praised and as adored as those of your male counterparts. With much thanks and love, Happy Mother's day.

Letter To The Editor

Editor:

If more people knew about it, more could benefit from the excellent Respite Care at the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home. I am certain that there are many people in my situation: responsible for the care and well being of elderly parents and relatives. This can be a rewarding but extremely exhausting task and times of Respite are absolutely necessary.

In my situation, the caretaker of my Mother (age 88) and my Aunt (age 91) needed a well deserved vacation. My husband and I have full time jobs and a hectic schedule besides, and as helpful as our children are, one works and the other is away at college, but the Kutz Respite Care saved the week.

My Mother and my Aunt were given a beautiful bright sunny room (at home they also share one bedroom) with a private powder room. They were served more than ample, kosher meals, in the newly, beautifully refurbished dining areas. (While at home kashrut is not a major concern of theirs, in a strange environment it made them feel comfortable to know that they were among "their own" and not among strangers). They had a varied choice of activities to take part in, they could have taken advantage of the on-site beauty parlor, exercise, group activities or they could decline

and just rest or read or do crossword puzzles. They also had the choice of spending the night or coming home to familiar surroundings each evening. We chose the latter and as we did when our children were young and took them to daycare, why not with our parents? We took my Mother and my Aunt each morning on the way to work, to the Kutz Home and at the end of our working day picked them up and took them home.

Everyone benefited from the change of pace. My Mother and Aunt enjoyed the change from their often monotonous daily life and the temporary nature of their stay at the Home allayed the fear that all elderly have of eventually becoming permanent residents in a Nursing Home. Having sampled it they realized that if it becomes necessary it is not as bad as they had imagined. As a matter of fact there were a couple of evenings when they were surprised that they had to come home, they would have preferred to stay overnight. We have had the opportunity to perform the great Mitzvah of honoring our parents, and their caretaker is back, refreshed from a wonderful vacation.

We are all very grateful to Karen Friedman, the Home's Director and Sheila Mensch and all the staff, at the Kutz Home, who made this all possible for us.

Sincerely, Susan K. Jonas, M.D.

Voice Box

An accomplished woman, who can find? - Far beyond pearls is her value. Her husband's heart relies on her and he shall lack no fortune, She repays his good, but never his harm, all the days of her life. She seeks out wool and linen, and her hands work willingly. she is like a merchant's ships, from afar she brings her sustenance. She arises while it is yet nighttime, and gives food to her household and a ration to her maidens. She envisions a field and buys it, from the fruit of her handiwork she plants a vineyard. With strength she girds her loins, and invigorates her arms, She discerns that her enterprise is good - so her lamp is not snuffed out by night. Her hands she stretches out to the distaff, and her palms support the spindle. She spreads out her palm to the poor, and extends her hands to the destitute. She fears not snow for her household, for her entire household is clothed with scarlet wool. Luxurious bedspreads she made herself, linen and purple wool are her clothing. distinctive in the councils is her husband, when he sits with the elders of the land. She makes a cloak to sell, and delivers a belt to the peddler. Strength and majesty are her raiment, she joyfully awaits the last day. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and a lesson of kindness is on her tongue. She anticipates the ways of her household, and partakes not of the bread of laziness. Her children arise and praise her, her husband, and he lauds her. Many daughters have amassed achievement, but you surpassed them all. False is grace and vain is beauty, a G-d-fearing woman - she should be praised. give her the fruits of her hand and let her be praised in the gates by her very own deeds.

Aishes Chayil (Proverbs 31:10-31)

"I have never given very deep thought to a philosophy of life though I have a few ideas that I think are useful to me; Do whatever comes your way to do as well as you can. Think as little as possible about yourself. Dwell on things that are interesting. Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give.

Eleanor Roosevelt



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UD Exhibit To Increase Awareness of Holocaust

Two exhibitions designed to increase campus awareness of the Holocaust are scheduled this month at the University of Delaware.

The exhibits, free and open to the public, can be seen in the Morris Library on South College Avenue and in the University Bookstore in the Perkins Student Center on Academy Street, both on the UD campus in Newark.

The programs are sponsored by the Holocaust Education Task Force in the College of Arts and Science Outreach Program.

According to Raymond Callahan, associate dean in the College of Arts and Science, and committee chairperson, "The Holocaust has been remembered by historians, novelists and filmmakers, as well as recalled by its survivors. The activities in the

bookstore and library help make the point that its impact on our collective memory is — and should be — immense."

"Documenting the Holocaust," on display in the Information Room on the first floor of the Morris Library, continues through April 30. It highlights the resources in the Morris Library that document the Nazi Holocaust of 1933-1945.

"The Holocaust has been an event of profound and worldwide significance during the 20th century. I hope that materials about the Holocaust in the University of Delaware Library will help to inform members of the University community about this compelling and highly complex topic and ethical issues it raises," Susan Brynteson, director of libraries, said.

Including books, video recordings, microforms, government documents, archival materials and web sites, the exhibition features some of the materials that researchers can use to understand the tragic fate which befell the Jews of Europe and other victims during that time. It also explores the ways in which present-day scholars and citizens still struggle to comprehend what occurred. David Langenberg, reference department associate librarian, is the exhibit curator.

Other books related to the Holocaust will be on display in the upper level of the University Bookstore throughout April. According to Diane Zabenko, bookstore manager, all of the books displayed are available for sale during the month at a 10 percent discount.

Featured books include: "A History of the Holocaust" by Yehuda Bauer; "Fateful Months: Essays on the Emergence of the Final Solution;" "Ordinary Men: Reserve Police Battalion 101 and the Final Solution-Poland" and "The Path to Genocide" all by Christopher R. Browning. "The Origins of Nazi Genocide: From Euthanasia to Final Solution" by Henry Friedlander; "Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust" by Danile Jonah Goldhagen.

Also: "The Jews of Warsaw, 1939-1943" by Yisrael Gutman; "The Destruction of the European Jews" and "Perpetrators, Victims, Bystanders: The Jewish Catastrophe 1933-1945," both by Raul Hillberg; "Schindler's List" by Thomas Keneally; "The Holocaust

and the Literary Imagination" by Lawrence L. Langer; "Survival in Auschwitz" by Primo Levi; "The Nazi Doctors: Medical Killing and the Psychology of Genocide" by Robert Jay Lifton; "Historical Atlas of the Holocaust" by U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum;

"Night" by Elie Wiesel; "The Abandonment of the Jews: America and the Holocaust, 1941-1945" by David S. Wyman; and "The Texture of Memory: Holocaust Memorials and Meaning" by James E. Young.

In addition to the two exhibits, a number of Holocaust-related films have been scheduled during April by the University Library, with multiple repeated showings on two campus cable channels, UDTV Channel 48 and SLTV Channel 49.

Gratz Open House ... All About Delaware Gratz

By ELAINE FRIEDBERG
Principal

Delaware Gratz was founded in 1965 by a group of dedicated parents, with financial backing an administration of the Jewish Federation of Delaware to provide a comprehensive Judaic and Hebraic education for post Bar/Bat Mitzvah students in the eighth through twelfth grades. Although all local synagogues maintained their own confirmation programs, Gratz was the only school to provide Hebrew language classes and to serve eleventh and twelfth graders.

In the past ten years Gratz has

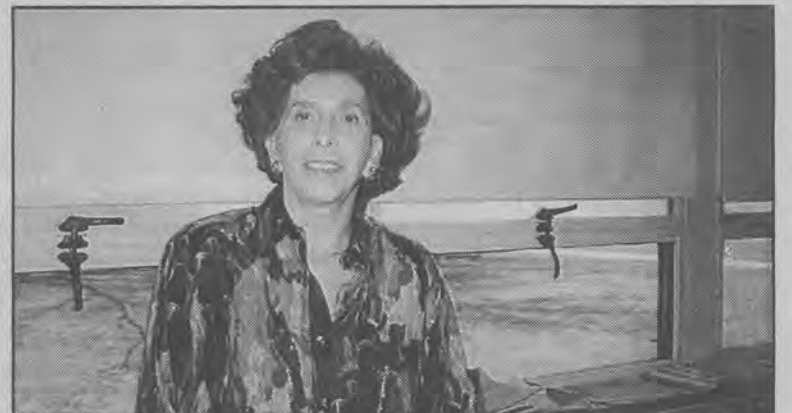
double in size with the addition of all teens from the AKSE and Beth Shalom confirmation groups. Thus, our students have the opportunity not only to study together but also to meet and socialize with other Jewish teens of our community.

As of our graduation of May 21, 1998, 218 students will have graduated from our five year program. As tangible rewards, most Gratz students receive a diploma, a teaching certificate and advance placement college credits. More importantly, Gratz provides them with continued instruction in history and tenets of Judaism as well as

its ethics, morals and values.

This year 86 students from all denominations of the Jewish Community study together the texts and concepts that are central to the Jewish tradition under the direction of a talented, experienced, and dedicated faculty who teach Judaism in a manner relating to the needs and interests of adolescents. This atmosphere provides an opportunity for students to develop not only an understanding of their heritage, but a proud and positive Jewish identity and a love of Judaism and Israel.

Many of our graduates, fortified with a Gratz background, have become active participants in their Jewish communities. They include Rabbis, Jewish educators, Jewish youth group advisors, leaders of synagogues, and chair or board members of communal commit-



Elaine Friedberg, Principal

tees. Our graduates also include knowledgeable and informed college students who help to promote Jewish causes and welfare on campuses.

We end our thirty-third year with

hopes of being able to continue to offer the highest quality Jewish education to all Delaware teenagers. Those who choose it will certainly become valuable links in the chain of our tradition.

