

## POPULATION STUDY POSES NEW CHALLENGES

By Joe Berkofsky, JTA

America's Jewish population declined by 5 percent during the past 10 years, according to a new survey, a trend that is likely to continue given the community's aging population and low birth rates.

The number of Jews now stands at 5.2 million, down from 5.5 million in 1990, even as the total U.S. population is growing, according to the National Jewish Population Survey 2000-2001.

The picture of a declining, graying population was unveiled Tuesday by the United Jewish Communities, the umbrella organization of local Jewish federations that sponsored what is believed to be the most comprehensive demographic survey of the Jewish community to date.

The statistics released this week — including the fact that Jews now represent 2 percent of the American population — represent only the demographic findings of the survey.

Other parts of the study, which will address issues of Jewish identity and affiliation, will be released at the group's annual gathering in Philadelphia at the end of November.

The study is likely to be scrutinized for weeks, months and years ahead, as the findings spark new debates about the numbers themselves and what they mean for the Jewish community.

Much of the study pointed to demographic changes that have been emerging for years, some contained in the 1990 NJPS.

For instance, the latest study found that the Jewish population is "skewed" to the Northeast, with 43 percent of Jews living there, while the Midwest, with 13 percent of the community, remains the sparsest Jewish area.

Other findings confirmed what has been known, but are still seen as significant, including the aging population and the low birth rates.

The median age of American Jews climbed from 37 in 1990 to 41 in 2000, with 19 percent age 65 and older, compared with 15 percent in 1990.

At the same time, Jewish women approaching the end of their childbearing years, ages 40-44, have an average of 1.8 children, which is below the replacement level of 2.1.

Stephen Hoffman, chief executive officer of the UJC, said the study's conclusions of an aging population coupled with low birth rates "raise policy questions" about how Jewish agencies should spend money.

For example, with fewer Jewish children, agencies might examine policy questions about Jewish camp fees, Jewish school costs, even college aid.

And with an increasingly aging population, "we need to proportionately devote more attention to caring for the elderly," he added.

One who welcomed the scrutiny on an aging Jewish population was Rabbi Dayle Friedman, who is currently developing Hiddur: The Center for Aging and Judaism at the

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

"I hope we'll stop viewing this as bad news, but as an invitation to tap the resources of people who are older and tap their creativity in ways we haven't imagined," said the Philadelphia-based rabbi who has worked extensively with the Jewishly elderly.

For example, Friedman said retired educators who are Jewish could be retrained to help address a shortage in Jewish school educators.

Referring to the overall demographic trends, Frank Mott, a professor of Sociology at Ohio State University who co-chaired the National Technical Advisory Committee, which helped steer the 2000-01 NJPS, said: "It doesn't look too good."

"Unless there are some significant changes" in Jewish demographic patterns, Mott added, Jews ultimately "are not going to replace themselves."

America's 5.2 million Jews live in what the NJPS identified as 2.9 million Jewish households.

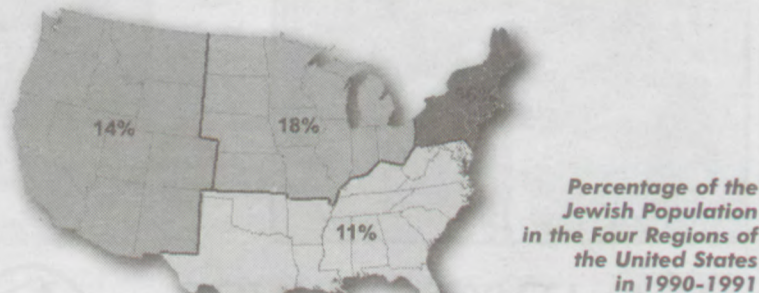
But the study also found 6.7 million people in those households, which means that 1.5 million people in these households are not Jewish.

But NJPS officials are not saying yet how those non-Jews are related to the identified Jews.

To study America's Jews, the NJPS surveyed 4,500 Jews from every state and the District of Columbia, the largest Jewish demographic study to date.

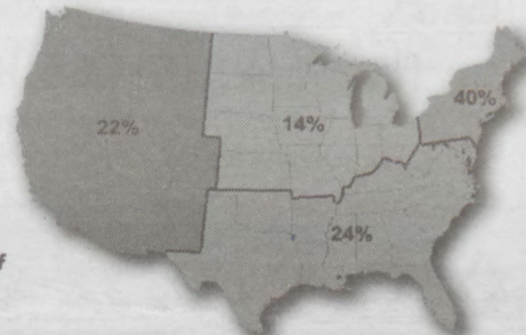
The NJPS relied on four questions to determine Jewishness. They were: What is your religion, if

### National Jewish Population Survey



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any; do you consider yourself Jewish for any reason; if your religion is not Judaism, do you have a Jewish mother or father; and if your religion is not Jewish, were you raised Jewish?

Those questions remain virtually unchanged from the last time the NJPS was conducted in 1990, when it threw American Jewry into upheaval by showing that 52 percent of Jews who married in the previous five years had chosen non-Jewish spouses.

That revelation alone sparked

intense debate and soul-searching and spurred tens of millions of dollars' worth of programs in the past decade meant to solidify Jewish identity and reach out to Jews.

While the 1990 NJPS became known mostly as the harbinger of troubling news about the community's viability, the team behind the 2000-01 NJPS tried to avoid creating a single focus by releasing the data in two parts.

This week officials of the UJC, the umbrella organization of local

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## COMMUNITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CELEBRATES WITH DEBBIE FRIEDMAN

Sunday, October 27 in Wilmington

Songwriter and singer Debbie Friedman will be the featured performer, Sunday, October 27 as the Delaware Jewish community celebrates the success of the Community Capital Campaign and pledges to complete the campaign "From Generation to Generation ... For Generations to Come." The concert, which is open to the entire community, will be held at Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Boulevard, Wilmington, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Debbie Friedman is considered "... the nation's most popular and successful composer and performer of contemporary Jewish music." The New York Times recently reported that in more than 25

years of combining folk rhythms with English and Hebrew biblical and liturgical texts to create a simple, yet powerful and euphoric, body of work, Ms. Friedman has developed an almost cult-like following. Spontaneous audience reaction has become the trademark of her concerts." Friedman performed in Delaware several years ago and delighted the full room of guests, many of whom were hearing her for the first time.

This "encore event" will benefit the Community Capital Campaign as guests are invited to privately make their personal five-year pledge to the historic campaign that already has raised approximately \$18 million. Organized by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the Community Capital Campaign is the result of years of planning that



Debbie Friedman

identified population growth and service needs of the Delaware Jewish community. Specifically the campaign will renovate and expand the direct service agencies of the Jewish Federation of Delaware which include the Albert Einstein Academy, Delaware Gratz Hebrew

High School, Hillel at the University of Delaware, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service and the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home. Other goals of the campaign are to establish a first-time Jewish campus of agencies for the growing Greater Newark community, establish a permanent capital maintenance & replacement endowment fund to care for the agencies as they age, and retire of pre-existing capital debt. The establishment of a campus for Greater Newark and the retirement of capital debt have already been realized through the initial phase of the campaign.

Donors of \$10,000 or more are invited to attend "The Celebration Continues" reception at the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home immediately following the concert.

The Community Capital

Campaign Celebration was scheduled for the afternoon so community members can participate in the Scott Mackler 5K Run/Walk for the ALS Association (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease), sponsored by Temple Beth El's Men's Club. For more information about the race, please contact Temple Beth El at 366-8330.

