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Remembering the cost of silence

Delaware Commemorates the Shoah

By Lynn Edelman
Editor

A courageous Christian astounded his inter-faith audience of legislators, clergy, community leaders and concerned citizens with his candor at Tuesday's Yom HaShoah-Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration at the City/County Building in Wilmington. Reverend Dr. Patrick T. O'Neill, Senior Minister of the First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, openly criticized the silence of the Catholic and



Lt. Governor Ruth Ann Minner chats with Reverend O'Neill before the program.

Protestant church leadership in the wake of Nazi atrocities.

"Where was the Church when the Star of David was being painted on the shop windows of Jewish-owned businesses in the communities; when the flames of Kristallnacht were lighting up the Berlin skyline and Jewish homes were being invaded by bands of organized thugs?" he queried - adding that this question has haunted him from the time he entered the University of Chicago Divinity School and began serious study of the Holocaust. Reverend O'Neill's doctoral

dissertation centered on the work of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran theologian, whose activity in the German Resistance Movement led to his execution by the Third Reich.

As his Holocaust studies intensified, Reverend O'Neill became dismayed to learn that Bonhoeffer's activism was an aberration - the majority of the 16,000 ordained Protestant ministers and more than 20,000 Catholic priests who shepherded German flocks during Hitler's leadership launched no moral resistance to the systematic annihilation of the Jews of Eastern Europe.

The Unitarian pastor was amazed by the irony of the "silence of German pulpits when Hitler usurped Church authority by naming Joachim Hoesfelder 'Reichsbishop' of the German Protestant Church while the church bells pealed in celebration of Nazi victories." Hoesfelder's motto, "Swastikas on our breasts, the Cross on our hearts," failed to arouse Christian outcry.

Reverend O'Neill applauds Pope John Paul II's recent pilgrimage to Israel and his message of sorrow and contrition at Yad Vashem as "a brave first step towards shattering the official church silence in the face of this sin against humanity and the Jewish people in particular."

Reverend William D. Melnick, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish read from Wilmington Bishop Salterelli's Letter of Reconciliation to the Jewish Community which appeared in the March 17th addition of the *Jewish Voice*. The Honorable Ruth Ann Minner, Lt. Governor, State of Delaware, spoke of being "overcome with emotion" when she laid a wreath at Yad Vashem during her recent trip to Israel. The hour-long program featured greetings by Delaware State Treasurer Jack A. Markell, Wilmington Mayor James H. Sills, Jr. and Thomas P. Gordon, New Castle County Executive. Prayers were offered by Laura Lee



Beth Emeth Cantor Michael Mandel and AKSE Rabbi Sanford Dresin lead the group in prayer.

Wilson, Executive Director, Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry, University of Delaware; Reverend Donald Dunnigan, Senior Pastor, Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church; Rabbi Sanford Dresin; spiritual leader of Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth and Cantor Michael Mandel of Congregation Beth Emeth offered prayers in memory of those who perished during the Shoah. Lawrence Hamermesh on violin and Joseph Zimmerman on cello performed a musical piece by J.S. Bach as the audience participated in a few moments of quiet contemplation.

Myrna Ryder, whose parents were Holocaust survivors, shared a segment from her late father's autobiography. He spoke of the despair and humiliation he suffered at the hands of a sadistic SS sergeant and how he gradually regained his dignity.

One day we were carrying a large kettle of soup on a street through town, the sergeant nudging us in the backs with the barrel of his rifle - the people were laughing, joking and deriding us ... It was mentally, if not physically the lowest point in my life. I wished that the earth would open, that I would fall in and it

would close again ... At this depth of my desperation, I recalled my history lessons about the Spanish Inquisition. That we don't honor the Inquisitors, that in the eyes of history, their victims - the ones who perished - are the real heroes. They are the KIDOSHIM - the holy ones who died for being Jewish - the ones who died for the sanctification of G-d's name. I became aware that, in a way, we were also KIDOSHIM - and that generations to come would brand the Nazi-Fascists for what they are - MURDERERS!"

This annual interfaith service is organized by the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware; it is co-sponsored by the Delaware Region of the National Conference for Community and Justice, Interdenominational Ministerial Action Council, the Rabbinical Association of Delaware and the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The program was chaired by Harriet Wolfson and coordinated by Sue Shaffer.

For additional information about Holocaust studies and programming, please call Shaffer, JCRC director, at 427-2100, ext. 17.

UNKNOWN FATE AWAITS IRAN 13

By Michel J. Jordan, JTA

Iranian hard-liners are showing no signs of backing down in the trial of 13 Iranian Jews accused of spying for Israel. As we go to press, three of the detainees have made a state-televised confession.

To the despair of family, friends and American Jewish advocates of the Iran 13, no representatives of the media, human rights organizations or Jewish groups were allowed to monitor Monday's first-day proceedings. The reason, said officials of Iran's Revolutionary Court, was fear for "national security."

In this and all Iranian court cases, the judge also acts as investigator, prosecutor and jury, which observers say is clearly a recipe for judicial abuse. Monday's hearing - which had been postponed from April 13 until after Passover - did little to assuage that concern. In his confession, Hamid Tefileen, a devoutly religious man from the southern city of Shiraz, admitted to visiting Israel in 1994.

Iran has denounced Israel as its archenemy. After their arrest more than one year ago, the Iran 13 - including religious and community leaders and one teen-ager - were also accused of spying for the United States. Only Israel was mentioned Monday.

Interviewed by state television after Monday's hearing, Tefileen reportedly also admitted to being trained and paid by the Mossad, the Israeli intelligence agency. After the hearing, the authorities

assailed him of carrying out this work for "the love of Israel" - and for the money.