Authors & Motivational Speakers

Authors and motivational speakers Bernie Siegel, M.D., and Leo Frangipane, M.D., will be together for two presentations, Tuesday, June 2 from 7:00 until 9:30 p.m., and Wednesday, June 3, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon, at Clayton Hall, The University of Delaware, Newark. Each will give a one-hour talk, with a half-hour break in between.

The theme of the talks is "A

Celebration of Life," in honor of National Cancer Survivors' Day.

Tickets are \$25. They will be available by calling Ticketmaster, (302) 984-2000, or the University of Delaware ticket box office (302) UD1-HENS.

All proceeds will benefit The Wellness Community-Delaware. For more information contact The Wellness Community-Delaware at (302) 656-8410.

JCC Offering Course

Jewish Family Service of Delaware is offering the Family Court mandated education course for parents who are separating or divorcing.

The Divorcing and Separating Parents Education Program offers parents the opportunity to increase their understanding of the impact of divorce on their children, and to help them to co-parent more effectively and make decisions that are in the best interest of their child(ren). By developing aware-

ness and strategies that help parents and children cope, each parent can continue to play a vital role in their children's lives.

The class is offered monthly at the Jewish Community Center in North Wilmington. The fee is based on a sliding scale. Anyone is welcome to attend. Advance registration is required. Upcoming dates, Wednesdays, May 13 and 20, 6:30-10 p.m. Contact Lauren Pokras for more information and registration, 302-478-9411.



At the Matzah Factory of Rabbi Chuni Vogel, the children of Albert Einstein Academy offered a "Moat Chitim" (tzedakah) for the needy families of the community. Pictured are Rabbi Vogel, Jessica Nepris and Joshua Swinger.



ISRAEL AT 50



Delaware's Connection

By JONATHAN KAUFMANN

What does the average teenager do when that final school bell rings in the middle of June? Most head down for lazy sun filled days on the beach, while others get jobs and stay around home. My summer fits neither of these categories.

I must admit that my parents were more excited for my trip to Israel than I was almost a year ago. They thought it was important for every Jew to go to Israel given the opportunity. They made sure I had that opportunity. I gathered some information on the different trips going, but I knew I would wind up on the trip my brother went on two years before me, Young Judea. That is exactly what happened, and on June 20th, I joined 43 other 17 year olds in the Newark airport. We were group ID9, Israel Discovery group 9.

I had chosen a slightly different trip than normal. My group was to head for Rome, Italy. We spent three days there and reenacted the exodus of holocaust survivors from Naples to Haifa. We boarded the "luxurious" Taras Chevchenko for the three day trip. The nights were



Jonathan Kaufman (second row from top, 3 from right) and group.

clear and warm and on every one we ran to the top deck to gaze at millions of stars that one can't normally see on land. The days were filled with education and fun activities and with free time. The deep blue waters of the Mediterranean were unlike any I had ever seen, and as the 44 of us bonded into a single group we slowly approached our final destination: Israel.

The next five weeks were filled with sunburn, sweat, hunger, com-

plaints, comedy, and most of all fun. They were the best five weeks I have ever experienced. Everyday we were trooped all over the state of Israel. From the Red Sea to the Golan, we not only saw Israel; we experienced it. I will never forget a moment of that trip.

There are several scenes that particularly stick out in my mind when I think back to those long hot summer days. The most powerful one takes place at the Wailing Wall. While standing at the foot of

that wall with my head leaning against it, I was overcome with emotion. I wanted to cry and laugh at the same time. It is the one part of my trip though surrounded by hundreds of people I felt truly alone. There are plenty of less spiritual scenes, like riding on a camel and hiking Massada, but none of these memories are what made the trip memorable for me. It was the people I met.

It was our two Israeli counselors Ouri and Tamar; it was our American counselors Matt and Wendy; it was our crazy bus driver Walid (pronounced wall-eeed); it was Zena, Karina, Josh, Abby, Harold, Marrisra, Ariel, Donny, Charles, Dan, Nicole, Gilad and so many more (I don't think you'd like to read all 44 names). When I open my scrapbook every once in a while, it is nice to gaze at the beautiful scenery, but this isn't why I look through my pictures. I love looking at everyone's faces and trying to remember what crazy event was going on at the moment that picture was taken. This is why this trip was so memorable for me, in

no other time in my life have I been thrown into a situation with people I didn't know and come out loving each and every one of them. I don't know half of their last names, but that doesn't matter to me. Their first names conjure up enough memories to keep laughing and crying for a long time to come.

When we all parted in the same airport we had left a month and half before, plans for reunions had already been formed, and pledges of undying friendship were made. I have no idea how many of those promises have been kept. All I know is that everyday I receive 10 e-mails from all over the country. They are from kids that I share only 6 weeks with, but with whom friendships will last a life time.

I encourage everyone, regardless of age, that has made it all the way through this article to go to Israel. Go. Go anyway you can. It will be an experience you will never forget, or regret. I guarantee it.

Editor's Note: J. Kaufman spent the summer on Young Judea Program and received one of 10 scholarships from The Jewish Federation of Delaware.

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BOOK REVIEW

Letters from Jerusalem — 1947 to 1948

By Zipporah Porath

Reviewed By TONI YOUNG

In this remarkable collection of letters written to her parents and sister in 1947-1948, Zipporah Borowsky Porath recaptures the "incredible ecstasy of being part of statehood in the making." Porath's astute insights, sense of history, attention to detail and love of Zion create a vivid, firsthand account of the momentous historic events during the transition to Independence. Her passion and idealism show us the character of the state's founders.

Zipporah Borowsky arrived in Palestine in October 1947 to study for a year at Hebrew University under a scholarship from the Zionist Organization of America. For about a month, her year proceeded as planned: she studied, toured different parts of the country, and became familiar with the local scene. But shortly after the Partition Plan was accepted by the United Nations on November 29, 1947, the situation changed dramatically. Arab attacks gathered momentum and forced the Jewish community to organize resistance to protect itself. Borowsky joined a guard unit of the Haganah, the underground Jewish defense organization. By January there were no classes, and guard duty became her chief activity. Borowsky completed a first aid course at the end of February just in time to begin

caring for those wounded daily in the undeclared war with the Arabs and the British. By April she enlisted in the Haganah full time. "I simply decided the moment to stand up and be counted had come" During the siege of Jerusalem she took care of the wounded and sick.

Porath writes her letters in a fluid style and makes historic events part of her personal story so history comes alive. Readers learn about the difficulties of living under the British mandate, the hostile attitude of the British, the inner workings of the Haganah, the hardship of the siege of Jerusalem, the tremendous human loss, and the spirit of the people who built the country. When the United Nations voted in favor of the partition plan on November 29, 1947, "Jerusalem went wild with joy." Porath writes, "I walked in a semi daze through the crowds of happy faces, through the deafening singing of "David, Melech Yisrael ...," past the British tanks and jeeps piled high with pyramids of flag-waving cheering children. I dodged motorcycles, wagons, cars and trucks which were racing madly up and down King George V Street, missing each other miraculously, their running board and headlights overflowing with layer upon layer of elated, happy people. I pushed my way past the crying, kissing



tumultuous crowd and the exultant shouts of "Mazal tov" and came back to the quiet of my room - to try to share with you this never to be forgotten night."

After a deadly explosion on Ben Yehuda Street in February 1948, Porath provides an insider's explanation about how the terrorists got through in a British truck. "Jewish Home Guard roadblocks can stop and examine a car or a truck that looks suspicious, but they cannot intercept a British Army or Police vehicle even if there were proof positive that it contained explosives destined for detonation in a Jewish area."

One of the most fascinating themes developed by Porath is her sense of identification with the Jewish homeland. Within days of her arrival in Palestine, Porath writes, "I can only tell you that in a little less than two days I feel a real sense of belonging here, thanks mainly to my Hebrew, which is good enough so that I can talk with those around me and have immediate rapport. But more important, I feel connected, a link in a long chain of history that has its roots here." After the Partition Plan was accepted by the United Nations, Porath explains how thrilled she is to be in

Palestine where she is "part of a struggle that is bigger than your own individual striving for self-attainment and self preservation. A commitment you cannot reject."

By January when the fighting had increased, many American students who were unable to study and unwilling to get involved, returned to the United States. Porath does not understand their leaving. "We have waited two thousand

years for this chance. I certainly want to be around while it's happening. Unless people come to populate this country, and stay, a Jewish State will be only a paper plan." During the siege of Jerusalem in March, Porath writes, "I look at it this way. I am not a better or a worse person, a braver of a weaker person than anyone else here. As long as

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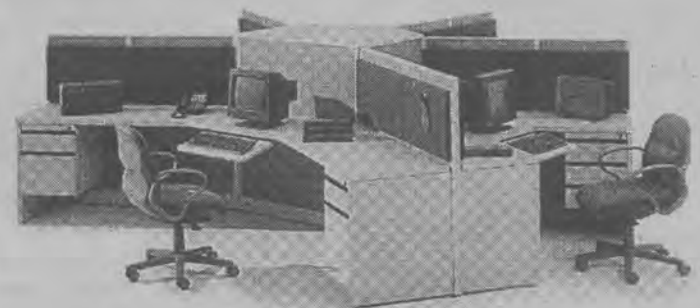
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Modern Interfaith Attitudes

By LAUREN POKRAS, MSS

"In the 16th century, Rabbi Moses Isserles, one of the great halachic authorities in Poland, ruled that "...if the father objects to his son's marriage to the woman of his choice, the son is not obliged to listen to his father." (*Yore de'ah* 240:25) In the not-so distant past, Jewish parents responded to a Jewish child's intermarriage by sitting *shiva*, the mourning ritual, for an errant son or daughter.