There is a \$5 per person charge to attend the concert and reservations should be made by calling the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 427-2100 or [amalia.snyderman@shalomdel.org](mailto:amalia.snyderman@shalomdel.org). For further information about the October 27 events or the Community Capital Campaign, please call 798-9366 or [capitalcampaign@shalomdel.org](mailto:capitalcampaign@shalomdel.org)

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## EDITORIAL

### NJPS brings little cause for optimism

With much fanfare, United Jewish Communities released the findings of its National Jewish Population Survey 2000-01-the largest and most comprehensive census ever conducted of America's Jews. The good news is that—at numbers approaching 5.2 million—we have remained relatively stable since the last survey in 1990. Then, we numbered 5.5 million—a mere 5% more Jews then than now.

The bad news lies in the demographics. Proportionately, our population is older than our non-Jewish friends and neighbors, we are marrying later in life and having fewer children than required to remain stable, never mind to increase our dwindling population. The study reinforces what Jewish leaders have known for quite a while—American Jewry can ill-afford to lose one single man, woman or child.

We, as a Jewish community, must support Jewish day schools, Jewish camping and other educational, recreational and cul-

tural programs that help our children build a strong Jewish identity. We must stand behind Hillel—an organization where Jewish collegiates can celebrate their heritage with people of similar backgrounds. Our support must also extend to those organizations that offer opportunities for Jewish singles and young professionals to meet and ultimately, marry one another.

While NJPS 2000-01 points with pride to statistics that show the American Jewish community to be highly educated and gainfully employed we **must not** rest on our laurels. We have the brains, the skills and the financial resources to accomplish great things. However, do we have the heart to re-Jew-venate our people?

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### The UN and Gore should thank Israel

Much of the world and many Democrats including presidential also-ran Al Gore have short memory retention spans. In 1981, Israel unilaterally destroyed a nuclear reactor under construction in Iraq near Baghdad when no one else would. Instead of being grateful, the UN which has become increasingly anti-Israeli, passed a resolution condemning the air strike because it was both unilateral and preemptive. The Israeli destruction of Saddam Hussein's nuclear program has delayed his goal of creating weapons of mass destruction (as if he already doesn't have other types); but for how long?

Gore, his fellow liberals and much of Europe want to take a wait and see attitude, until it becomes too late. The UN should

issue a long-belated resolution of thanks to the State of Israel for taking out the Iraqi reactor and delaying Hussein's plan for at least this long. Otherwise, the issue of "taking out" Hussein with his nukes would probably have come up during the Clinton-Gore regime. What would the Clinton-Gore and the UN have done then?

Howard M. Berlin  
Wilmington

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## Myths and Facts

### MYTH

"The delegates of the UN World Conference Against Racism agreed that Zionism is racism."

### FACT

In 2001, Arab nations again were seeking to delegitimize Israel by trying to equate Zionism with racism at the UN World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa. The United States joined Israel in boycotting the conference when it became clear that rather than focus on the evils of racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia that were supposed to be the subject of the event, the conference had turned into a forum for bashing Israel.

The United States withdrew its delegation "to send a signal to the freedom loving nations of the world that we will not stand by, if the world tries to describe Zionism as racism. That is as wrong as wrong can be." White House Press Secretary Ari Fleisher added that "the President is proud to stand by Israel and by the Jewish community and send a signal that no group around the world will meet with international acceptance and respect if its purpose is to equate Zionism with racism."

Source: *Myths and Facts — A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict* by Mitchell G. Bard, <http://www.JewishVirtualLibrary.org>. This column is presented as an educational tool for readers of the Jewish Voice by the Hasbara Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

## PARSHA PLACE

Week of October 12

Noach

Genesis 6:9-11:32

### PETTY LARCENCY

By Rabbi Daniel Travis

God said to Noach, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; the world is filled with crime because of them. I am going to destroy them with the earth." Bereshith 6:13

The Great Flood destroyed almost all life on earth because of theft. The items people stole were worth less than the value of a prutah - a very small sum of money indeed. They were items of such little value that a beith din would not even deal with their theft. Why did such "petty larceny" warrant the destruction of so many living creatures?

Upon closer inspection we see that this seemingly minor crime can have very far-reaching ramifications. Large-scale theft will never lead to the major breakdown and eventual downfall of society, for society can protect itself from such crimes with prisons and other penalties. It is the small crimes which hover below the threshold of legal jurisdiction that drive a society to ruin, for the justice system cannot prevent them.

Halachah forbids us to steal even something whose value is less than a prutah. Surely people do not care about such a small sum of money - can we not assume that the owner will be willing to forgive the theft of something of so little worth? Although he may pardon the actual loss, the owner would certainly be distressed to know that he had been robbed of any amount at all. From the moment the owner experiences that distress until the moment he pardons the action the thief is liable for transgressing the prohibition against stealing. Since the owner will be disturbed that he has been robbed, the halachah declares that the action is forbidden.

Since objects that are used frequently can be used up very quickly, we should never assume that the owner will not mind if we "take only one." The person who left a jar of instant coffee in the office, for example, may be quite frustrated to find it empty after others have helped themselves. Unless you are absolutely certain that your taking a spoonful or two will not matter to the owner (i.e., the owner has told you, or has written so on the jar), helping yourself to someone else's coffee would constitute an act of theft, and a transgression of a Torah prohibition. In the same vein, one can assume that a hotel owner does not want visitors to take home the hotel's towels and washcloths, and that an airline company would not appreciate people taking pillows and blankets from the airplane for their home use.

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## New beginnings



Samuel H. Asher

There is a great excitement for us in new beginnings. As we celebrate the New Year of 5763, we think about continuation of life and living, and we also focus on how beginnings allow us the time and opportunity to change. We hope for a good future and we hope for tikkun olam – the repair of the world.

This is a new beginning for Federation with Barry Kayne taking the mantle of leadership as the new President and for me as I take over the position of Executive Vice President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

One of the core values of our Federation is tikkun olam. The Federation's mission to mobilize the Jewish community and address issues, meet needs, and build an agenda for the future. The Federation will fulfill its mission by raising funds for mutually-agreed upon goals, allocating and managing community resources based on the community agenda, developing leadership, and fostering identification with Jewish teachings and heritage.

When I was recruited for the position of Executive Vice President, I was impressed with the

commitment of our volunteers. I saw the great strides that had been made in building a solid infrastructure for the community – a strong Federation and excellent beneficiary agencies; strong connections between the synagogues and the Federation and the incredible success of the Community Capital Campaign.

It is my hope that in our new beginning of 5763, we can move to an even higher level of community building and cooperation and collaboration.

My family and I have moved to Foulk Woods and already feel very

connected with our community. It is a new beginning for us as well. I would like to thank all those who have made us feel welcome and taken us into their homes. This is a warm, wonderful community that has a strong vision for the future. Let's work together as we enter the new year of 5763, to build excitement for a strong Jewish Federation and strong Jewish community.

L'Shana Tovah

Happy New Year,

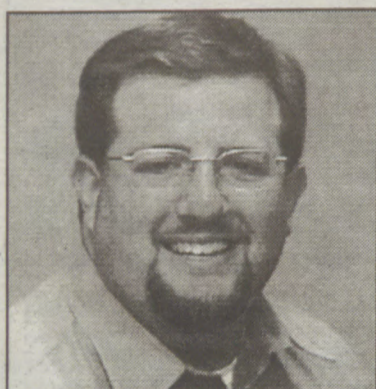
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## Wear the community on your sleeve!