Israel, for its part, steadfastly denies the link. "We don't have anything new to say from what we have said in the past," Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Aviv Sharon told reporters Monday in Israel. "We don't have any connection with any of those who stand trial now in Iran." But it is the Israeli stamp in Tefileen's passport that seems to be, from Iran's perspective, the smoking gun for the entire case, said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. "Without him, there's no case," said Hoenlein, who has been closely monitoring developments taking place in Iran. "Getting him to confess was crucial."

Tefileen has not yet been sentenced, though state television said he had asked for clemency. Hearings for the remaining 12 are likely to continue during the next two weeks. Their fate is virtually impossible to predict, said Hoenlein, as Iranian judiciary officials have not yet produced any evidence. At the same time, they routinely flout Iranian law and demonstrate a blatant disregard for international public opinion, he said.

Iran has been universally condemned for what is widely viewed as a show trial against the 13 Jews. Why, then, did Tefileen confess? Observers believe that Tefileen, an impoverished trader, may have been facing other trumped-up charges, like drug possession or smuggling. He may have been offered leniency if he confessed to the spying charge. Or perhaps the freedom of his

brother, Omid, was dangled before him.

Omid is one of three accused Jews who was released on bail in February, and is likely to be pardoned. Either way, said Hoenlein, Tefileen and the rest are innocent. "If this doesn't give all the appearances of a setup, I don't know what is," said Hoenlein. "Listen, you sit in jail for a year, in conditions no one knows about. How can we judge someone in that situation?"

Despite the Iranian authorities' apparent self-satisfaction at having their man, Tefileen's court-appointed lawyer, Shirzad Rahmani, told the Associated Press that the confession is not enough to convict.

Under Iranian law, Rahmani noted, the state has to prove its case with evidence.

From the office of the Foreign Ministry of Israel:

"In response to reports from Iran relating to the trial being conducted there against 13 Jews, this attempt to present Jewish detainees in Iran as spies is outrageous and cruel. The State of Israel reiterates that these detainees are innocent and should be returned immediately."

"There may have been confessions, there may have been an intention to spy, there may have been several trips to Israel, and there may have been payments," he told the A.P. "But if information damaging to Iran and beneficial to Israel was not actually exchanged, there can be no charge of espionage."

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Mothers To March On Washington Delaware Jewish Community To Show Their Support Of Sensible Gun Control

By Lynn Edelman, Editor

The Million Mom March 2000, slated for Sunday, May 14-Mother's Day-is the brainchild of one young mother from neighboring New Jersey. Donna Dees-Thomases, applied for the permit to rally on the Mall in Washington, D.C. in favor of common sense gun control legislation, one day after a television broadcast on the August 10th random shooting at the JCC Day Camp in Granada Hills, CA

"The images of terrified children being led in a line from the carnage that had just taken place were too much to bear...Those kids are about the same age as my own two. I felt ashamed-ashamed because I have sat back while others battle the gun lobby to protect our children."

Since that television news coverage, Dees-Thomases began an aggressive recruitment campaign to mobilize mothers to contact their Congressional representatives and to make a strong presence in our nation's capitol on May 14th.

"We, the mothers, know that

life is the first inalienable right promised by our Constitution. Our children's lives far outweigh the right for just anyone, especially juveniles, to carry a semi-automatic assault weapon or Saturday night special," said Dees-Thomases. She invites individuals to check out the mission and viewpoints of this grassroots initiative by visiting [Http://www.millionmommarch.com](http://www.millionmommarch.com).

The National Council for Jewish Women is a solid supporter of the Million Mom March. The Wilmington Chapter, in conjunction with the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth, will sponsor a bus for all community residents interested in participating in the rally. According to Marci Aerenon, NCJW Wilmington Chapter Vice President, Membership, the Million Mom March is the type of project that helps meet the organization's goal of "making the world a better place for women, children and families." By providing this bus transportation, we are allowing members of

our community to speak as one voice in Washington on behalf of innocent victims of gun violence," she explained.

As we go to press, more than 35 people have registered for the bus which can accommodate 50. If community demand is particularly


high, another bus may be chartered. To make a reservation, please call Aerenon at (302) 652-7778 or Jan Goodman, Congregation Beth Emeth, at (302) 529-1413. Accompanying your reservation should be a \$15 check payable to NCJW. Checks should be sent to

Aerenon, 2305 North Grant Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19806. Those unable to attend may still show their support of this event by providing a scholarship for another marcher. Those interested in scholarships should mail a donation to the above address.

We, as mothers, endorse the following:

- Sensible "Cooling Off" Periods and Background Checks
- License Handgun Owners and Register All Handguns
- Safety Locks for All Handguns
- Limit Purchases to one-handgun-per-month
- No-Nonsense Enforcement of Gun Laws

Our aim is to recruit - from all walks of life - mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, godmothers, foster mothers, future mothers, and all others willing to be "honorary mothers" in this crusade. Our goal is to educate and mobilize the mothers of America to this cause. Our commitment as voting citizens is to realize our goals by Mothers' Day, 2000.



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Israel - Middle Aged And Marvelous!

Next Wednesday, Israel turns 52. Like most baby-boomers, she has changed dramatically over the decades. Yet despite a difficult childhood, turbulent adolescence and an early adulthood marked by bombings, wars and the challenges of absorbing hundreds of thousands of new olim, Israel has entered into middle age looking vibrant, vital and self-assured.

As American Jews, we have watched with pride as this young nation lovingly crafted from arid, unyielding desert soil has blossomed into a thriving democracy. We have nurtured this growth through financial and political support - like doting parents lavishing affection on a cherished child.

Yet, parental love can sometimes smother. However well intentioned, we meddle in our loved ones affairs - stifling their independence and creating resentment.

Recently, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak appealed to his American *mispocha* - the leaders of major Jewish organizations - not to protest Palestinian efforts to create a state in the West Bank. Indeed, Oded Eran,

Israel's chief negotiator in Eilat - the site of this latest round of peace talks with the PA - stated this week that a Palestinian state would emerge from negotiations for a final peace accord. Both men caution that statehood would be granted **only** if Israel's security can be assured.