Today, interfaith marriages have become quite common. The statistics speak loud and clearly. In the realm of interfaith marriage, it is the issues that are complex. Sensitivity to the basic principles, on which these serious decisions rest, is required. The needs and wishes of both parent and child also ask for sensitivity. What guidance does modern Judaism offer parents of children who choose to intermarry? What support exists?

For young couples, the main questions are "How do we choose our children's religion and how do we live a Jewish life if we do make that choice?" The couple is making significant life decisions that impact the all members of the extended family and how they will relate to their children. For Jewish parents', there are understandable split loyalties - to the couple, the synagogue, their heritage. The accompanying worries can further aggravate an already difficult position for members of the family. On top of that,

there is real discomfort because every decision the couple is making invites self questioning about religious identity and the depth and scope of personal religious practice and the legacy you handed down to your children. Every compromise of faith is a little loss; each decision to deepen observance, a little victory. The aggravation and conflict itself is not the problem. What is often missing and can be very emotionally costly, is the important key to conflict - the mutual commitment to respectful problem solving.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler from the Union of American Hebrew congregations, notes "statistics show that the hostile attitude of the Jewish community towards intermarriage has not been effective in discouraging its rising incidence. Instead, it only has served to alienate those Jews who were being forced to choose between their religious heritage and their heart-song of love and partnership." He adds, "a clenched fist and excommunication will not alter the statistics of intermarriage, but a beckoning hand and increased communication may attenuate their impact."

Pushing away couples when there is an opportunity to welcome them in and increase the number of interfaith families practicing Judaism is a personal wound and a lost opportunity for the greater community.

There is no doubt that interfaith marriages have an added stressor

and take additional work. Research shows that those interfaith couples, who end up divorcing, had two significant factors in common. They had no support and did little to no self-exploration. Those factors are unrelated to "religion."

In our families, we do not typically talk about G-d. There is little preparation for the dilemmas that interfaith couples face. Their resolution requires a good deal of introspection, information and respectful communication. A support group is a good place to turn over these issues. The couple who does not come up against and struggle their way through to resolution about significant value issues may elect to avoid the issue altogether and choose nothing. This can have negative repercussions for their children's self esteem and identity.

There is no shortage of interfaith support programs across the nation. But the numbers of participants who choose to attend are disproportionately low compared to the number of interfaith couples. There seems to be an underlying mistrust of synagogues and organized support groups. There is a silent fear of rejection or fear that they will be manipulated into conversion before the couple has figured out for themselves what they truly want. These are the tenderest places where sensitivity is needed. The first may be lowered, but perhaps it is still clenched. We need to be clear about our intention to support couples working on these

complicated identity pieces.

Interfaith marriages that do the best are those that stay opened to the exploration and honesty that any healthy marriage requires. An advantage for interfaith couples is that they are already looking into the core of their personal values and beliefs and putting them out on the table. These couples will have good practice when other primary issues such as money, sex, and child raising arise. Where there is positive communication, there is a greater awareness of mutual benefits and needs, and a greater willingness to seek solutions for problems for healthy adjustment.

Modern parents and children need sensitivity in communicating over areas of disagreement. Defining priorities and communicating them clearly to an adult child can help parents to decide when to be flexible and when to take a firm stand.

If possible, it is helpful for parents of interfaith couples to affirm the areas in their relationship that they can share with them, and leave the door open to future communication.

The most important thing is to have a wonderful relationship with your children. Nothing is worth losing that. What you see before you today may not be what will be in the future. You can never go back and regain the years you lost tied up in hurt and anger.

And your grandchildren need

you. Grandparents transmit values from the past in many ways, such as language, recipes and family rituals. For the grandchild, grandparents are a vital influence as role models and teachers of ethics, morals, religion and culture. A grandparent is a living historian, a valuable source of information about how things used to be, a window to expand his vision into other ways of thinking and seeing.

Wherever your attitude lies on the interfaith continuum, from acceptance to disavowal, the challenge is to wade through the statistics, biases, halachic debates and worried speculations, which generally frame discussion on this topic - to make personal inroads towards the family you love and care about. Find the support you need as parents and as couples affected by intermarriage so that you can get on with the work of communicating, adjusting and integrating your new family. This is possible when we deepen our identification with the challenges and joys of love, marriage, parenthood and spirituality, which form our shared foundation.

Lauren Pokras will be discussing Interfaith Issues for Couples on Monday evening, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at U of D Hillel House. She will be discussing Issues for Parents of Interfaith Couples with Rabbi David Kaplan at Temple Beth El on Thursday evening, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public

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UJA International Lion of Judah Conference

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This will be the fourth Lion of Judah Conference and the second international gathering of Jewish women leaders. The inaugural international conference, held in Jerusalem in October 1996,

brought together 500 women from around the world, including Croatia, Russia, Cuba, India, Hungary, and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"These women are philanthropists who represent the highest level of leadership," said Conference Chair Betty Kane of Southern New Jersey, Immediate Past Chair of the UJA National Women's Campaign. "They are committed to community building and Jewish continuity and are concerned with the social and political issues facing our society, as women and as Jews."

Participants in this year's conference will gain insight on important social and political issues through programs and special events with American and Israeli political leaders, educators, journalists and communal activists. UJA National Women's Campaign Chair Rebecca Newman of San Diego said, "The programming, the speakers and the opportunity to interact with one another will highlight the impact of their philanthropy on the quality and continuity of Jewish life." One of the high-

lights of the conference will be a gala at the Kennedy Center in honor of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel.

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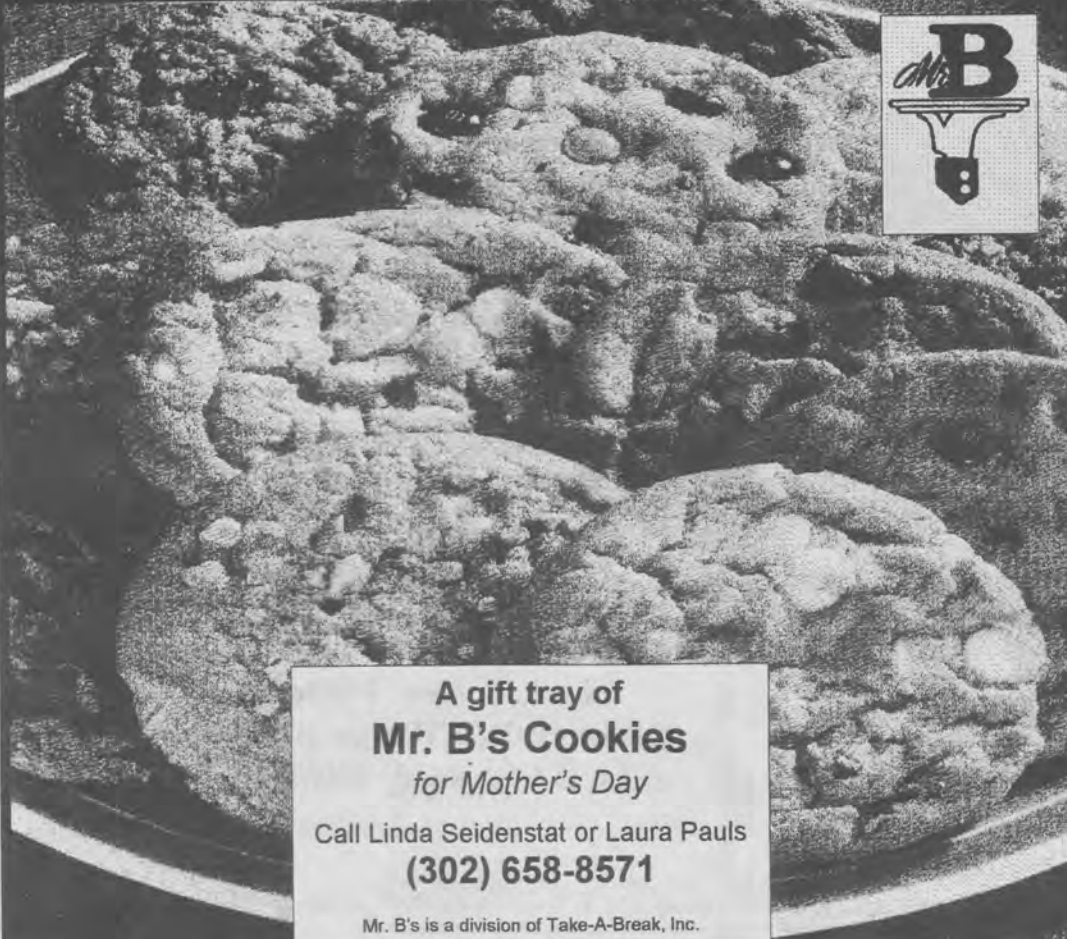
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B'nai B'rith

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Tommy P. Baer, international president of B'nai B'rith, who is in Argentina for meetings with several high-level officials, is calling on the Argentine government to "quickly and without any further delay" deport to Croatia one of the most notorious living Nazis - Dinko Sakic. Sakic

was recently discovered to be living in Argentina.

B'nai B'rith has consistently urged that Sakic be punished for his crimes as commander of the Jasenovac death camps (located 62 miles south of Zagreb) where 600,000 people - including 25,000 Jews - were murdered by

the Nazis and Croatian collaborators. "To call Sakic a monster is too kind," said Baer. "This man, who says that he sleeps at night like a baby, should stand trial for his inhumane crimes. Not only were hundreds of thousands of people murdered, but the death camp was notorious for its unbelievably savage guards." B'nai B'rith has been leading the call for Sakic to be tried for his crimes against humanity and met in 1995 with Croatian President Franjo Tudjman to call for Sakic to stand trial for his crimes.