Todd Polikoff  
Assistant Director, FRD

I was driving in to Newark this weekend and was stuck in the construction on 273 east. During my bonding experience with my fellow motorists, I found myself behind a rather large SUV. The vehicle's back door had no less than twenty stickers professing this family's support of their children's activities. From what I deduced, the kids in that family are on the following teams at school: soccer, football, track, debate, softball, lacrosse and ice hockey. I should also tell you that the children are honor students and the parents are very proud of them. So as I sat behind this car/truck I pondered two

thoughts: **How do these kids have time for school?** and **What would happen if our Jewish community advocated for itself with the same intensity as these parents do for their kids?**

As a community it is our responsibility to advocate on behalf of all Jews not only in times of need, but also in times of celebration. Visibility is the key to being a good advocate. We need, as a community, to be more visible not only when we combat anti-Semitism, but also when we rejoice in our collective accomplishments. Pride, dignity and the dedication to building a home for all Jews

are the qualities that created the State of Israel. These qualities are also what led to the foundation of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. By increasing our visibility as a strong Jewish community, we will help ensure that the pride, dignity and dedication that created this community flows from generation to generation.

I encourage everyone to wear the Jewish community on your sleeves. Let people know that you are part of the Jewish community and that you are proud of it. Read about our history here in Delaware and the great accomplishments that have brought

us to today's Jewish community. Become active in the Jewish community; join a committee, sign up for a class, volunteer at an event. This is our community, there may be many like it, but this one is ours. For those who say that the community does not invite their participation...consider this your invitation. See you at the next community event on October 27, 2002 at Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington.

For more information on the Jewish Federation of Delaware please feel free to call me at 302-427-2100 ext. 16 or [www.shalomdelaware.org](http://www.shalomdelaware.org).

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# INSIDE DELAWARE

## Hillel launches Lunch and Learns

After a summer hiatus, Hillel at the University of Delaware will resume its successful series of "Lunch and Learns" on Tuesday, October 15 at 12:30 p.m. The series is open to all University of Delaware students-Hillel membership is not required.

"We are very excited to expand the program to a bi-weekly series of presentations by University pro-

fessors, community professionals and area rabbis," said Aileen DeFroda, Hillel program director. All sessions will be held at the Hillel Student Center, 47 West Delaware Avenue on the U of D campus. A kosher deli lunch will be served.

University Education Professor Roberta Golinkoff kicks off the series on October 15th with a dis-

cussion of "Education/Language in Children". On Tuesday, October 29th, U of D Philosophy Professor David Silver, a past board member of Hillel, will present "Different Jewish Views of the Torah". The Tuesday, November 12th program will focus on preparing for careers in Jewish Communal Service. Presenter for this program is Tzahi Posner, who

represents the Darrell Freedman Institute for Professional Development at Baltimore Hebrew University. Posner is an alumnus of the University of Delaware and served on the Hillel Student Board as treasurer.

The Hillel Student Center serves as the center for Jewish life

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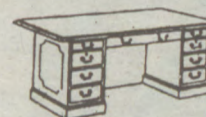
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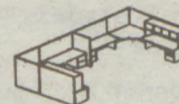
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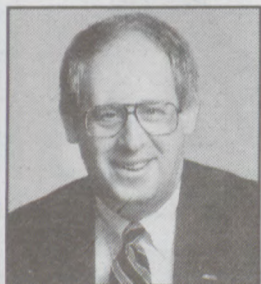
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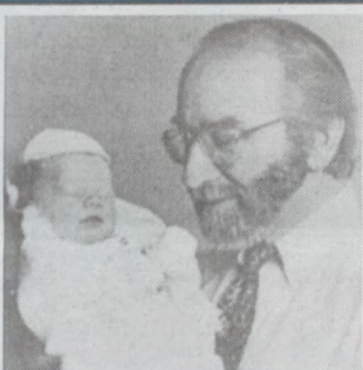
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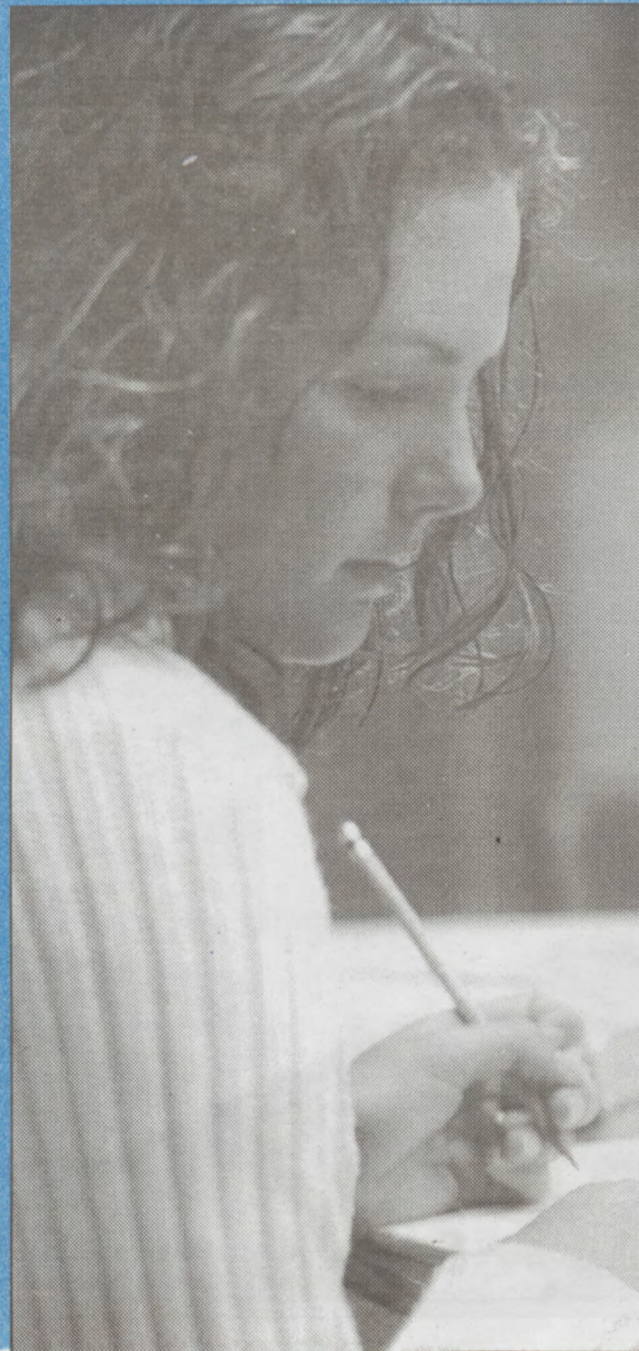
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## COMMUNITY FOCUS

### Freshman year for Hillel Executive



Susan Detwiler

By Lynn Edelman, Editor

Susan Detwiler, knows first-hand the giddy mix of emotions that college students experience when they leave home to begin their freshman year. Hillel's new executive director is excited to embark on a new career journey, nervous to leave behind a successful business and more than a little homesick for the family who remains in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The New York native can add an empathetic nature to her long list of qualifications for the job which she began on July 1, after a sixteen-year stint as owner of the Detwiler Group—a consulting company that provides market research and information

services to the medical industry. Her business background made her a sought after volunteer at her synagogue-Achduth V'Sholom. "I spent every spare moment in my shul, teaching Hebrew and preparing students for their bar and bat mitzvahs," Detwiler recalls. Her involvement deepened when the 150-year old congregation sent her to Cincinnati for an intensive para-rabbinic program sponsored by Hebrew Union College. The program gave her the confidence to help conduct services and lead Torah study sessions. It also provided the impetus to make a major career change.

"One of my professors spoke eloquently about the critical need for

Jewish communal professionals," said Detwiler, adding that "I decided to combine my business skills with my love for Judaism and answer the call."

She retooled her resume and checked out JewishJobFinder.com. There, she found the posting for a Hillel Executive Director on the University of Delaware campus. After a series of telephone, on-line and in-person interviews she was offered the job. She spent the summer getting to know the area and meeting with Delaware Jewish community leaders.