Barak also is determined to withdraw troops from Lebanon this summer, with or without a signed peace accord with the Syrians. This week, Israel began tearing down two army outposts in southern Lebanon to prepare for the withdrawal.

These are admittedly risky strategies for a nation surrounded by hostile neighbors. Yet, Barak assures us that these risks are necessary to show the depth of Israel's commitment to advancing the peace process.

Perhaps the greatest gift we can give to our beloved Israel as she celebrates 52 years of independence is our vote of confidence in her leadership.

May G-d continue to watch over the people of our Jewish homeland. *Y'asher Koach* - May they go from strength to strength.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Celebrating Israel's Independence

Dear Friends,

It is with tremendous pride and a great deal of optimism that we celebrate the 52nd anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel. We are on the cusp of an exciting period in the history of our country.

We continue to travel the difficult road to peace with vigor and determination. Our finest security experts and negotiators are dedicating a great deal of time to this task. We are hopeful that our neighbors will join us in making the courageous decisions necessary to bring real and secure peace to our people and to the region.

With the ingathering of so many new immigrants, we are rapidly integrating not only wonderful gifts of culture and diversity, but also the human resources of intelligence and creativity that are benefiting our society in many ways. We are excelling in the field of research and development in medicine and science; we are on the cutting edge of high-technology; and, we are revitalizing artistic expression.

Today, as has been true since the founding of the State, we remain committed to the

close partnership and common agenda that we share with Jewish communities around the world. We are playing an active and common agenda that we share with Jewish communities around the world. We are playing an active role in Jewish education and renaissance in those places where Jewish life was threatened. We encourage through innovative programs more and more Jewish youth coming to Israel to cement their connection to the Jewish homeland and to their own Jewish identity.

We know that together, in Israel's 52nd year, we will meet the challenges that face us as a community and as a state. It is for us to provide our children with a better, secure and more prosperous future. Let us pass the torch of Jewish responsibility and love for Zion with an enthusiasm that reflects the beauty of our tradition, and the tremendous promise that Israel at peace and a strong Jewish people can bring.

Shalom and Chag Sameach,
Ehud Barak, Prime Minister
State of Israel

PARSHA PLACE

Week of May 6

KEDOSHIM

Leviticus 19:1-20:27

SACRED SYMBIOSIS David Nelson

Parashat Kedoshim opens with the statement, "You shall be holy, *ki* I, Adonai your God, am holy." (Lev. 19:2) The understanding of this entire verse rests on the word *ki*. Although this flexible little word has many biblical definitions, most modern translations have chosen, "You shall be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." This suggests that our people's holiness depends on God's holiness.

But if we think a bit more midrashically, more imaginatively, we may learn a great deal more from the verse. Often, *ki* introduces a law with an "if-then" structure, where the first part, introduced by *ki*, sets up a situation, and the second part prescribes the result. Examples abound: "If/when (*ki*) an ox gores a man or a woman -" (Exod. 21:28); "If/when (*ki*) a man dies without leaving a son -" (Num. 27:8); and so on.

If we were to use this meaning of *ki* in Kedoshim, we would then translate, "You shall be holy, if/when I, Adonai your God, am holy." This raises an intriguing possibility: God's holiness may be intimately linked to our own. In other words, God's being and our being are linked in a sacred symbiosis, or, in more traditional language, a covenant. In this covenant, we are holy only when God is holy; conversely, God is holy only when we are holy.

If we imagine the covenant as a relationship of mutual interdependence between partners rather than one of a powerful God who issues absolute directives to a weak and helpless people, then other elements of this parashah take on new meaning. In verses 5-8, for example, we find laws about the *shelamim*, the sacrifice of well-being. Meat must be eaten on the day it is sacrificed or on the next day, but no leftovers may be eaten on the third day. What is curious is that, in verse 5, God directs that when we offer such a sacrifice, we should do so *lirtzonechem*, "for your [meaning Israel's] pleasure." Yet, those who eat leftovers on the third day shall be cut off eternally, for they have "desecrated that which is holy to Adonai." (verse 8) Apparently, when it comes to sacrifices, although we are the beneficiaries, it is God who suffers from their misuse. This suggests that our welfare and God's welfare are intertwined.

Similarly, in verses 11-12, we are warned against theft, deceit, and fraud - and also against swearing falsely by God's name. The end of verse 12 warns that such behavior will "desecrate the name" of God. The question is, which behavior?

Does only swearing falsely by God's name desecrate it? Or could theft, deceit, and fraud also do so? The text's vagueness leaves us room to interpret that violating any of these laws diminishes the holiness of the Name. But how could theft, fraud, and deceit, which harm only other human beings, be detrimental to God's name? Again, our being and God's being are intertwined and interdependent because of the covenant. Behavior that harms individuals or the community ultimately harms God.

Rabbi David Nelson is a senior teaching fellow at CLAL, the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership.

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JFD 66th Annual Meeting

The 66th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. The entire community is invited to the meeting. Refreshments will be served. Dietary laws will be observed.

The following individuals have been nominated as officers of the Jewish Federation of Delaware June 2000-June 2001.

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The Nominating Committee, chaired by Leslie Newman consisted of Benjamin Berger, Kathy Bloom, Irv Engelson, Joan Spiegelman, Toni Young and Judy Wortman, staff.

Pursuant to the bylaws of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, other nominations will be made only by written petition and the written consent of the individual nominated therein to serve on the board of directors as an officer shall be sent to the secretary of the Federation at least five days before the annual meeting. Only board members may be elected to serve as officers.

Coffee And Conversation With ADL Regional Director, Barry Morrison

Barry Morrison, director of the Eastern Pennsylvania/Delaware Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League, will discuss "Anti-Semitism in the Mainstream." This program is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 8:00 a.m. in Room 105 (first floor) of the Community Service Building, 100 West 10th Street. Sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of


Delaware, Morrison's presentation is open to the community by advance reservation only, as space is limited.