Several years ago B'nai B'rith urged the Argentine government to arrest Nazi war criminal Erich Priebke who was living freely in Argentina. "The Argentine government moved quickly to extradite Priebke for his involvement in the murder of 355 Italian civilians in Rome and we urge them once again to move quickly and without delay in deporting Sakic," Baer said from Buenos Aires.

Baer also met today with Judge Jose Galeano who is investigating the 1992 and 1994 terrorist attacks against Jewish targets which killed more than 100 people. Galeano told Baer that the Menem government is committed to his investigation and to the pursuit of the bombers.

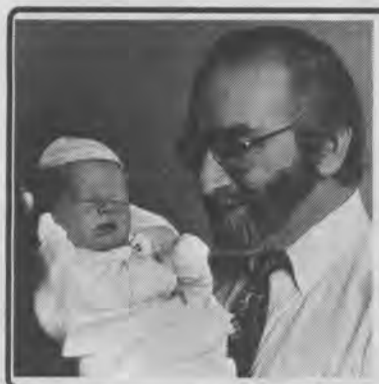
While in Argentina, Baer and several members of the U.S. Congress - including Rep. Benjamin Gilman, chairman of the House International Relations Committee - who are also in Argentina, attended the weekly memorial in remembrance of the victims of the 1992 and 1994 anti-Jewish bombings.

"As long as these bombings remain unsolved, the door is left open for future attacks," Baer told Memoria Activa, the group which meets outside of the Argentine Supreme Court at precisely the time that the 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish community center went off.

"I call upon the government of Argentina to tear down this wall of silence, tear down the wall of obstruction, and to begin a new chapter, a chapter committed to justice, mutual respect, understanding and tolerance," Baer said to the group.

Baer has met many times with Argentina President Menem to discuss terrorism, Nazi war criminals living in Argentina and other issues. Most recently, Menem was in New York several weeks ago and Baer again urged the government to solve these horrible crimes.

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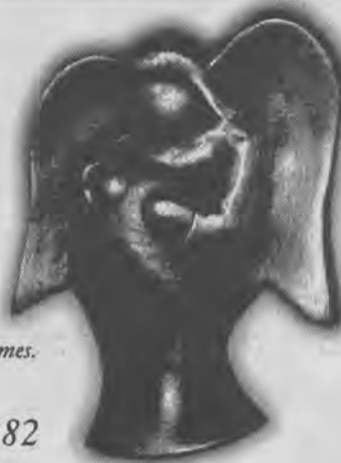
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Powerful New Encryption

By JOHN MARKOFF

A Government standards group has delayed the adoption of a new data scrambling standard for protecting the world's most sensitive financial transactions, including most banks' electronic funds transfers, after the discovery by two computer scientists of a weakness that could allow the code to be cracked.

The flaw was discovered by Eli Biham, a well-known cryptographer at the Technion research institution in Israel, and by Lars Knudsen at the University of Bergen in Norway. A paper detailing their discovery is to be presented at a technical conference in May.

In their paper, which is available on the Technion Web site, Mr. Biham and Mr. Knudsen report that an ultra-strong version of the United States Data Encryption Standard known as Triple D.E.S. can under certain circumstances be reduced in strength so that it is no more robust than the current encryption algorithm, which financial institutions have widely used as a security mechanism for several decades.

Computer security experts are eager to replace the current code because it has become vulnerable to new code-cracking techniques. When the code was developed, its designers had predicted that if it could be broken it would take hundreds of years, requiring constant trial-and-error calculations by the world's fastest supercomputers.

But the code was publicly broken for the first time last year by a loosely organized group of computer users just to show that it could be done. Thousands of members of the group volunteered the use of their own computers, ranging from desktop PC's to supercomputers, whose processors were combined over the Internet to attack the problem over a five-month period with an approach known as massively distributed computing. In distributed computing, each computer tests just a few of a vast array of possible keys, or numbers, to break the code.

The strength of most modern encryption systems is determined by the length of the numerical key that is used to encrypt the information. While the proposed new standard uses a key the same length as the current key - 56 bits - it encrypts the message three times with three different keys. For each key, there are several possible ways of encrypting the data, known as

modes. Mr. Biham and Mr. Knudsen said the flaw appeared in a single mode of the Triple D.E.S. proposal, which is before a subcommittee of the American National Standards Institute.

The scientists stressed in an interview that their paper, which also proposes several modifications to strengthen the standard, described only a theoretical weakness and not a practical means of breaking the Triple D.E.S. But they suggested that the weakness was cause for concern.

As a result of the distribution of the paper within the subcommittee, it decided to drop the vulnerable mode of the proposed standard, said the chairman, Blake Greenlee.

"My hat's off to Eli; he did a nice job," Mr. Greenlee said. The subcommittee that is evaluating the standards is known as X9.F1, and it oversees the development of new cryptographic tools.

The subcommittee is now awaiting final approval of its revised standard by the entire committee, he said. Once the committee gives its approval, there is a 60-day public comment period before the new standard takes effect.

The Triple D.E.S. is intended to serve as a stopgap measure while the National Institute for Standards and Technology completes work on a still more secure design known as the Advanced Encryption Standard, or A.E.S. Competing proposals for that system, which is intended to protect computer data transmissions well into the next century, will be submitted this summer.

The A.E.S. will have key lengths of 128, 192 and 256 bits, as compared with the current 56-bit length of D.E.S., placing it safely beyond the reach of the most powerful computers now anticipated for the future.

The original D.E.S. key is a secret number that is used to perform a series of mathematical scrambling operations on a message or on other computer data. When the scrambled message is received, the same secret key is used to reverse the process and unscramble the data.

The current D.E.S. is based on research that was originally done at the International Business Machines Corporation's Thomas J. Watson Research Laboratory in the 1970's as part of a project code-named "Lucifer." It was adopted as a national standard in 1977.

Book Review

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they can take it, I should be able to and perhaps, then some. I like living in Palestine. I love Jerusalem. It is my home for now. I don't see why a person should pick up and leave his home because a dangerous madman has gone berserk next door. There is no running away. A couple of miles isn't going to make a difference. You'd have to run thousands of miles and

keep on running the rest of your life."

By September 1948 she writes, "One of the most frustrating things I myself could possibly imagine at this moment would be to return to America, back to Zionist meetings and District politics, back to TALKING, TALKING AND JUST TALKING. Here life is an exciting and constant challenge and I thrive on it." In addition to providing perspective on her own growing identification with the country, Porath provides advice about making aliyah to her sister Naomi.

Everyone interested in Israel's dramatic birth will find this volume fascinating and moving. Young Americans will be especially influenced by the thoughts and experiences of an idealistic, young student from the United States.

Letters from Jerusalem can be purchased from Temple Israel, 918 East Gibson Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18510 for \$14.95 per book (plus \$3 handling fee). For additional information visit the website: www.ncx.com/wwi/tis.

Cell Therapy at Hadassah

JERUSALEM - Doctors at Hadassah-University Hospital have received permission from Israel's Health Ministry to be the first in the world to try a cutting-edge AIDS treatment.

Using an innovative cell therapy, AIDS patients will be infused with immunologically active lymphocytes following transplantation of bone-marrow stem cells taken from a healthy sibling's blood. This procedure, pioneered by Prof. Shimon Slavin at Hadassah, has already cured dozens around the world suffering from non-cancerous genetic diseases. This is the first time in the world the treatment will be used for AIDS patients.

According to Dr. Slavin, the Donor Lymphocyte Infusion (DLI) is "likely to reduce the amount of available HIV-1 in the patient's blood by eliminating the stores of the virus concentrated mostly in bone marrow-derived cells — turning the clock back and restoring his condition of several years before."

The DLI procedure will be performed by Slavin's Bone Marrow Transplantation Department and Cancer Immunotherapy and Immunobiology Research Center at Hadassah-University Hospital in cooperation with the Hospital's AIDS Clinic, led by its Director Dr. Shlomo Ma'ayan. Slavin was the first to use a modified version of DLI eleven years ago on a baby suffering from a terminal case of leukemia, who is today alive and well.

Because DLI is regarded as experimental, its high costs — comparable to conventional bone-marrow therapy, but far less risky — may not be covered by Israeli health funds. "The best solution would be for a philanthropist to finance the cost of the first few patients so we can show that it works," Slavin said. "It could prove of great benefit to mankind."

Prof. Shimon Slavin, MD, is Chairman of the Department of the Sidney Weisner Department of Bone Marrow Transplantation and Director of the Baxter Research Center at Hadassah-University Hospital. A pioneer in research and clinical activity to develop new therapies for cancer, autoimmunity and AIDS, he has been the recipient of numerous awards, including a Fulbright Scholarship and the Foundation for the Advancement of Humanity Award. The Bone Marrow Transplantation Center at Hadassah, which he launched in 1978 as Israel's first, is today recognized internationally, attracting patients and medical teams from around the world.



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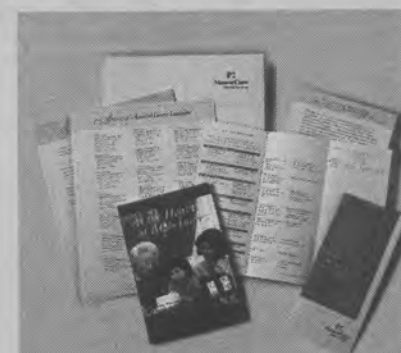
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Vatican Statement

As you are probably aware, the Vatican issued a document yesterday, entitled "We Remember: A Reflection on the Shoah," the result of a promise to the Jewish community in 1987 by Pope John Paul to prepare an official Catholic document on the Holocaust. The report, described as an "act of repentance," was presented at a press conference in Vatican City, by Cardinal Edward I. Cassidy, president of the Holy Sec Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews.