Detwiler has high praise for Linda Oster, who served as interim executive director after the departure of Renee Shatz. "Linda did a wonderful

job in involving students in Hillel activities," she said.

Hillel's new executive would like to see Hillel function as "The Jewish Federation of Campus Life". She sees the organization connecting with area synagogues and service agencies to offer students a full range of rabbinic and personal counseling.

Detwiler's goal is to expand Hillel membership through one-on-one networking. "Whatever point of entry they are in their Jewish journey, Hillel stands ready to help them build a strong Jewish identity," she said.

For more information about Hillel at the University of Delaware, please call (302) 453-0479.

### NCJW forum helps protect families

The National Council of Jewish Women, Wilmington Section invites the community to learn more about "Dating Violence and Acquaintance Rape" during its October 15th public affairs forum. Panelists Gordon D. Reed, M.S., FACEP, Medical Director of the Sexual Assault Response Team of Christiana Health System; Dawn Schatz, LCSW, Project PRIDE and Director/Therapist, CHILD, Inc.; and Catherine Dukes, Program Director of Rape Crisis CONTACT Services, CONTACT DE, will address such important topics as identifying the warning signs of an abusive relationship; date rape

drugs; available interventions and the response and resources of the medical community. Forum guests will preview excerpts from an interactive program for adolescents that will be released in November. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Brandywine Country Club. Participation is open to the entire community for a cost of \$25 per person.

Preceding the event will be a donor reception with Madeleine Brecher, National Vice President of the organization and chairperson of its Domestic Violence Project. This 6:00 p.m. event is open to donors who make a minimum gift of \$75 to NCJW.

NCJW is a volunteer organization inspired by Jewish values. Through a program of research, education, advocacy and community service, NCJW works to improve the quality of life for women, children and families and strives to insure individual rights and freedom for all. Founded in 1893, NCJW is the oldest major Jewish women's organization in the United States and one of the largest affiliates of the International Council of Jewish Women which links over 1 million Jewish women in 38 countries.

For more information about the October 15th program, please call Gail Ball, at 302-652-8346.

### The Feminine Mystic and Art of Aging A Healing Journey for Women in Midlife

This workshop, created and presented by Dr. Alison Kursh, will be held on Wednesday, October 30 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Brandywine Country Club.

Women in their 40's and 50's are the fastest growing segment of Americans. Everyday, 3500 American women experience midlife and begin the change. Since the year 2000, fifty million of us have entered this stage in life. These statistics indicate a population with powerful numbers, but the fact is that women in midlife feel anything but powerful. This workshop will demystify midlife for women in their late forties. For those of us experiencing this passage, the program will provide insight, direction and encouragement. These years can be rich and fulfilling, a time when we can come into our own. Take the opportunity to step through and go beyond what you already know. Come alone, or bring a friend.

The cost is \$35 per person and includes light refreshments. Advance registration is required at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, please contact Ivy Harlev at (302) 478-5660, ext. 204.

### Federation community event helps families juggle roles



Top (from left) Benjie and Jodi Cohen and Felisha and Gary Alderson, co-chairs of the 2002 Community Appreciation Event sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, chat with guest speaker Rabbi M. Gary Neuman prior to his recent appearance at the Delaware Jewish Community Center. Rabbi Neuman, a family mediator, mental health counselor and author of *Helping Your Kids Cope With Divorce*, the *Sandcastles Way*, spoke about the special challenges and joys that children bring to married life.

(Left) Rabbi Neuman took the time to personally autograph copies of his book. The Jewish Federation of Delaware appreciates the efforts of Jewish Family Service, Jewish Community Center, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School and Albert Einstein Academy for serving as Community Event sponsors.

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The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah will be starting a Training Wheels Group in January 2003 to be held at Congregation Beth Emeth.

To learn more about this Training Wheel Group please call Judy Arenson at (302) 652-8755 or send an e-mail to: [judyarenson@earthlink.net](mailto:judyarenson@earthlink.net)

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# JEWISH PERSPECTIVES

## A challenge to House Master Hanson

BY Alan M. Dershowitz

In my 38 years of teaching at Harvard Law School, I don't recall ever writing in praise of any action by a Harvard president, but this time I must congratulate President Lawrence H. Summers for his willingness to say out loud what many of us in the Harvard community have long believed: namely, that singling out Israel, among all the countries in the world, for divestment, is an action which is anti-Semitic in effect, if not in intent.

A recent open letter by one of the signatories made it clear that he regards Israel as the "pariah" state, a word historically used by anti-Semites to characterize the Jewish people. As an advocate and practitioner of human rights throughout the world, I can confidently assert that Israel's record on human rights is among the best, especially among nations that have confronted comparable threats. Though far from perfect, Israel has shown extraordinary concern for avoiding civilian casualties in its half-century effort to protect its civilians from terrorism. Jordan killed more Palestinians in a single month than Israel has between 1948 and the present.

Israel has the only independent judiciary in the entire Middle East. Its Supreme Court, one of the most highly regarded in the world, is the only court in the Middle East from which an Arab or a Muslim can expect justice, as many have found in winning dozens of victories against the Israeli government, the Israeli military and individual Israeli citizens. There is no more important component in the protection of human rights and civil liberties than an independent judiciary willing to stand up to its own government. I challenge the proponents of divestment to name a court in any Arab or Muslim country that is comparable to the Israeli Supreme Court.

Israel is the only country in the region that has virtually unlimited freedom of speech. Any person in Israel, whether Jewish, Muslim or Christian, can criticize the Israeli government and its leaders. No citizen of any other Middle Eastern or Muslim state can do that without fear of imprisonment or death.

Israel is the only country that has openly confronted the difficult issue of protecting the civil liberties of the ticking-bomb terrorist. The Israeli Supreme Court recently

ruled that despite the potential benefits of employing non-lethal torture to extract information, the tactic is illegal. Brutal torture, including lethal torture, is commonplace in nearly every other Middle Eastern and Muslim country. Indeed, American authorities sometimes send suspects to Egypt and Jordan precisely because they know that they will be tortured in those countries.

Nor is Israel the only country that is occupying lands claimed by others. China, Russia, Turkey, Iraq, Spain, France and numerous other countries control not only land, but people who seek independence. Indeed, among these countries Israel is the only one that has offered statehood, first in 1948 when the Palestinians rejected the UN partition which would have given them a large, independent state and chose instead to invade Israel. Again in 2000 Palestinians were offered a state, rejected it and employed terrorism.

There are, of course, difficult issues to be resolved in the Middle East. These include the future of the settlements, the establishment of Palestinian self-governance and the prevention of terrorism. These

issues will require compromise on all sides. Members of the Harvard community must be free to criticize Israel when they disagree with its policies or actions, as they criticize any other country in the world whose record is not perfect. But to single out the Jewish State of Israel, as if it were the worst human-rights offender, is bigotry pure and simple. It would be comparable to singling out a black nation for de-legitimation without mentioning worse abuses by white nations. Those who sign the divestment petition should be ashamed of themselves. If they are not, it is up to others to shame them.

Among those who signed this immoral petition was Winthrop House Master Paul Hanson. I wrote to Prof. Hanson challenging him to debate me in the Common Room of Winthrop House about his decision to sign the petition. He refused, citing "other priorities." I can imagine few priorities more pressing than to justify to his students why he is willing to single out Israel for special criticism.