In his capacity of Director, Morrison provides direct service to the Jewish community and to the greater community in fighting bigotry and discrimination and promoting intergroup relations.

Morrison, based in Philadelphia since 1981, has directed

local ADL fact-finding investigations exposing patterns of discrimination and bigotry. He has overseen the introduction and passage of major legislative initiatives. He also has organized numerous conferences to address the threats posed by extremist groups.

RSVP to Sue Shaffer, JCRC Director, at (302) 427-2100, ext. 17. We must have advance notification of attendance.



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INSIDE DELAWARE

Teenage Relationships/Teenage Sex

By Marlene Milunsky

Thought-provoking, philosophical, pragmatic, intense, helpful... these are the words used by parents and their children, students at Delaware Gratz, as they socialized after the Kraft Foundation's teenage-parent lecture and discussion led by Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Elliot Dorff. A group of forty teens and their parents participated in this interesting program exploring a Jewish approach to relationships and sex in contemporary times.

Rabbi Dorff, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Judaism in Bel Air, California, specially designed his presentation for tenth, eleventh and twelfth graders at Gratz, basing his talk on our Jewish sources and what our tradition says about sex and relationships. He has a unique role in the Rabbinical Assembly, having written the first draft of the Conservative Movement's opinions and ultimately publishing the finished booklet under the title "This Is My Beloved, This Is My Friend: A Rabbinic Letter on Intimate Relations". This experience has made him knowledgeable about the viewpoints of Conservative Jewry and other streams of Judaism on this important topic.

His gift for teaching was evidenced by his method of highlighting the differences between the "all-American" expectations of love versus the Jewish expectations of love which we derive from our her-

itage. To illustrate the differences, he sang two songs. In "Some Enchanted Evening" - you will meet your loved one across a crowded room, and somehow you'll know - This, according to Rabbi Dorff, represents the idealized view of love, that a relationship consists of one enchanted evening after another. As many of us know, this assumption is unrealistic and may lead to disappointment, separation, and divorce. Then he sang "Do You Love Me?" from Fiddler on the Roof. Golda's response to Tevye - For twenty five years I've lived with you, cared for you, cooked for you... I guess I do... as an example of the Jewish concept of love. According to Rabbi Dorff, Judaism presumes that we marry to build a life of shared companionship together. He maintains that the first order of business is to become good friends who share values, dreams and hopes.

At the end of the morning, Rabbi Dorff opened the program to a question and answer period. The serious, sincere questions indicated how deeply participants were affected by his presentation. They appreciated Rabbi Dorff's clear, straight-forward approach to his subject and the respect he demonstrated for both this sensitive topic and his audience.

The Rabbi Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation was established in 1988 in memory of Rabbi Kraft, who served as the Rabbi for Congregation Beth Shalom. The Foundation furthers Rabbi Kraft's lifelong devotion to learning by funding educational programs to enrich the congregation and the community.

Marlene C. Milunsky serves as Principal of Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School. For further information about the school, please call 478-8100.



Kraft Lecture at Gratz by Rabbi Elliot Dorff, April 9, 2000

Silverman Fund Awards Four Israel Scholarships

The Sylvia and Isadore Silverman Scholarship Fund, established in 1989 by the couple's four daughters and numerous friends on the occasion of the Silvermans 55th wedding anniversary, announces its 2000 award recipients.

The following individuals will enjoy a Jewish camp or Israeli travel experience thanks to the Fund:

Sharon Michele Greenbaum, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jack Greenbaum, and Tamara Courtney Lew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Lew, will attend the National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) in Israel Program.

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Jason Stiebel, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Stiebel, will participate

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The May 16th program will be held at the DuPont Country Club. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. Brikman will begin her presentation at 1:30 p.m.

The event is co-chaired by Ilene Diamond and Ilean Grayson. For additional information or to make a reservation, please call Ilene Diamond at 479-9876.

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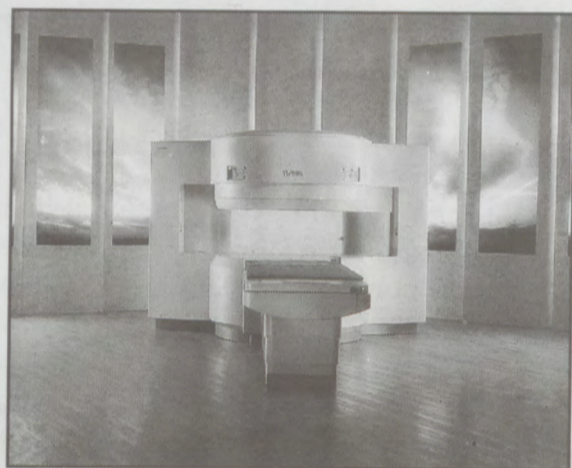
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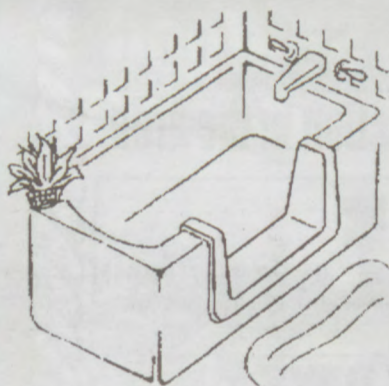
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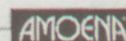
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Café Tamar is a community-wide celebration of Israel's 52nd year of independence. Join in the fun on Monday, May 29th (Memorial Day), 7:30 p.m. in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Social Hall, Washington Street Extension and Torah Drive, Wilmington.

"Dreams of Peace" is the focus of this year's program which features performances by AKSE Choral and Dance groups and spotlights the talents of soloists: Cindy Goldstein, Sam Romirowsky, Sharon Berry and

young singers: Jessica Moss, Beth Lattin and David Zussman. The Choral Group will be accompanied by Sara Berman and the Tamar Musicians. Program Coordinator is Faith Brown.