While expressing regret for the "errors and failures" of Roman Catholics during the Holocaust, the report stops short of apologizing or of acknowledging responsibility for failures by church leaders or by the Church as an institution, something bishops in several European countries have done in recent years. Moreover, it fails to address fully many questions regarding the official role of the Catholic Church in the evolution of anti-Semitism and its culmination in the Holocaust.

Initial response from the Jewish community has reflected a general disappointment in the document's failures. There has also been recognition, however, that the document represents an important step forward. It calls for repentance for evil done, emphasizes the importance of remembrance, looks toward an ongoing strengthening of relations with the Jewish community, denounces anti-Semitism, and notes the potential for continuing scholarly study of the Shoah and its causes.

Museum Honors

WASHINGTON, D.C. - "This week, the 136th anniversary of the death of Commodore Uriah P. Levy, USN, the National Museum of American Jewish Military History (NMAJMH) continues to honor this fierce American Jewish patriot with its exhibit, "An American, A Sailor and A Jew: The Life and Career of Commodore Uriah P. Levy, USN (1792-1862)." This statement was released recently by the NMAJMH.

NMAJMH President Edward D. Blatt of Philadelphia, PA, said, "Levy's contributions to the U.S. Navy, the beginnings of historic preservation, and his fight against anti-Semitism, inspired us to create this exciting exhibit, and we are proud to remember the anniver-

sary of his death."

The exhibit, which opened on Independence Day 1997 to a crowd of over 200 people, details the life story of the first Jewish commodore in the Navy. Levy is known for leading the effort to have corporal punishment banned from use in the Navy and creating the apprentice system. He was also a great admirer of Thomas Jefferson, and after the death of the founding father, Levy purchased and restored Monticello, Jefferson's home, and opened the home to the public. He is considered in some circles as the father of historic preservation. Levy was remembered by the Navy by having a cruiser named in his honor during World War II, and a chapel at

Norfolk Naval Base is also named for Levy. The exhibit will be on display until early 1999.

A virtual, online tour of the Levy exhibit was launched last winter by NMAJMH. It is the Museum's first venture into cyberspace, and it has drawn rave reviews from viewers. The address is : <http://www.penfed.org/jwv/levy/ulhome.htm>. To get a taste of what the actual exhibit is like, visit the virtual tour, and learn a little bit about Uriah Levy. Next time you are in Washington, make a point to see the real exhibit.

The NMAJMH, under the auspices of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV), with its

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OBITUARIES

Evelyn B. Miller

MILLER SERVICE: A graveside service for Evelyn B. Miller, 79, of River Road, Bellefonte, was at the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road.

Mrs. Miller died Sunday in Wilmington Hospital.

Contributions may be made to Christiana Care.

Bertram Hecht

Bertram Hecht, 66, of Devonshire, Brandywine Hundred, died Sunday in Broward General Medical Center, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., after becoming ill while vacationing.

Mr. Hecht operated Hecht & Associates for several years. Earlier, he was a product manager for Amertek, retiring in 1994 after 20 years His wife, Edith R. "Rita"

Hecht, died in 1991.

Survivors include son, Gary A. of Wynnewood, Pa.; daughters, Julie Hecht of San Francisco and Meredith Bornstein of Silver Spring, Md.; brother, Ron of Old Bridge, N.J.; two grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Delaware Hospice, Wilmington 19810.

Burton C. Mittelman

Burton C. Mittelman, 73, of Loveville Road, Coffee Run, Hockessin, died Thursday in Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Mittelman was a co-owner and salesperson at Berrymar Branch mobile home park in Vineland, N.J., for 12 years. He was a member of Congregation

Beth Emeth. His wife, Shirley Astrin Mittelman, died in 1994.

Survivors include son, Larry A. of Wilmington; daughter, Marsha L. Klein of Aspen, Colo.; brother, Howard of Palm Beach, Fla.; a grandson.

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Elsie Golinkoff

Elsie Golinkoff, mother of Elliott Golinkoff of Newark, Del., died April 10 at her home in Boca Raton, Fla. She was 74.

Her husband, Joseph Golinkoff,

died in 1994.

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Sam "Sonny" Longwill

Sam "Sonny" Longwill, founder of one of the largest carpet retail specialty store chains in the industry, died March 28 of post-surgical complications in Tarzana (Calif.) Hospital. He was 86 and lived in Tarzana.

Mr. Longwill came to Delaware in 1967 to sell used rugs to the proprietor of the Airbase Carpet Mart, then located at New Castle County Airport, and learned the man wanted to sell the business. "He bought the business, thinking he was going to have a going out of business sale, but eventually opened 18 more stores," said his grandson, Michael Longwill of Chadds Ford, Pa., who now runs the business.

Airbase Carpet Mart now comprises 19 warehouse stores in New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Georgia and Arizona. Since 1977, Mr. Longwill spent time in Delaware and California, where he was involved in real estate ventures.

Mr. Longwill, a native of the Bronx, N.Y., and a graduate of St. John's Law School, began his career in New York City in the 1930s as the owner of a carpet cleaning business. After purchasing other carpet cleaning businesses, his became the largest such business in the city.

"When air-conditioning became popular, the rug cleaning business began to suffer because people no

longer used winter and summer rugs," his grandson said. "My grandfather went into retail, selling rugs his customers and other rug cleaners' customers never picked up."

After Mr. Longwill lost a leg as the result of an auto accident, he had difficulty traveling in Manhattan and decided to move to California in the 1950s. There he worked in real estate and was a co-founder of Carpet-Town of California, another chain of retail stores.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Helen Longwill; sons, Richard of Brandywine Hundred, Del., and Peter of Tucson, Ariz.; daughter, Patrice Longwill of Log Angeles; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Jewish Home for the Aging, 18855 Victory Blvd., Reseda, CA 91335.

Unveiling Selma Schwartz

The unveiling of Selma Schwartz will take place on Sunday, April 26, 1998, 2 p.m. at Machzikey Hadas Cemetery.

Mrs. Schwartz passed away on May 7, 1997. For additional information contact Allen Schwartz, 302-234-9235.

Arlene Rhoda Morris

ARLENE RHODA HECT MORRIS

Arlene Rhoda Hect Morris of Willingboro, N.J. and Highland Beach, FL, died Friday, April 10 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 68 years old.

Arlene was born on September 22, 1929 to John and Rose Hecht of Woodridge, N.Y. growing up in the Catskill Mountains. She graduated from Syracuse University in 1952 with a degree in nursing.

She worked in various positions in nursing in New York City, Plainfield, Trenton, and Burlington, N.J. Finally rising to the head of emergency room nurses at Frankfort Hospital in Philadelphia.

She spent the past 25 years in education, training future nurses and medical assistants at both the collegiate level at Mercer College in Trenton and at the high school level in Willingsboro, N.H. She established, directed, and taught nursing and vocational technologies in the vocational education program at Willingboro High, retiring two years ago. During an extensive career she became an activist at both the state and national levels. She served in various officers positions on the numerous boards and committees at the county, state, and national levels.

She was extremely well respected for her contribution to vocational education.

Arlene was predeceased by her

husband, Melvin M. Morris. They had been married 15 years at the time of his death in 1972. She spent the past 25 years raising her family to adulthood as a single mother.

Arlene devoted her life to her family and most recently spent her time doting over her four grandchildren. She is lovingly survived by her five children, their spouses and children; Abraham and Andrea Morris of Mclean, Va., Keith, Cindy, and Jake Morris of

Stamford, CT., Wayne and Kelly Morris of St. Petersburg, FL, David, Karen, Eric, Jack, and Sarah Morris of Marietta, GA, and Debra and Michael Gittleman of Morristown, N.J.

In addition she is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Ethel and Benjamin Sachs of Huntington, LI, her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Irving and Doris Morris of Wilmington, and Palm Beach, FL and Rabbi Herbert and Judy Morris of San Francisco, CA.

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SYNAGOGUE LIFE

AKSE Men's Club Presents

On Sunday, May 17, 1998 at 9:30 a.m., the A.K.S.E. Men's Club will host four psychologists, Drs. Harriet Ainbinder, Lisa Elliott, Harris Finkelstein and Samuel Romirowsky, to discuss the techniques for creating a mensch, according to Robert S. Weiner, President, A.K.S.E. Men's Club.

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Dr. Harriet Ainbinder received her B.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and has over 25 years' experience as a Clinical Child Psychologist. She is in private practice in north Wilmington specializing in children, adolescents and families. In addition, she has been a member of various boards

and a volunteer advocating children's positions. She is currently President of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth.

Dr. Lisa Elliott received her B.A. from Vassar College and her Ph.D. from Columbia University. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Currently she is a Certified School Psychologist for the Red Clay Consolidated School District and a Consulting Psychologist for the Shorehaven Center in Chesapeake City, Maryland. She is a Past President of the Delaware Association of School Psychologists and has been an active participant in graduate programs of School

Psychology at both the University of Delaware and Millersville University.

Dr. Harris Finkelstein specializes in the evaluation and treatment of children, adolescents and their families. His major areas of interest include family and divorce-related issues and psychological evaluations. He has worked with young people in outpatient settings, residential treatment centers and psychiatric hospital. Formerly the Director of Psychology at a local psychiatric hospital, Dr. Finkelstein is now in full-time private practice in north Wilmington.