Accordingly, I hereby request an invitation from the students of Winthrop House to conduct such a debate, either with Hanson present

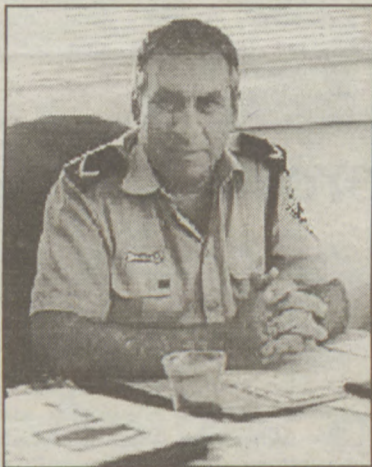
or with an empty chair on which the petition which he signed would be featured.

Universities should encourage widespread debate and discussion about divisive and controversial issues. A house master who peremptorily signs a petition and then hides behind "other priorities" does not serve the interests of dialogue and education. I hope that Hanson will accept my challenge, and that if he does not, that I will be invited by his students to help fill the educational gap left by the cowardice of those who have signed this petition and refuse to defend their actions in public debate.

Let me propose an alternative to singling out Israel for divestment: let Harvard choose nations for investment in the order of the human-rights records. If that were done, investment in Israel would increase dramatically, while investments in Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, Indonesia, the Palestinian Authority and most other countries would decrease markedly.

The writer is Frankfurter professor of law at Harvard Law School. This piece originally appeared in the Harvard Crimson on September 23, 2002.

## Police scientists battle rapists and murderers



Elazar Zadok

By Nechemia Meyers

Most of the members of Elazar Zadok's Weizmann Institute graduating class are using the knowhow they acquired at the Institute to advance the frontiers of science. Dr. Zadok, however, is employing his scientific skills to catch criminals.

This is because Dr. Zadok heads the Forensic Science Unit of the Israeli Police, which, for example, used the DNA taken from a recently arrested criminal to prove his responsibility for the brutal rape of an Australian visitor three years earlier. The DNA taken from an aborted fetus, conceived as a result of the rape, turned out to be identical with his own DNA.

DNA was also the key to the identification of a murder weapon and of a murderer. Spent shells from a gun usually help the police prove that the weapon in question was used in a killing. But, in a recent case involving the murder of a taxi dispatcher, no spent cartridges were found at the scene of the crime. "However," Zadok explains, "the killer held his gun so

close to the victim's skull that a tiny piece of his flesh was lodged in the barrel. A DNA test showed that the flesh was from the body of the victim and that the licensed weapon of the suspect—a taxi driver with a grudge against the dispatcher—was the murder weapon."

Dr. Zadok is hoping that the Knesset will pass a bill it is now considering for the establishment of a DNA data base of criminals, similar to the existing data base of fingerprints. "This," he says, "would not only help to solve crimes, but also to prevent them. The rapid identification of a criminal would allow us to arrest him before he had committed additional crimes."

The 180 policemen who work in labs at police headquarters in

Jerusalem, and the 200 technical personnel who man mobile labs around the country, now have less time for investigating regular crimes, as terrorism demands their attention to an ever increasing degree. What they discover about the explosive used by suicide bombers, for example, gives their fellow policemen clues about where it was prepared and by whom. If a car is used by the terrorists, Zadok's men and women are called upon to determine whether it was stolen in Israel—the usual case—or has come from some other source. Finally, the victims of terrorism, many of them torn apart, must be identified by the police in cooperation with the forensic labs of the Health Ministry.

"Our police laboratories are

among the best in the world, on the same level with such facilities in the U.S., England, Australia, Germany and Switzerland," Zadok declares. "And we cooperate with our overseas counterparts, particularly in the United States. There exists a special body for security people from both countries that is called the Technical Support Working Group. We learn from

them and they adopt unique techniques we have developed. For instance, we identified the men who murdered Minister Rehavam Zeevi by picking up their fingerprints from a newspaper found in the room where they stayed before killing him. Getting fingerprints from a newspaper is very hard, but we learned how to do it," and now the FBI knows as well.

### POLICE IDENTIFY PHONY DIPLOMAS

The police labs have probably saved lives not only by catching criminals, but also by detecting forgeries. "Among the masses of immigrants who came here from the former Soviet Union," Zadok reports, "there were some with forged documents attesting to their supposed qualifications as doctors, chemists, engineers and other professionals. Had we not discovered the forged medical degrees, for example, phony medical men might have gone on to treat patients, with possibly fatal consequences."

## The true discoverer of aspirin

By E.E. Jaffe

Last spring, while watching the Jeopardy program on TV, the following question was posed: "what did Felix Hoffmann discover in 1897?" Since no one on the panel knew the answer, Alex Trebek revealed it: "the drug aspirin". Clearly, the program's research team does not keep up with currently available information. Little did they know that a recent investigation shows that the real discoverer was not the German Hoffmann, but the German Jew Dr. Arthur Eichengruen. Using Jeopardy's website I informed them about this discrepancy. They responded by thanking me and assuring me that the new information will be taken into consideration.

Aspirin is the most commonly used and least expensive drug in

the world. It helps to relieve pain of headaches and arthritis, and it reduces fever. More recently, research has demonstrated that it may reduce the risk of heart attack and stroke, if properly administered.

The name aspirin is applied to the chemical compound acetylsalicylic acid, a molecule made up of nine carbons, eight hydrogens and four oxygens. It is a colorless, odorless powder with a slightly bitter taste.

In the USA about 40 million pounds of aspirin are produced each year. This translates to 300 tablets per year for every man, woman and child. Even though it is considered safe, it can cause gastrointestinal bleeding in some people even when the normal adult dose of 0.3 to 1.0 gram is admin-

istered. However, a dose of 10 to 30 grams can be fatal.

Its first synthesis, the method now employed for its manufacture, was published in 1897. It was trademarked and introduced on the market in 1899. The Germans claimed that the discoverer was 29 year-old German chemist Felix Hoffmann of the Bayer Company. The discovery was ostensibly made in the search for an agent to ease Hoffmann's father's arthritic pain.

A relatively recent article in the Jerusalem Post quotes a pharmaceutical scientist from Glasgow that the discoverer of aspirin was not Hoffmann but a Jew who survived the Teresienstadt concentration camp by the name of Dr. Arthur Eichengruen. Dr. Walter Sneider of the University of Strathclyde in Scotland, uncovered evidence out-

side and inside Bayer archives that Eichengruen, Hoffmann's supervisor, was the first to synthesize the drug and establish its efficiency by testing it on himself and later on others.

Since 1934, when the Nazi party came to power, Eichengruen's name no longer appeared on the records and Hoffmann's name is printed in all references to aspirin's discovery. Eichengruen was not an average chemist. He was the holder of many important patents and was the developer of cellulose acetate, both as an artificial silk and as a safety film. He also developed the very important process of injection molding of plastics. Following the commercialization of aspirin Eichengruen was appointed in

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# AROUND OUR JEWISH WORLD

## Sharon, Bush to discuss Iraq plan

By Matthew E. Berger, JTA

When Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon visits Washington next week, it's no surprise what will be on the agenda.

The White House will try to assure Sharon that the United States will do all it can to protect Israel in case of a U.S. attack on Iraq, administration officials say.

It's not just out of concern for the Jewish state: The Bush administration fears that an Iraqi attack on Israel, and an Israeli response, could fracture a U.S. coalition against Iraq and spark a larger, regional conflict.

Sharon will meet with Bush on Oct. 16, and is expected to hold other senior-level meetings in Washington. He canceled expected meetings with Jewish leaders in New York so he can return home sooner, in light of ongoing Israeli-Palestinian violence.

U.S. officials have said recently that they want Israel to sit quietly if attacked. Given the resistance from Jerusalem — and the potential volatility of the issue — the United States is likely to draw up attack plans with an eye to minimizing Saddam's ability to strike Israel.