Three dance groups will present a program of new dances from Israel. Harokdim, a teenage dance group, directed by Harriet Ainbinder, AKIDS, a troupe of young dancers led by Linda Vodovis and the adult AKSE Dancers will all be a part of the evening's entertainment.

Harokdim and the Adult Dancers recently returned from a performance in the annual Israel Dance Festival in New York City which featured outstanding dance groups from across the country.

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$4 for children under 13. They are available by calling the synagogue office at 762-2705 or can be purchased directly from the performers. Refreshments are included in the cost of admission.

Don't delay. Last year's event was a sell-out.



Beth Shalom Hosts Family Gala



A children's concert, brunch, and adult Yiddish concert will be held at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18 and Baynard Boulevard on Sunday June 11.

The family gala will feature ROBBO also known as Rob Zelonky, a Chicago born writer and performer of original songs for children. ROBBO's concerts include such innovative and humorous as *Chicken Soup*, *Mitzvah Man* and *Tower of Babel*. Children will have the opportunity to participate in games and songs with giants and the superhero *Blanket Kid*.

The adult Yiddish concert, "A Bisele This, A Bisele That", will feature such classics as *Romania*, *Rozhinkes Mit Mandlen* as well as original songs.

"ROBBO is a wonderful and unique performer who delights children, parents and grandparents with his imaginative and empowering songs" said Barbara Felzer, Vice President of Programming for Beth Shalom. The Children's Concert begins at 10:00 a.m., followed by an 11:00 a.m. brunch. The Adult Yiddish Concert begins at 1:00 p.m. and will be followed by the Synagogue's Annual Meeting.

The community is invited to the event and there is no charge for the concerts, or brunch. Reservations, however, are necessary.

Please call the synagogue office (302) 654-4462 to confirm your attendance.

Brandywine ORT Honors Rosenberg



Ruth Rosenberg

The Brandywine Chapter of Women's American ORT will honor Past President Ruth Rosenberg at a Women of Vision Leadership Brunch on Sunday, May 21, 2000, 11 a.m. at Pace One Restaurant in Thornton, PA. Money raised from the event

will benefit the ORT Resource Center of ORT Operations USA.

Rosenberg is the Associate Chair of the ORT Young Leadership Outreach Resource Team and is the youngest member of the National Board of Directors of Women's American ORT.

Prominent female leaders in the region will be recognized during the event which features Pepi Dunay, National President of Women's American ORT as guest speaker.

Women's American ORT, the Organization for Educational Resources and Technological Training, is a membership based Jewish organization. It supports a global network of scientific, technological, and vocational schools and programs.

For additional information, please call Sylvia Wagman at 475-8351.

JFS Adds Counselor To Newark Office

Jewish Family Service of Delaware welcomes Peggy Lubin, LPCMH to its clinical staff.

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Parents and their children can receive support as they move through the difficult stages of separation and divorce during a two part workshop series this May.

Jewish Family Service will host two separate programs for parents and children at the same time at its North Wilmington site.

Programs will be held on Wednesday, May 10 and Wednesday, May 17, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. To register, please call Lauren at 478-9411.

Cheer On Gratz Graduates

The community is invited to attend the graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2000 at Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School. The program will be held on Thursday, June 1, 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center Auditorium, 101 Garden of Eden Road, North Wilmington. Refreshments will follow.

Holocaust Titles Added To Jewish Heritage Video Collection

The Jewish Community Center of Delaware has acquired two new titles for its Jewish Heritage Video Collection. *Witness: Voices from the Holocaust* presents some of the earliest testimonies of survivors recorded for the Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies of Yale University. In addition to survivors,

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The JCC has also acquired *Shoah*, Claud Lanzmann's epic, four-volume series on the Holocaust which is available again after several years out of distribution.

For more information about the Jewish Heritage Video Collection, please call Ella Zukoff, at 478-5660.

Students Participate In Intercultural Program

Sixth grade students at the Albert Einstein Academy and sixth grade students from St. Peters School have been participating in a joint project to promote understanding and friendship.

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AROUND OUR JEWISH WORLD

Neo-Nazis Infiltrate Russian Scouts

By Lev Gorodetsky, JTA

Neo-Nazi youth groups in Russia are becoming more organized, according to Jewish officials and human rights activists.

Teen-age street gangs that throughout the past decade were known for their use of Nazi symbols, anti-Jewish slogans and assaults on African students are turning into tightly knit and well-armed criminal groups with Nazi ideology.

"These youth clubs are prospering, especially in the provinces, because in provincial cities they are not repudiated. On the contrary, the authorities in many places support them," said Alla Gerber, a Moscow Jewish leader.

Russian police and security

agents recently arrested 13 people after they found neo-Nazi materials during a crackdown on a group specializing in illegal trade in arms and explosives.

The search was part of an anti-corruption crackdown tied to local elections, according to Yakov Zukerman, a Jewish activist in St. Petersburg who studies the phenomenon.

The group in St. Petersburg, led by neo-Nazis, operated under the cover of one of the city's youth scouting clubs.

Participation in black marketeering is accompanying — and perhaps contributing to — these groups' prosperity, particularly in St. Petersburg, the hotbed of the Nazi revival.

These clubs are officially permitted to search for the remains of World War II soldiers in order to bury them. According to unofficial reports, roughly 1,000 diggers are searching in the St. Petersburg metropolitan area, which contains many weapons and relics from the war.

"It has become a developed business here. Lots of young people are digging out and selling German and Soviet arms, decorations and World War II medals on the black market. Some of the guys make good money. Most of them are united in gangs and it is quite dangerous to get in their way," said Vladimir Briskman, a university student in St. Petersburg.

It makes sense that the youth

groups have served as a breeding ground for neo-Nazism, Zukerman said.