Dr. Samuel Romirowsky re-

ceived his B.A. magna cum laude and M.A. from Temple University and his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Columbia University Teachers College. He is a licensed psychologist practicing in Newark, Delaware. He is a member of the American Psychological Association, the Philadelphia Society of Clinical Psychology, the American Society of Clinical Hypnosis, the American Board of Forensic Examiners, the National Registry of Health Service Providers and the Delaware Psychologist Association.

Reservations for nonmembers are suggested and can be made by contacting the A.K.S.E. office at (302) 762-2705.



Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman, president of HUC awarded honorary doctorate to Rabbi David A. Wortman.

Beth Emeth Presents

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth will be hosting a program on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m., presented and funded by the Delaware Humanities Forum entitled "A History of the American Musical Theater: 1970s to the Present." Musical examples are used as historical documents which represent every phase in the devel-

opment of native comic opera. Songs are from the 1970's to the present. Lillian Balick will present this program.

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The Rabbi is skeptical, and the Pope notices. The Holy Father insists that the Rabbi try it out, and, indeed, he is connected to the Lord.

The Rabbi holds a lengthy discussion with Him.

After hanging up the Rabbi says, "Thank you very much. This is great! But listen, I want to pay for my phone charges."

The Pope, of course refuses, but the Rabbi is steadfast and finally, the pontiff gives in. He checks the counter on the phone and says: "Alright! The charges were 100,000 Lira. (\$56).

The Chief Rabbi gladly hands

over a packet of bills. A few months later, the Pope is in Jerusalem on an official visit. In the Chief Rabbi's chambers he sees a phone identical to his and learns it also is a direct line to the Lord. The Pope remembers he has an urgent matter that requires divine consultation and asks if he can use the Rabbi's phone.

The Rabbi gladly agrees, hands him the phone, and the Pope chats away.

After hanging up, the Pope offers to pay for the phone charges.

This time, the Chief Rabbi refuses to accept payment.

After the Pope insists, the Chief Rabbi relents and looks on the phone counter and says: "1 Shekel 50!" (\$0.42).

The Pope looks surprised: "Why so cheap?"

The Rabbi smiles: "Local call."

Cafe Tamar Celebrates 50th

Singing, dancing and delicious food will usher in Israel's 50th year of Independence at 7:30 p.m. Monday evening, May 25th in the AKSE social hall.

This annual celebration will be the culmination of a series of Golden Jubilee events which began last September.

The program, entitled "Israel at 50 ... Alive and Singing!" will feature the AKSE Choral and Dance Groups with soloists Cindy Goldstein, Cantor Daniel Leeman,

Sam Romirowsky, Linda Vodovis, Maayan Vodovis, Lara Goldstein, Jessica Moss, Jennifer Berry and Janet Levin.

The Choral Group led by Faith Brown, will be accompanied by Sara Berman and the Tamar musicians. The Adult Dance Group directed by Faith and Lou Brown with Harriet Ainbinder will present an exciting program of Israeli dances. Harokdim, a group of teenage dancers will also participate in the program.

Narrator for the program will be Joel Tenenbaum. Tickets are available from the performers and the synagogue office. Admission is \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.

Prior to the performance, at 6 p.m., an enticing array of food will be on sale, catered by Mr. B. Caterers.

Celebrate Israel's Golden Jubilee year with the entire Jewish Community at Cafe Tamar!

Call the synagogue office at 762-2705 for tickets.

New Births Led By Rabbi Peter Grumbacher

Join the Outreach Committee of Congregation Beth Emeth in a discussion on New Births led by Rabbi Peter Grumbacher.

Welcoming a child into the world means something different in the Jewish tradition. It links a child not

only with loving parents and excited family, but with 3,000 years in the Jewish chain. What is the meaning of brit milah? Do girls enter into the "covenant?" And what do we mean by "covenant" anyway? What about if the baby is

adopted, and who are the "players" in these ceremonies?

Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, Sunday, May 17, 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Childcare will be provided.

Seaside Community

Big Event ... Friday, May 1, 1998
"The Holocaust Memory Night:
7 p.m.
Call 302-644-2209.

Our very own "Seaside Members," Lily and Abe Malnick and Harry Daniller, who have survived this tragedy will be on a panel chaired by Marc Fruchtmann.

Marc's parents, Eda and Leon Fruchtmann, both Holocaust survivors, will be in attendance. All of the survivors have been filmed by Steven Spielberg during the filming of Shindler's List and we will show parts of those films. Roz Fried will perform Holocaust songs that she both wrote and performed in Israel.

Admission is \$7.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. A portion of the evening's admission will be donated to the Holocaust Museum on behalf of the Seaside Jewish community.

Light refreshments will feature Israeli street food, prepared by our Chef Solomon.

Temple Beth El Kids

Temple Beth El had their Purim Carnival on March 15th with a special guest. It was a magician by the name of Joe Brennan. Mr.

Brennan entertained student's from K-7th and some confirmation students, as well as adults. Mr.

Brennan did lots of his tricks with colors, rabbits and American Flag. The carnival was a lot of fun for all

the students. They hope next year's carnival will be as big a success as it was this year.

Jillian Levinson,
Stephanie Schwartz,
Laura Jane Penneys,
Jennifer Bank

An egg, bitter herbs, charoset, matzah, and wine make up what important Jewish dinner? Yes, you guessed it, Passover! Every year

the Temple Beth El Hebrew School holds a model seder. We enjoy the ceremonies, heart-wrenching puns by our beloved Rabbi, and the bitter herbs that really make us cry. Every group practices the questions, blessings, and how to break matzah firmly. The model seder was on Tuesday, April 7 this year.

Oren Breslouer
and Aaron Coombs

SYNAGOGUE LIFE

United Synagogue Position Paper

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, affirming the life-giving benefits of organ and tissue donation, has adopted a resolution encouraging all Jews to become enrolled as organ and tissue donors. The resolution further urges that potential donors sign and carry cards or drivers licenses attesting to their commitment of such organs and tissues, upon their death, to those in need.

According to Stephen S. Wolnek, International President of the United Synagogue, the resolution — adopted at the organization's 1997 Biennial Convention — is based on the premise that consideration for the health and welfare of others is at the heart of Jewish ethics. Organ and tissue donation is recognized as a life-giving act, since "the transplantation of organs and tissues is scientifically proven as a way to save the lives of persons with terminal diseases or to improve the quality of life for the blind, the deaf and others with life-threatening diseases."

The resolution goes on to state that "the opportunity to bring healing and hope to an afflicted person by the family of a person who died an otherwise senseless death may provide a deep measure of comfort to [the] family." In addition, it recognizes that those in need who do not receive organ and tissue donations continue to die due to lack of

consent for donation.

Given the above, and given also that the Rabbinical Assembly's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has approved the donation of some organs, the United Synagogue has taken a strong position encouraging such donation.

According to Sarrae Crane, USCJ Director of Special Action and Public Policy, "With thousands of people on waiting lists for organs, Jewish organizations have a moral responsibility to publicize this effort."

Rabbi Jerome Epstein, USCJ Executive Vice-President, explains that "many Jews have been reluctant to register as organ donors because of the misperception that Jewish law forbids organ donation. Nevertheless, the religious mandate to preserve life takes precedence over all other religious obligations."

Citing the biblical commandment "You shall not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor" (Lev. 19:16), J.B. Mazer, recently appointed chair of the United Synagogue Commission on Social Action, points out that "the life-saving impact of organ donation cannot be disputed... The preservation of human life is obligatory, not optional."

Founded in 1913 by Dr. Solomon Schechter as the associa-

tion of Conservative synagogues in North America, The United Synagogue serves as a resource to its affiliated congregations and works to formulate a Conservative Jewish response to pressing social and religious issues.

Affirming the importance of educating its membership about Jewish thinking on the issue of medical treatment during the last stages of life, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism has adopted a resolution encouraging all members of affiliated synagogues to execute advance directives — including both a durable power of attorney for health care and a living will — ensuring that appropriate medical decisions will be made at such a time.

According to Stephen S. Wolnek, International President of the United Synagogue, the organization will provide suitable educational material to affiliated congregations and will urge them to make these materials easily accessible to their members. Among these items is "Jewish Medical Directives for Health Care," an educational booklet produced by the Rabbinical Assembly's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards. The booklet contains sample documents designed to permit an individual to make certain that his or her wishes on medical treatment decisions are

respected and that these wishes will be guided by Jewish law and values, as interpreted within Conservative Judaism.

The resolution — adopted at the United Synagogue's 1997 Biennial Convention — also encourages members of affiliated congregations to consult with their families, their personal physicians and appropriate legal counsel on these matters.

Rabbi Jerome Epstein, Executive Vice-President of the United Synagogue, notes the "Jewish law and values have always viewed life as a blessing from God and place the preservation of life at the center of our tradition. Nevertheless, as modern advances in medicine have greatly expanded the means by which life may be preserved, numerous complex questions arise."

Listing some of these questions, J.B. Mazer, Chair of the USCJ Social Action Commission, states that it is now incumbent upon us to "distinguish treatment that truly

preserves life from that which only delays death; evaluate the life-preserving measures that carry high degrees of risk or adverse side effects; and determine who should make the decisions as to how long life should be preserved as well as the permissibility of physician-assisted suicide."

Sarrae Crane, Director of the USCJ Department of Social Action and Public Policy, points out that the resolution calls upon synagogues "to educate members about the issues involved in making choices governing medical treatment during the last stages of life that are consonant with the values of Conservative Judaism and the dictates of sound medical practice and applicable law."

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JCC Quadathlon Celebrating Israel's 50th Anniversary

Saturday, May 2, 1998
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Swim the Sea of Galilee, row down the Jordan, bike along the Dead Sea and climb Massada. All events will take place at the JCC and will be timed individually.