"We're going to try and make it a moot point," one administrative official said. "We're very focused on Saddam's willingness to draw others into the conflict."

Among the issues under discussion in Washington are plans to attack Iraq's Scud missile launchers and bases, especially in western parts of the country closest to Israel.

Bush administration officials say

Israel, concerned about the lack of input into attack plans, asked for the Sharon-Bush meeting. Israel is seeking advanced warning of a U.S. attack, as well as assurances that the United States will try to prevent Iraq from lashing out at Israel.

Israeli defense officials were in Washington last week for a series of meetings on the subject.

"They are moving ahead with plans on Iraq. These plans can affect Israel and it's important to touch base," said Mark Regev, spokesman for the Israeli Embassy in Washington.

This will be Sharon's first visit to the United States since May. Plans to visit California and Florida for the one-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks were scrapped amid talk that Sharon was taking sides in the Florida governor's race by agreeing to meet with the president's brother, Republican Gov. Jeb Bush, one day before the Democratic primary.

Sharon's office said the September visit was canceled so the prime minister could deal with Israel's worsening security situation.

Since Sharon's visit in May, Bush has made two major speeches on the Middle East — one in June calling for new Palestinian leadership and the establishment of a Palestinian state after extensive reforms, and one last month signaling the need for the United States to take action against Iraq.

Next week's meeting comes after Bush laid out his rationale for attacking Saddam in a speech in Cincinnati on Monday.

Bush noted the threat Saddam poses to Israel, as well as other U.S. allies in the Middle East and American servicemen stationed in the region. Specifically, Bush cited evidence that Saddam has resumed his nuclear weapons program.

"Saddam Hussein would be in position to blackmail anyone who opposes his aggression," Bush said. "He would be in a position to dominate the Middle East. He would be in a position to threaten America. And Saddam Hussein would be in a position to pass nuclear technology to terrorists."

The speech was considered the most forceful case Bush has yet made for going to war against Iraq, and Israeli leaders are sure to take note.

"There is a definite need for the two countries, at the highest level, to consult about issues pertaining to a likely run-up to a war, 'including certain parameters during the war itself,'" said David Makovsky, a senior fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Administration officials started discussing an attack on Iraq shortly after Bush took office in January 2001, long before the Sept. 11 attacks and the resulting U.S. war on terrorism.

Israeli officials have said from the beginning that — unlike the 1991 Persian Gulf War, when the first President Bush succeeded in convincing Israel to stay out of the conflict — they would reserve the right to retaliate if Iraqi missiles again hit their country.

In recent weeks, however, senior American officials have begun pressing Israel to hold its fire, saying Israeli retaliation would not be in anyone's interest.

The executive director of the American Jewish Committee, David Harris, who met with senior Bush administration officials this week, said he believes the retaliation issue is not a major source of disagreement.

"I don't think the issue has been Israel's right to retaliate," Harris said. "What's been at issue, on occasion, has been specific methods."

Harris predicted the Bush-Sharon meeting would be smooth, focusing on areas of cooperation between the two states.

"Everything we have heard in Washington suggests that there is a very positive attitude on both sides," Harris said.

Lately, Sharon has hinted that Israeli retaliation would not be automatic. Both Israel and the United States say the scope of an attack on Israel would determine whether Israel given the green light to retaliate or would be pressured to hold off.

If Israel is attacked with nonconventional weapons or suffers mass casualties, "they are crossing thresholds to which any country should be able to act in self-defense," Makovsky said.

Many in Israel believe that if it doesn't retaliate to an attack, the Arab world would conclude that Israel succumbs to U.S. pressure and can be used as a pawn in

regional conflicts.

After strongly backing Israel's counterterrorism efforts for months, analysts say the Bush administration is now looking at the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through the lens of its efforts against Iraq.

Bush is likely to tell Sharon that he cannot take advantage of the American focus on Iraq to tighten Israel's grip on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. White House officials sharply criticized Israel's siege late last month of Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's Ramallah compound, fearing the international outrage complicated U.S. efforts to build a coalition against Iraq.

The American reaction to the Ramallah siege "was an example of what happens when the two countries are not coordinated in advance at a sensitive juncture," Makovsky said.

The incident provides a cautionary tale, Makovsky said, and Bush will make it clear that now is not the time to roil the regional waters. On Monday, for example, the State Department strongly criticized an Israeli attack on a Hamas stronghold in the Gaza Strip that killed 14 Palestinians, including at least one civilian.

Israel, however, fears the Palestinians — and possibly Hezbollah in Lebanon — will conclude that the pre-war period offers a window to attack Israel with impunity, believing the United States will prevent Israel from responding strongly.

## Refugees Coalition seeks compensation for Jews forced to flee

By Rachel Pomerance  
JTA

An initiative seeking compensation for Jews forced to flee Arab countries during the creation of the State of Israel is gaining steam.

Justice for Jews From Arab Countries was launched Monday to publicize the "historical truth" of Jewish refugees from Arab countries, the former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Richard Holbrooke, said Monday.

The group claims that roughly 865,000 Jews were forced to flee Arab and Muslim lands because of hostility surrounding the formation of the State of Israel.

That's more than the number of Palestinian refugees — some 750,000 — who fled or were expelled from Israel during the 1948 War of Independence.

Many of the Jewish refugees were stripped of their property when they fled.

The issue of Jewish refugees from Arab countries has been swept under the "Persian carpet," joked Holbrooke, who is an honorary chairman of the new organization, along with Lord George Weidenfeld of Great Britain's House of Lords.

Also taking leadership roles are Canadian legislator and human rights lawyer Irwin Cotler and former Knesset speaker Shlomo Hillel, who helped some 100,000 Jews leave Iraq just after Israel's War of Independence.

The new group was created by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish

Organizations, the American Sephardi Federation and the World Jewish Congress.

The coalition seeks "redress" for Jews displaced from Arab lands. Exactly what form that will take should be determined in Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, the group says.

"We don't want to prejudice the outcome. If the Palestinians will be getting financial restitution, then we believe Jewish refugees will be getting financial restitution," said Stanley Urman, the director of the Washington-based Center for Middle East Peace and the coordinator of the new group.

"We want to make sure that every time the issue of refugees is discussed within the context of the Middle East peace process, then the rights of former Jewish refugees will also be addressed," he said. "We're just saying this issue must be dealt with appropriately, both as a matter of law and a matter of equity."

The group said it plans to coordinate a campaign to collect claims from Jewish refugees, develop a legal committee to document such claims, lobby heads of state and international bodies, mobilize Jewish communal support and back a public education project.

The birth of the new coalition comes five months after Israeli Justice Minister Meir Sheetrit announced that his ministry was preserving and computerizing more than 10,000 claims from previous compensation initiatives that had been abandoned.

The ministry has partnered with the Sephardi Federation, which has been publicizing the effort and seeking new claims from Jews around the world.

The ministry's goal is to gather information on Jewish property in Arab states to counter Palestinian claims to lost property in future negotiations, Sheetrit told JTA in June.

Most of the Jewish refugees from Arab lands moved to Israel, where the nascent state undertook a massive effort to absorb and settle them. Today they and their descendants make up about half of Israel's Jewish population.

In contrast, Arab states largely refused to settle Palestinian refugees, denying them citizenship and forcing them into squalid camps to keep the conflict with Israel alive.

Israeli and Jewish leaders believe that any final agreement with the Palestinians will include financial compensation for Palestinian refugees. But they reject the idea that refugees and their descendants be allowed to return to Israel, seeing it as tantamount to the demographic destruction of Israel.

Palestinian leaders, however, continue to insist on the "Right of Return." The issue was a main factor in the collapse of the July 2000 Camp David summit and subsequent peace talks.