Neo-Nazis are ready consumers of the newly found Nazi relics and sometimes of weapons, Zukerman said. They then use their contacts to infiltrate the clubs, turning a phenomenon that the KGB tried to infuse with Soviet patriotism into a font of racism and anti-Semitism.

During the recent searches in St. Petersburg, police discovered both old and new weapons, which the "scouts" were apparently planning to sell.

The going rate for an old German submachine gun is \$200, whereas a new Kalashnikov assault rifle goes for \$500. Some well-

preserved tanks were also found. Meanwhile, neo-Nazi activity linked to organized crime and covered up by corrupt police is occurring throughout Russia.

"Many of the members of the organizations are former policemen," said Antoine Arakelyan, a human rights campaigner in St. Petersburg.

Neo-Nazi activity has apparently reached higher branches of Russian society as well.

The Federal Security Bureau, the successor to the KGB, recently arrested 12 members of the Omsk branch of the neo-Nazi Russian National Unity group. One of those arrested had a document showing him to be an aide to a member of Parliament.

PA Community Shaken By Deadly Shooting Spree

By Peter Ephross, JTA

Some Jewish facilities in Pittsburgh are under increased security following last week's shooting rampage that killed five minorities, including one Jewish woman.

Police are adding patrols and keeping marked police cars parked near some Pittsburgh Jewish institutions.

"We live in an era of random risk, and I'm watching Jewish institutions take increased precautions," said Brian Schreiber, executive director of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh.

"But we don't want this to become Ft. Knox," said Schreiber, who added that he supports the security measures.

On Monday, police were patrolling the parking lot of Congregation Beth El of South Hills, which was one of two synagogues shot at during the rampage. Windows were boarded, and the anti-Semitic graffiti spray-painted there during the rampage was covered, according to a synagogue employee.

The tragedy is spurring calls for increased gun safety laws and passage of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which has been stalled in Congress.

President Clinton called for national legislation against hate crimes in an address Sunday at a fund raiser for the NAACP in Detroit.

The incident, Clinton said, shows, "There are still people in the country who are shot, who are abused, who are killed because of their race, their religion, just because they're gay."

He added, "It is simply not true that we do not need national legislation. We do. It is who we are. It is who we stand for."

Some congressional Republicans oppose the bill in part because they don't want to create special classes of victims.

The rampage was the second apparently racially motivated crime in the Pittsburgh area in the past two months.

In March, a black man allegedly killed three whites in the working-class suburb of Wilkinsburg.

"These incidents are becoming less shocking, and that's shocking in and of itself," said Schreiber.

Last Friday, Richard Scott Baumhammers, 34, allegedly began his spree by killing Anita Gordon, a Jewish woman who was one of his next door neighbors and a family friend.

Gordon, a 63-year-old native of Pittsburgh who was the married mother of three daughters, held a bachelor's degree in interior design.

She was known for her work as a volunteer at Beth El and once designed the cover of the synagogue directory.

"Many members talked of her as if she were a second mother," said Beth El's rabbi, Neal Scheindlin.

A standing-room-only funeral for Gordon, who had known Baumhammers since he was a young boy, was held Monday.

The other four people killed last Friday were also minorities: an Indian man, Anil Thakur, was killed at a grocery; two Asian men, Thao Pham and Ji-Ye Sun, at a Chinese restaurant; and an African American man, Garry Lee, was shot and killed at a karate school.

Another Indian man shot in the rampage, Sandip Patel, remained in critical condition Sunday in a Pittsburgh hospital.

Baumhammers also allegedly shot through the windows of the two suburban Pittsburgh synagogues — Ahavath Achim was the other one — and spray-painted the anti-Semitic graffiti outside Beth El.

No one was hurt in the synagogue incidents.

Police have charged Baumhammers with one of the murders, and he was awaiting arraignment for the others. Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen Zappala Jr. said he would prosecute Baumhammers on a charge of ethnic intimidation under Pennsylvania's hate crime law.

Baumhammers, who lived with his parents in the Pittsburgh suburb of Mt. Lebanon, is a lawyer who studied immigration law.

In a search of his house, police found what has been described as

a manifesto of his Free Market Party, which advocates the rights of European Americans and denounces immigration from the Third World.

The ideology Baumhammers apparently espoused in his manifesto is linked to a philosophy known as The Third Position, an ideology of revolution and racial separation that is attracting right-wing and left-wing extremists.

Baumhammers also created a Web site for the party he founded with links to other "white-rights groups." The site has since been closed down.

Baumhammers, who is of Latvian descent, apparently became more interested in his heritage during the past few years. He made several trips to Europe.

During this time, Baumhammers became convinced that he had been poisoned, according to a woman who told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette that she had been hospitalized with him. He has reportedly been treated since 1993 for an unspecified mental disorder — and has spent at least one stint in a psychiatric hospital.

A friend of Baumhammers said he suffered from paranoid delusions.

"The sad thing is that he could have gotten some counseling or some help, he could have dealt with some of these minor issues before they turned into all of this," said George Naruns.

Baumhammer's lawyer, William Diferderfer, said he would pursue a mental infirmity defense for his client.

The combination of an apparently deranged individual who had easy access to a racist, anti-Semitic ideology is an "explosive mix," said Joel Ratner, the regional director of the Anti-Defamation League in Ohio/Kentucky/Allegheny.

"Gun safety laws are crucial," he said, adding that the ADL is also pressing for passage of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

The American Jewish Committee, which also denounced the shootings, reiterated its call for congressional hearings into far-right groups.

Hate crimes were down by 4 percent in the United States last year, to 1,547 incidents, according to a recent report published by the Anti-Defamation League. But they were up, from 70 to 82, in Pennsylvania.

"Hate has been rearing its head in western Pennsylvania all too frequently, he said. Acts like these are

"not something that comes out of the blue."