Category	Swim	Row	Bike	Climb
12-15	8 laps	1500 M	3 Mi	1000 M
16-19	10 laps	1500 M	3 Mi	1000 M
20-29	10 laps	1500 M	3 Mi	1000 M
30-39	10 laps	1500 M	3 Mi	1000 M
40-49	10 laps	1500 M	3 Mi	1000 M
50-59	8 laps	1500 M	3 Mi	1000 M
60 & Up	8 laps	1500 M	3 Mi	1000 M

All Quadathlon participants will receive a t-shirt and prizes will be awarded to winners in each age category. Israeli-style food and other activities will also be available.

Cost: \$6.00/Members, \$9.00/Non-Members
Pre-register is required at the JCC Fitness Center by April 29.

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NACHES

Franklin-Sohn Engagement

Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Franklin would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Pamela Franklin to Adam Sohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Sohn of Highland Park, IL. Pamela is a graduate of Brandywine High School and she will be graduated from Princeton University this June.

Adam graduated (with honors)

from Princeton University last year and is currently working in NYC with Ernst and Young's Healthcare Consulting practice.

A January wedding is planned.

After their marriage, Pamela and Adam will live in NYC where she will be working at A.T. Kearney's N.Y. office, and Adam will continue to work for Ernst and Young.

Mira Wasserman Ordained

Mira Wasserman, who will be ordained at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati on June 6, has just been named rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom in Bloomington, Indiana. Mira's husband, Dr. Steve

Weitzman, is assistant professor of Religious Studies and Jewish Studies at Indiana University. Mira is the daughter of Judy and Rabbi David Wortman and Howard and Ricki Wasserman

Ari Wasserman Youth & Family Coordinator JCC

Ari Wasserman has just been named Youth and Family Coordinator at the JCC in Wilmington, DE. Ari is currently program assistant at the Hillel

Foundation at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Ari is the son of Judy and Rabbi David Wortman and Howard and Ricki Wasserman.

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OBITUARIES

Benjamin Cohen

Benjamin F. Cohen, the owner of C.L. Story Printing Co., died Wednesday at home, Heather Green Commons, Brandywine Hundred. He was 88.

After graduating in 1932 from the University of Delaware, Mr. Cohen worked at Mercantile Press and other companies until becoming manager of Story in 1936. In 1948, he purchased the business. He retired about three years ago, and his son, Barry, now operates the business.

During World War II, Mr. Cohen was general chairman in Delaware for the nationwide S.O.S. Collection for Supplies for Overseas Survivors, an emergency project of the American Joint Distribution committee for surviving European Jews.

In the 1970s, he served on the board of the Arthritis Foundation

and was a member of the Mental Health Association.

Mr. Cohen was instrumental in organizing Interfaiths Inc., an interdenominational community service organization, of which he was former president and secretary. He was on the board of Girls Inc. for many years.

He was a long time Santa's helper with Washington Lodge 1 AF&AM. He was a charter member of Nur Temple Shrine; a member of the Delaware Consistory; and a 32nd degree Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Wilmington. He was a former president of the Kiwanis Club of Wilmington.

Mr. Cohen was a chapter leader and first patron of the Grand Link Order of the Golden Chain and B'nai B'rith Wilmington Lodge 470. In 1995, the Jewish

Federation of Delaware recognized him for his more than 60 years of service.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and its Brotherhood and a member of Temple Beth Emeth and its Brotherhood and a member of Temple Beth Emeth. Mr. Cohen was a volunteer for several business organizations, including the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce, the Advertising Club of Wilmington and the Printing Industries of America.

Survivors include wife, Rose Cohen; son, Barry L. of Wilmington; daughter, Glenna Grey of Eugene, Ore.; brother, Morris of Wilmington.

Contributions may be made to Scholarship Fund, Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington 19802 or charity.

Marvin S. Gilman, Activist & Community Leader

Marvin S. Gilman, president of Gilman Development Co., one of the largest home-building companies in the Wilmington area, and the recipient of the Josiah Marvel Cup, died Tuesday in Christiana Hospital. He was 76 and lived in Brandywine Hundred.

Mr. Gilman, an economist and lawyer, became a homebuilder more than 40 years ago. Since forming his company in 1983, he built hundreds of homes and apartments in Delaware and bordering states.

He was a sponsor of Sutton Place, Baltimore's nationally acclaimed first high-rise residential redevelopment of the early 1950s, one of the first major real estate efforts that voluntarily welcomed tenants of all races.

In 1995, Mr. Gilman and his wife, Muriel, former executive vice president of United Way, were the first husband and wife to be presented with the Josiah Marvel Cup Award, given by the State Chamber of Commerce to Delawareans who have performed exemplary service for the benefit of the community.

Mr. Gilman was chairman emeritus of the board of directors of the National Housing Conference, the nation's oldest nonprofit, biparti-

san citizens' organization working to provide decent, affordable housing for all Americans. He was director of the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing and the National Association of Home Builders.

He was former president and vice president of the Home Builders Association of Delaware. He served on the state Council of Housing & Community Development, the Health Resources Management council and the New Castle County Board of License and Inspection Review.

Mr. Gilman was chairman of the board of trustees of the AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust from 1983 to 1991.

He was an overseas housing consultant for the U.S. Desented the Department of Housing and Urban Development at an international conference on housing policy in London.

Mr. Gilman was appointed to the board of trustees at the University of Delaware in 1995, where he was a professor emeritus in the College of Urban Affairs and Public Policy. He taught housing finance, land-use planning and administrative law for 18 years. He also lectured at other universities, including Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Yale Law School. The university established a gradu-

ate scholarship in housing and urban policy in his name.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter named him to a fourth successive term on the 15-member board of directors of Fannie Mae, the national mortgage association.

In 1981, Gov. Pete du Pont honored him with the Distinguished citizen Award of the State of Delaware. Other honors included the National Housing Conference Housing Man of the Year and its Citizen Planner Award from the Delaware Chapter of the American Planning Association, and induction into the National Housing Hall of Fame in 1984.

He was a member of The News Journal's Community Advisory Board.

Gilman was active in Jewish Federation for many years and up to his death served on Audit Committee and Jewish Fund for The Future.

Survivors include wife of 53 years, Muriel Edelstein Gilman; son, Peter of Wynnewood, Pa.; daughter, Martha Gilman Smith of Yorklyn; six grandsons.

Contributions may be made to Marvin S. Gilman/National Housing Endowment Scholarship, in care of College of Human Resources, Education & Public Policy, University of Delaware, Newark 19716.

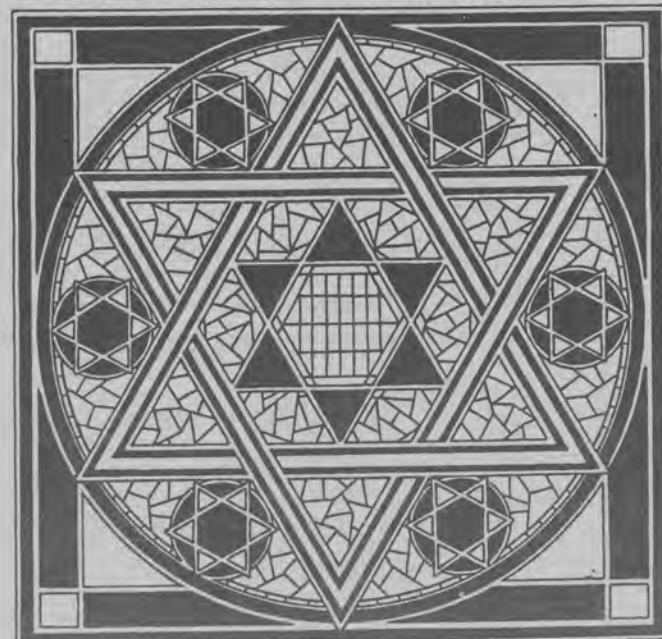
Mildred "Millie" Jacobson

Mildred "Millie" Jacobson, 76, mother of Ronna Hochman of Wilmington, died in Venice (Fla.) Hospital. She was 76 and lived in Venice.

Mrs. Jacobson was a secretary at Westinghouse Corp. in her native Pittsburgh before moving to Florida 11 years ago.

Survivors include husband, Mel Jacobson; another daughter; a son, two sisters and two brothers; seven grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1750 17th St., Suite A, Sarasota, FL 34234, or Jewish Community Center of Venice, Box 62, Venice, FL 34284.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

APRIL

FRIDAY _____ 24

Open House at the Albert Einstein Academy, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, Delaware from 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Delaware's Jewish Day School. Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Head of School, Lorri Finkel, Director of Admission. R.S.V.P. (302) 478-5026.

Congregation Beth Shalom, Siyyum Weekend. Call 654-4462 for information.

SUNDAY _____ 26

Congregation Beth Emeth and Jewish Family Service present the 1998 Margaret H. May Jewish Family Life Education Series, "Grief and Bereavement." Confronting death can be upsetting and confusing and may present us with a different outlook on our own life. It leaves us with many questions. We will explore the impact of things not said, and issues left unresolved, and the challenge of recovering joy. Sandra King, M.S., N.C.C., C.G.C., 7 p.m.

TUESDAY _____ 28

Congregation Beth Shalom Executive Board Meeting.

Gratz Open House. Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School has scheduled its annual Open House from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Gratz classrooms located in the school wing of the J.C.C.

JCC Senior Center Trips.