The impetus for the new coalition, Urman said, is the prospect of future peace talks, the Justice Ministry push for documentation and the fact that Jewish refugees

with first-hand knowledge of their property claims in the Muslim world are dying off.

Until now, Jewish groups and individuals have crusaded for the cause with little support or success. Israel has been too "overwhelmed" fending off Arab aggression to concentrate on compensation, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, Yehuda Lancry, told JTA.

According to Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents, until now there was no "vehicle for doing this on a sustained basis or where this could legitimately find expression."

"The U.N. wasn't taking it up," he said.

Justice for Jews From Arab Countries does plan to bring the matter to the United Nations, however, asking both formal U.N. delegations and Jewish groups with consultative status to broach the issue.

One basis for the group's diplomatic efforts will be U.N. Security Council Resolution 242, which since the 1967 Six-Day War has served as the basis for land-for-peace negotiations.

That resolution also seeks to settle the refugee problem — without specifying which refugees. At the least, Jewish officials say, the group will ensure that Israel has the relevant data if peace talks resume.

"We have to be prepared," Lancry said. "It will help us to reduce the pressure exerted" by the Palestinians on the refugee issue.

The new group is not interested in a lawsuit against the Arab League

proposed in June by Amram Attias, president of the International Committee of Jews From Arab Lands, which is under the aegis of the American Sephardi Federation.

"Our priority is to engage in political discussions," Urman said. "We will not be filing legal claims against any Arab government."

Attias insisted that his group is still examining the grounds for a lawsuit, but that he would defer to the new coalition.

"Right now, we want to talk in one voice," he said.

The new group is mounting a campaign to find aging Sephardi Jews, hoping to document both their life stories and their property claims.

"The living testimony, as well as the information essential to making the case, are being lost by the fact that people are dying and it's harder to trace them, and that documents are disintegrating or being lost," Hoenlein said.

Holbrooke emphasized the scope of the Jewish exodus from Arab lands and the risk that the story might be lost to posterity.

"Anyone who knows history knows there were great Jewish communities in Arab countries," he said. "What people don't know is that these people were driven out" and communities lost forever.

Previous efforts haven't had the necessary follow-through. But this time, Urman said, there's a "commitment by everyone involved to make sure the issue doesn't fall by the wayside."



# JEWISH ARTS AND CULTURE

## Guacamole, Mincha, and Cholent in Tijuana

By Joel F. Glazier

"Ashrei, pagina noventa y cuatro," bellowed the voice from the air conditioned sanctuary. My knowledge of Spanish and Hebrew told me this must be the right place to be on a hot Saturday morning in Tijuana, Mexico. After a brisk walk from the Mexico/California border south of San Diego, I had found my way to Shabbat Services at Chabad, Baja California, Mexico.

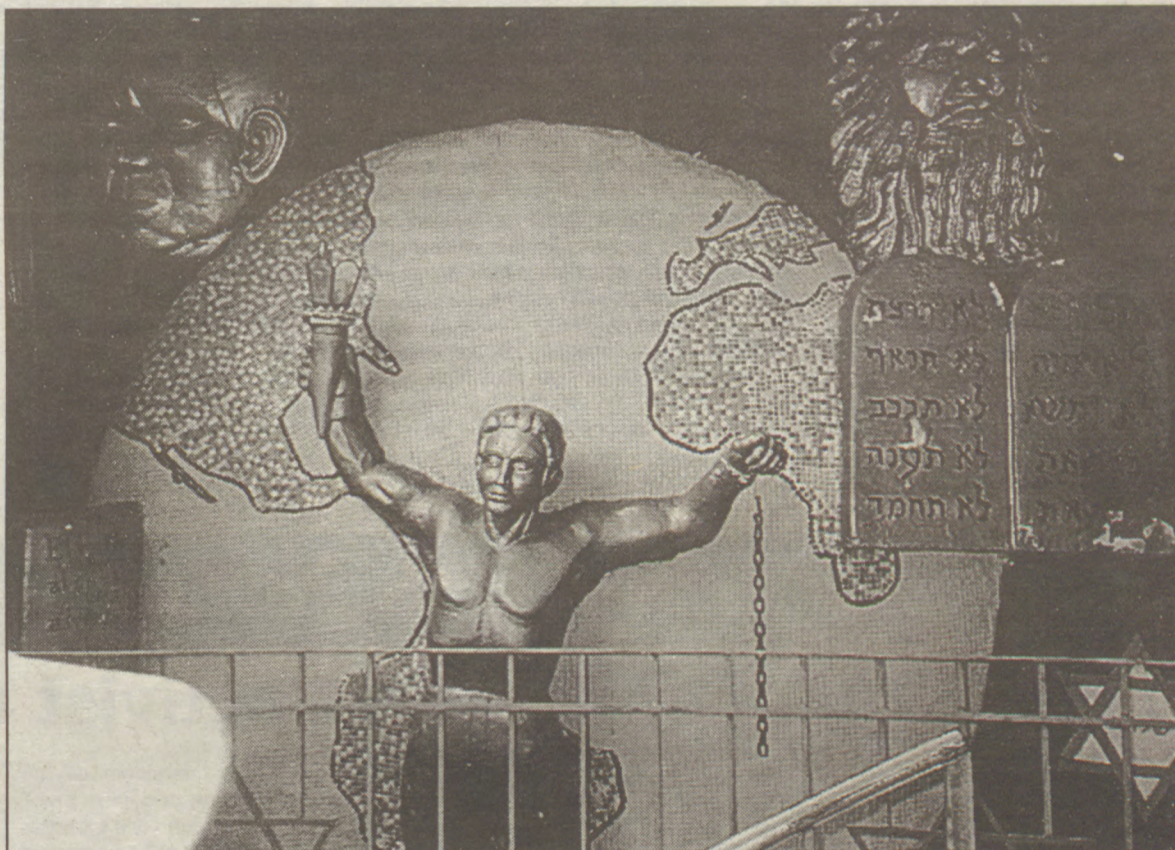
The border crossing at Tijuana is the most traveled USA border station. Thousands of visitors, by car and by foot from the US, cross into Mexico daily. Many come in search of discount prescription medicines, real Mexican food and drink at inexpensive prices as well as the ubiquitous, colorful array of souvenirs, pottery, shoes, crafts and a world of *tchotchkes* beyond imagination. However, many Jewish people from Mexico, and other Latin American countries, have found new homes in the growing Tijuana area and support a vibrant congregation in the comfortable Centro Social Israelita and Chabad, not far from the main tourist shopping area of Tijuana.

On the summer Saturday when I wandered across the border, my fellow worshippers also included some Californians who have opted for less expensive lives in Mexico and now attend the weekly services at Chabad House Tijuana. Argentine native rabbi Mendel Polichenco

proudly showed off the facilities. "We have a day school here, fully certified by both The Federal Education District of Mexico and the San Diego (California) School System. As you can see we also have a nice playground and outdoor pool."

Besides Friday night services and dinner, the Shabbat morning service (complete with a Hebrew/Spanish *Chumash*) was followed by a Kiddush featuring home made guacamole and three types of salads. I learned that Caesar salad actually originated in Tijuana and it was among the offerings prior to the sweet chocolate pastries. After Kiddush, *Mincha* service was held and was followed by a hot traditional Cholent lunch. Why cholent in Mexico? "Why not, we're Jews," answers Rabbi Polichenco. "Would you like some more?" the smiling multilingual rabbi asked.