But for Scheindlin, who was the Jewish victim's rabbi, last Friday's events certainly felt that way.

He is taking some solace in the support his suburban congregation has received from residents of the area — Jews and non-Jews.

Close to 300 people attended Friday night services — and about 400 on Saturday morning. The attendees at the service expressed a mixture of fear and anger, he said.

"I could feel the emotion coming toward me," he said.

Religious leaders in the Pittsburgh area focused their sermons Sunday on the tragedy.

Scheindlin, who has received widespread support from other religious leaders, is also working on several interfaith efforts, including a healing service and a vigil at the Chinese restaurant where two of the victims were killed.

"The thing that I've been stressing is the way that we care for each other as a community and draw strength from each other," he said.

"This is how God acts in this world — through acts of *chesed*, of lovingkindness, that people can offer to each other."

Reform And Conservatives Score Pluralism Victory

By Avi Machlis, JTA

Israel's Reform and Conservative movements have scored another victory in their ongoing struggle to take their seats on Jerusalem's religious council.

State Attorney Elyakim Rubinstein said Tuesday he will not defend Yitzhak Cohen, Israel's minister of religious affairs, in a petition brought against him to the Supreme Court by the Reform Movement's Religious Action Center.

The petition filed in March demands the annulment of a committee that Cohen, of the fervently Orthodox Shas Party, appointed to circumvent a 1998 Supreme Court decision.

That decision required municipal religious councils, which administer public funds for religious services, to accept non-Orthodox dele-

gates if appointed by a political party.

Representation on local religious councils has, along with conversion matters, been at the center of the debate over the status of non-Orthodox movements in Israel.

But Orthodox rabbis, including the Chief Rabbinate, instructed their delegates to boycott meetings at the Jerusalem council when the Conservative and Reform delegates of the liberal Meretz Party started attending in December 1998.

When the Reform movement complained that the boycotts paralyzed the council, the religious affairs minister created the alternative committee. He excluded the liberal streams and also included some Orthodox members of the original council.

The state attorney's rejection of

the Orthodox position could help accelerate a decision on a matter that has lingered for about a decade.

"This helps us in every way," said Rabbi Uri Regev, director of the Reform movement's Israel Religious Action Center. "Essentially, the state attorney declared that the religious affairs ministry is violating the law and the Supreme Court rulings. All that is left now is to decide what should be done."

Ilan Elharar, media adviser to Religious Affairs Minister Cohen, said the minister would not yet respond on issues related to the case.

"The minister will apparently use an external consultant or lawyer, as well as the ministry's legal advisers, to handle the case," said Elharar.

MILESTONES

GENEVITZ

Helen Genevitz, 91, died April 24. A member of the Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, she is survived by her son, Joseph of Atlantic City; daughter, Gelsa Levithan of Medford, NJ; six grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Contributions in her memory made be made to: Seashore Gardens Memorial Fund, 3850 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

MILLER

Harold Miller, 86, died April 19. He is survived by a son, Dr. Stephen Miller; daughters Phyllis

Railson, Susan Olderman, and Cynthia Lobis; brother, Irving; sister, Grace Kaufman; ten grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

The family requests that contributions in her memory be made to the Delaware Hospice.

PINSKY

Lois Pinsky, nee Kornblatt, died

April 19 in Miami, FL. Survivors include her husband, Morris; children, Howard (Felisse) Pinsky and Carol (David) Blumenthal.

ROSHBERG

Edith Roshberg, 92, died April 27. She was the widow of Louis Roshberg and is survived by a daughter, Phoebe Eskenazi of

Brandywood; granddaughters, Rachel and Suzane; a son plus additional grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Archaeological Conservancy, 5301 Central Avenue, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108.

Wilmington Community Mourns Champion Of Inter-Faith Causes

Reverend Marvin (Vin) A. Harwell III, age 53 of Wilmington, died April 11 after a four year battle with colon cancer.

Reverend Harwell served as Pastor/Head of Staff of Wilmington's First and Central Presbyterian Church from June, 1989 to February, 2000. Throughout his career he was com-

mitted to the values of social justice, equality and religious pluralism. Reverend Harwell was well known to many in the Delaware Jewish Community and was considered a strong friend and ally. He was among three recipients of this year's Gerald E. Kandler Award given by the American Civil Liberties Union in Delaware for

"Outstanding Leadership in the Cause of Civil Liberty". He is survived by his life partner, Julian H. Priesler of Wilmington; former wife and close friend, Mary Ann Harwell; his mother, son and three grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the NCCJ Delaware, the ACLU or to a charity of the donor's choice.

SIMCHAS

Adoption Attorney To Chair ABA Division

Harlan S. Tenenbaum, Esq., has been appointed Chair of the Family Law Section of the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association. Tenenbaum, the son of Leah and Joel Tenenbaum of Wilmington, is the founder and

director of Adoption House, a fully licensed, private, adoption agency serving birth mothers and persons interested in domestic and international adoptions. The non-profit agency has offices in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Abraham & Sarah Like You've Never Heard Before

By Paula S. Shulak

I took a short ride back to Lancaster PA recently to revisit the Sight and Sound Theater which I reviewed last year when they presented NOAH. While there was much to commend in the performance of NOAH (along with a lot that I, as a Jew, had to take in stride), unfortunately I cannot say the same for ABRAHAM AND SARAH.