Space is still available for the Spring Trips to Winterthur. We will depart from the JCC at 11:45 a.m. and enjoy a delicious picnic lunch and a one-hour guided tour. We will have access to all Winterthur exhibitions and grounds. The cost is \$16.00 per person and includes lunch. Advance reservations are required. Call Michelle Silberglie, Senior Center Director, at (302) 478-5660.

WEDNESDAY _____ 29

Congregation Beth Shalom Yom Hazikaron.

Israel Golden Anniversary 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth. The speaker will be Rabbi Seymour Esrog, President, The Rabbinical Assembly.

The Philadelphia Museum of Art plans a special celebration of Israel's 50th anniversary of independence. Wednesday is Israeli Consulate Night at the museum with a full night of music, dancing, theatre and ethnic foods on tap from 5:00-8:45 p.m. For additional information about Israel Consulate Night, call the Philadelphia Museum of Art at (215) 763-8100.

THURSDAY _____ 30

Community Forums Discuss Patients Rights. The Delaware Alliance for Health Care launches a

Campaign For Patients Rights to ensure consumer rights and protections in the managed health care system. With the support of the American Association of Retired Persons, the Delaware State Council of Senior Citizens and local labor unions public forums are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main Street, Newark. Participants include Rep. Jane Maroney, Dr. Robert Frelick and other health care professionals and legislators.

MAY

FRIDAY _____ 1

Congregation Beth Shalom, Tot Shabbat, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY _____ 3

Get-Acquainted Party for New and Potential Members of Congregation Beth Emeth. The Membership Committee of Congregation Beth Emeth, chaired by Verna Schenker, is sponsoring a get-acquainted party for now and potential members from 2 to 5 p.m. at the home of David and Claudia Tuttleman at 8 Red oak Road. This is an opportunity for new and potential members to informally meet Rabbi Grumbacher, Rabbi Malinger, members of the board and congregation. R.S.V.P. by April 26th to Verna Schenker at 478-6673.

Congregation Beth Shalom, Mitzvah Day. Join your fellow congregants in various community service projects. Call 654-4462 to volunteer and for more information.

MONDAY _____ 4

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WEDNESDAY _____ 6

JCC Candlelight Dinner. Phoebe Eskenazi will join us at our Candlelight Dinner Program for a special presentation entitled "Indian Jewelry of the Southwest." Dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the presentation is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and includes dinner. Transportation will also be available. Advance reservations are required by calling Michelle Silberglie at (302) 478-5600.

THURSDAY _____ 7

Interfaith relationship or marriage often presents stresses and conflicts for families of the couple. If you are facing the diffi-

cult feelings and dilemmas involved with your child's intermarriage, please take part in a special discussion on the topic led by Rabbi Kaplan and Lauren Pokras, MSW, social worker at Jewish Family Service. Join us at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark. Call Ann Herman for information and directions, 366-8330.

Women's author to speak at Kutz Luncheon. Lois Wyse, noted author, is the featured speaker at the Kutz Home Auxiliary Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. to be held at the Brandywine Country Club. Anyone interested may contact Julie Sandler at 426-1984 or Joy Honig at 888-1034. The giving categories for this luncheon are Diamond (\$150), Gold (\$75), and Silver (\$5).

SUNDAY _____ 10

Congregation Beth Emeth and Jewish Family Service present the 1998 Margaret H. May Jewish Family Life Education Series, "Emotional Health and its Impact on Upon the Physical Being." How we feel and our awareness of our emotions plays a primary role in our overall health. Learn more about the intimate and important connection of our mind and body and our own capacity to heal ourselves. Sean Hebble, L.C.S.W. and Marylou Misci, L.C.S.W. (Breast Cancer Survivor), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY _____ 12

Board Meeting, Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

THURSDAY _____ 14

Lag B'omer. Sports Day and Family Picnic, Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

FRIDAY _____ 15

Hai Class Graduation. Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

MONDAY _____ 17

Program, My Grandmother, My Mother & Me, 7:30 p.m. Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

Mother and Daughter Spa Day. Spend a leisurely morning at the JCC Fitness Center from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Enjoy a morning of pampering, including a facial, mini-massage and manicure. A continental breakfast will also be served. The cost is \$45.00 for JCC members and \$65.00 for non-members. Pre-registration is required at the Fitness Center Control Desk. This makes a great gift for Mother's Day! For more information call Suzanne Rodriguez at (302) 478-5660.

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the baby is adopted, and who are the "players" in these ceremonies? Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Childcare will be provided.

Kutz Home Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home will be held at 2 p.m. Our location is 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE. The public is welcome. An interesting (but not lengthy) program is planned.

MONDAY _____ 18

A Day in Baltimore. We will depart from the JCC at 9:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 5:00 p.m. There will be time for shopping and lunch in the Inner Harbor and then we'll spend the afternoon at the Baltimore National Aquarium. The cost is \$35 for JCC members and \$35 for non-members. Advance reservations are required. Call Michelle Silberglie, Senior Center Director at (302) 478-5660.

TUESDAY _____ 19

Religious School, Last Day of Class & Awards Assembly, Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

THURSDAY _____ 21

Hebrew School Closing, Faculty Meeting. Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School Spring Semester Ends, Local Graduation.

SUNDAY _____ 24

Yom Yerushalaim, Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

JCC Family Campus Opens

Come out to the Family Campus for a fun-filled summer in the sun! Every Sunday at the Campus will be Sunday Funday and will feature activities for children and adults, including poolside bingo. For those individuals that enjoy sports, pick-up softball is offered on Sunday mornings or adult volleyball on Monday evenings. We have also built a brand new in-line hockey rink on the campus grounds. Leagues and classes are available. Family can enjoy our special BBQ dinners and poolside movies offered throughout the summer. In addition, look for our schedule of family hikes through the Brandywine Creek State Park. For more information call Scott Katz, Recreational Services Director at (302) 478-5660.

TUESDAY _____ 26

Rosh Hodesh, Executive Board Meeting, Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

THURSDAY _____ 28

Kraft Education Meeting, Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

JUNE

MONDAY _____ 8

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Campaign For Patients Rights to ensure consumer rights and protections in the managed health care system. With the support of the American Association of Retired Persons, the Delaware State Council of Senior Citizens and local labor unions public forums are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Pipefitters Union Hall, 2111 W. Newport Pike, Stanton. Participants include Rep. Jane Maroney, Dr. Robert Frelick and other health care professionals and legislators.

MONDAY _____ 22

JCC Sports Classic. All day. A full day of golf, tennis and lawn bowling tournaments held at the DuPont Country Club. Awards reception held following tournaments.

SUNDAY _____ 28

JCC Annual Meeting. 4 p.m. Annual Meeting includes election of Officers and Board members, followed by a family picnic with entertainment and family activities. Free of charge.

ONGOING

Meet the Physical Therapist. Bob Catalano from Rehabilitation Consultants will be available every Wednesday at 12:00 noon in the JCC Fitness Center to answer questions regarding orthopedic injuries. Discuss those aches and pains in your neck, back shoulders and knees with a licensed physical therapist. He will listen and offer his professional opinion, free of charge. For a more in-depth evaluation, please schedule an appointment at the Fitness Center Control Desk. In-depth evaluations are completely confidential. The cost of an evaluation session is \$38.00 for JCC members. For more information, call Suzanne Rodriguez, Fitness Center Coordinator at (302) 478-5660.

Young Jewish Singles of Delaware 20's and 30's.

Weekly volleyball and dinner sampler after. Noncompetitive! Even if you're not that great, come play and schmooz. Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Wilmington, Delaware J.C.C. Volleyball 6:00 p.m. Delaware J.C.C. Dinner 8:00 p.m. Call for location! Jewish Community Center, just off Rt. 202 in Delaware. For more information or to be put on our groups mailing list call Phil Gross at (302) 652-6688.

Jewish Heritage Video Collection. The Jewish Community Center invites you to explore modern Jewish life through the Jewish Heritage Video Collection. Video tapes may be rented for two days for the cost of \$2. The video library is open Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The collection is being housed in the lobby of the JCC. For more information, call Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.



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K'Ton Ton campers get the best of great indoor and outdoor facilities and camp programs.

Olim campers enjoy arts and crafts, swimming, drama, sports, enrichment and much more!

Yeladim campers sample all aspects of camp life including sports, arts and crafts, drama, swimming, games, music, Israeli culture and more!

Specialty campers can choose to participate in our computer camp, fine arts camp or performing arts camp.

CAMP STAFF...

"Silly" Joe Consiglio will be serving as the Camp Director for this summer. He has been the Assistant Camp Director for the past three years and has been a member of the camp staff for nearly a decade!

Joe will be joined by a number of full-time JCC staff members including Sonja Hildebrand, Susan Gentry, Scott Bowers and Lauren Nassau.

FACILITIES...

Our Family Campus facilities provide the perfect camp setting! From our BRAND NEW in-line hockey rink to our 3,000 square foot outdoor pool, your children will enjoy our state-of-the-art facilities.

Other outdoor facilities include: Amphitheater and dance pavilion, shade pavilions, nature and art center, low adventure ropes challenge course, multi-purpose sports fields, tennis courts, sand volleyball court, badminton, nature trails through Brandywine Creek State Park. Indoor facilities include: Air-conditioned group areas, full court gym, auditorium and indoor pool.

MORE PROGRAMS...

Maccabi campers work on skill development and enjoy outdoor adventure. One week camps include baseball, basketball, golf, rollerblading, soccer and tennis. Two week camps include adventure, all sports, dance, gymnastics, horseback riding, karate and wet and wild!

A new camp unit specially designed for 7th graders has been added to our regular camp program this year!

Teen Travel Campers take it on the road and visit many locations such as New Hampshire, Vermont, North Carolina, Assateague, New York City and more!

**DON'T MISS OUR
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