Not only was this a totally stilted performance in which the actors "emoted" endlessly, it also took two and one half hours and was agonizingly slow. The technical aspects of the show were interesting, but not nearly as fascinating as the 40 foot high ark or the circumferential stage which surrounded you with animatronic and live animals, both of which were part of the NOAH scene. Billed

as A JOURNEY OF LOVE, the script took you from the day of Abram and Sarai's marriage (complete with chupah) through their childless years; God's command to "Lech L'cha" and leave their home to journey to Canaan; a short time in Egypt where Sarai was taken by Pharaoh and forced to lie that she was Abram's sister; the meeting with Hagar and Eleazar both of whom left Egypt with Abram; the parting with Lot at Beth El; the birth of Ishmael and subsequent change in Hagar's attitude toward Sarai; the destruction of Sodom and Gemorrah; the visit of the three angels and the birth of Isaac one year later; the banishment of Hagar and Ishmael; the Akedah (sacrifice) which tested Abraham's faith; the death of Sarah and finally the death of Abraham where Ishmael

and Isaac were reunited for a while. WHEW! To chronicle the 175 years of Abraham's life in one sitting is a bit too much! This reminds me of a very camp Broadway show which I saw last year entitled EPIC PROPORTIONS that was a spoof of the spectacle movies so popular in the 1930's. The big difference is that EPIC PROPORTIONS was a comedy and Sight and Sound Theater's productions are deadly serious and preachy.

However, the aspect of ABRAHAM AND SARAH which most concerned me were the liberties which the producers have taken with the actual Bible story. A caveat is given at the start of the show that

while the script is based on a small section of Genesis, it has been somewhat embellished. Great, I thought, a little Christian midrash! And I simply laughed when the Pharaoh of Abraham's day referred to the ten plagues which God visited on him and his people to convince him to let Sarah go. I even appreciated the fleshing out of Hagar and Ishmael's characters as well as the insights into Eleazar's place in the retinue. But I was reviled when during the Akedah, God spoke and said that Abraham's seed would be as the stars in the sky, not through Isaac but through the person of Jesus Christ (whose image promptly appeared on a cross near the altar). This is obviously false and

detrimental hogwash. It is presumptuous for anyone to make such an outrageous claim. The rest of the performance was of course totally marred for me. I do not recommend that anyone, Christian or Jew ever visit Sight and Sound Theater if this is the kind of obfuscation they will see. Not only was the performance theatrically lacking, the show is simply inaccurate. I was glad to see the story of Noah come to life so creatively on the stage (even if it did end with a Christian exhortation - this is after all a church sponsored institution). But to witness another Biblical hero's story (and a Jewish one at that) so utterly falsified is anathema. This is simply wrong and unwarranted.

PTTP Theatre Performance

By Paula S. Shulak

A very clever classic play from the French "commedia del arte" tradition is currently on the boards at the Professional Theater Training Program Hartshorn Theater on the University of Delaware Campus. As is often the case with PTTP productions, this one is rich in verbal wit, superb acting and inspired direction. Leslie Riedel directs the all PTTP alumni cast with a deft and sure hand as they ply their way through a brilliant but wordy translation of the Marivaux masterpiece, THE TRIUMPH OF LOVE. Fortunately for the audience not only does true love triumph but also the versatile cast. It is fascinating to watch the antics of Danny Camiel as Harlequin, the ubiquitous servant, or to marvel at the stentorian tones of John Renshouse as he wrings every bit of humor out of his role as Dimas the gardener. Melissa Chalsma and Coreen Madden do well in their impersonation of two young men when they are really a Princess and her maid who have come to snare the hero Agis, with whom the Princess has fallen in love. But it is Steve Tague as the philosopher Hermocrate and

Carole Healey as his sister, Leontine, who, in my opinion, steal the show. Their facial machinations are perfect and their ability to run the gamut of emotions all in a matter of seconds is amazing. This is the third production this season in which I have seen Steve Tague and each one has been a masterpiece of acting technique.

The theme of the play is that while learning and philosophy are valuable, it is only through love that one can be totally fulfilled. Through a series of intricate schemes, Princess Leonide manages to convince Hermocrate that she is a woman enthralled by him and needing a cure; to turn the dour Leontine into a love sick ingenue whom the Princess, now disguised as a man, hopelessly adores; and to capture the heart of Agis (who is her real object of affection) and to have him agree to marry her. The unraveling of this twisted conniving is both comic and beautifully constructed. And throughout, the veritable star of the show is the fascinating language of Marivaux. His witty and cunning word play keeps the audience on its toes throughout three

acts; there is simply never a dull moment. Comments like "The master's got some rumpus in his reason," or "Life becomes an unbearable fabric of useless tissue by marrying someone you don't love," or "The more I cherish love, the more I keep losing it" are a few samples of the author's sagaciousness.

While the simple but charming set belies the swift pace of the action, Director Leslie Riedel manages to include a myriad of clever touches which enhance that action considerably. The Princess tentatively touches the robe of Leontine as the latter seems to be succumbing to her/his advances but then quickly Leontine whips it away as she changes her demeanor in the flash of an eye. The brilliantly colored costumes of the first act subtly are altered to reveal Hermocrate's and Leonide's change of heart in Act Two. And the pace of this potentially talky show is kept animated and eloquent throughout. THE TRIUMPH OF LOVE is a treat for anyone who loves classic theater brilliantly executed. PTTP will continue this show until May 7. Call 831-2204 for tickets.

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DOVER SYNAGOGUE HOLDS SISTERHOOD EVENT

The Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood will hold its Spring Luncheon and Silent Auction on Sunday, May 7, noon, at the Blue Coat Inn in Dover. Election of officers will be during the event. The cost for the program is \$18. For last minute reservations please call Barbara Sparks at (302) 730-8272.

HEAR THE THREE MEZZOS

The Three Mezzos, a trio of three cantors featuring Congregation Beth Shalom's Cantor Judy Naimark, will perform in concert on Sunday, June 4, 7:00 p.m. at Beth Shalom. For more details, please call the synagogue office at 654-4462.

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SINGLES MINGLES

Community men and women age 40 and older can meet new people and attend social events at Singles Mingles. The group invites participation in its next planning meeting, Sunday, June 4, 4 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington. For more information, call Miriam Weiner, at 478-6897, after 5p.m.

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AMERICA-ISRAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SLATES TWO MAY EVENTS

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