"We plan to add some overnight rooms for visitors who prefer not to drive on Shabbos," said the rabbi, adding "we always welcome visitors." Such visitors, after making their way through Tijuana's hundreds of colorful stores and street displays will find a welcoming shul, with beautifully colored stained glass windows. These were more tasteful than the displays of glass for sale among the vendors in the "stained glass district" of town. Many of the congregants are bilingual to a degree and the website has both



Freedom of Religion display welcomes visitors to the Centro Israelita -Chabad, in Tijuana, Mexico. Photo by Joel Glazier

Spanish and English versions ([www.bajajai.com](http://www.bajajai.com)).

Most Saturdays, El Centro Social Israelita De Baja California and Chabad House has its yellow school

bus parked outside on the street known by 3 different names— #3000 Boulevard Cuahutemoc Sue Ote, formerly known as Avenida 16 de Septiembre ; also known as

Carratera Libre Ensenada. It's easier to ask for the modern Hotel Palacio Azteca, which is 2 blocks away. As they say in Chabad Tijuana, "Good Shabbos."

## Guest author Alan Morinis comes to the JCC

*Climbing Jacob's Ladder: One Man's Rediscovery of a Jewish Spiritual Tradition*

Alan Morinis, a writer, anthropologist, filmmaker and storyteller, whose remarkable life is the source of his stories and lessons will be at

the Delaware JCC on Monday, November 4 at 7:15 p.m.

Morinis was born to a non-observant Jewish family. As a young man, he began a spiritual journey into Hinduism and Buddhism. A Rhodes Scholarship took him to Oxford University,

where after living in India for three years, he did his doctorate on the subject of Hindu pilgrimage. In 1997 he returned to his Jewish roots through the study of Mussar. This little-known Jewish tradition dates from the 10th century and became a socio-spiritual move-

ment in 19th century Europe. Although most of the Mussar world was destroyed in the Holocaust, Morinis was able to find a Mussar teacher in a New York Yeshiva. Through his own story, Morinis reveals Mussar's teachings on the soul, and discusses how the move-

ment has changed his life and can transform the lives of others.

This program is free of charge and open to the entire community. Advance reservations are required. For additional information, please call Ivy Harlev at (302) 478-5660, ext. 204.

## Author of "The Red Tent" to speak in Wilmington



Anita Diamant

By Marvin S. Cytron  
Special to the Jewish Voice

Anita Diamant, acclaimed author and journalist will speak on Sunday evening, October 20th at Congregation Beth Shalom in an appearance sponsored by the Rabbi Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation. Her first work of fiction *The Red Tent*, based on the biblical story of Dinah, has won several awards, was on the best-seller list of The New York Times and is the perennial selection of

numerous book discussion groups. Her new novel, *Good Harbor*, is the contemporary story of two Jewish women, one a convert to Judaism, who became friends over the course of a summer.

She is also a highly regarded writer of non-fiction guides to contemporary Jewish life including: *How to be a Jewish Parent*,

*Saying Kaddish*, *How to Comfort the Dying*, *Living a Jewish Life*, and *The New Jewish Wedding Book*. Ms. Diamant lives in the Boston area with husband and daughter and is a member of Congregation Beth El of the Sudbury River Valley.

During her 7:00 p.m. presentation, Ms. Diamant will discuss

"Judaism As A Pathway Of Personal Meaning". There is no charge for the lecture and the community is cordially invited to attend.

The Rabbi Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation was established in 1988 in memory of Rabbi Kraft who served as spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom for

over 40 years. The Foundation furthers Rabbi Kraft's life-long devotion to learning by funding educational programs to enrich the congregation and community.

Beth Shalom is located at 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington. Please call the synagogue office, (302) 654-4462 for additional information.

## The true discoverer of aspirin

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1901 as the head of pharmaceutical and photographic research at the Bayer Company, while Hoffmann was transferred from research to pharmaceutical sales. Eichengruen did not want to jeopardize his important position when the Nazis gained power in Germany, and consequently did not contest the praise heaped upon Hoffmann. According to Dr. Sneader "there can be little doubt Eichengruen felt he had been written out of history because he was a Jew". Despite all precautions Eichengruen was incarcerated in Teresienstadt early in 1944 at the age of 76, and remained there until the Soviet army liberated him

14 months later. In 1949, 15 years after the Nazi's grabbed power, Eichengruen published a passionate 2000 words article in *Pharmazie*, The International Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences, in which he restated his claim 50 years after his discovery of aspirin, and only one month before his death in December 1949 at the age 82.

In researching Dr. Eichengruen's background, it was established that he was a chemist and inventor, and that he was born in the German town of Aachen, a child of a Jewish merchant-manufacturer. He studied chemistry in Aachen and Berlin but received his doctor's degree in chemistry at the German

University of Erlangen in 1890.

It is an interesting coincidence that after WW II I also studied at the same university and the same chemistry faculty and probably used the same laboratories as Eichengruen.

Dr. Eichengruen would have

derived a degree of satisfaction, as I did, had he attended the postwar Nazi war crimes tribunal and listened to the condemnation and ultimate sentencing of the Nazi leaders in Nuremberg, only ten miles away from Erlangen. Alas it was not to be.

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## MILESTONES

### In Memoriam

#### ATKIN

Sallye G. Atkin, 95, died September 23rd. She was formerly a resident of Wilmington where she enjoyed membership in Hadassah and in the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth. Survivors include her daughter, Bonnie and son-in-law, Jay Hellman; her sisters, Lola Kirsch and Ronnie Landers; a brother, Harry Podbere and two grandchildren. Interment was in Beth Emeth Memorial Park.

The family requests that contributions in her memory be made to either the American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New

Castle, DE 19720 or to the American Lung Association, 1021 Gilpin Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19806

#### KOROTKIN

Dr. Arthur Korotkin, 69, of Cabin John, Maryland, died October 4. He is survived by his wife, Carol; sister, Barbara Levy; mother, Freda Korotkin; seven children and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on October 6th in Virginia. The family would appreciate that donations in his memory be directed to The American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720 or to Congregation Beth

Emeth, 300 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802

#### PODOLSKY

Leaman B. Podolsky, 81, of Chanin, DE died September 29th. He was awarded 18 patents while he was employed as a mechanical engineer with the Westinghouse Power Generation Division. He was one of the designers of the Nautilus, the first nuclear submarine and participated in the ship's first cruise.

He was a graduate of the University of Delaware and was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army. Mr. Podolsky served with distinction as a second lieu-

tenant serving in North Africa and Italy. He participated in the historic D-Day invasion.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; sons, Dr. Michael L. and Stewart R.; and four grandchildren. Graveside services were held on October 1 at the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

Memorial contributions would be appreciated to either the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809 or to Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Blvd, Wilmington, DE 19802.

#### SAYER

Helen Seltzer Sayer of Riddle

Avenue died October 1. She was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and its Sisterhood and of Hadassah.

The widow of Leon Sayer, she is survived by her daughters, Lynda I. Freimark and Wendy Sayer Esrailson; a brother, Paul Seltzer; a sister, Lilian Kaufman; three Grandchildren; Fred Freimark, Zachary and Zoe Esrailson.

Graveside services were held October 1 in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Contributions in his memory may be directed to the American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720.

## NACHAS NOOK

### Dover community artist/activist receives ACLU award



Phyllis Levitt

Phyllis Levitt, president of the Dover Art League and vice president of the American Civil Liberties Union of Delaware, will be honored by the ACLU on October 16th with the organization's prestigious Gerald E. Kandler Memorial Award. Levitt, who describes herself as "...a patron of and advocate for the arts and humanities as well as a defender of civil liberties", will receive the award during a reception beginning 5:30 p.m. at the Hotel DuPont in Wilmington.

A native of Long Island, New York, Levitt moved to Dover some 36 years ago. She was a teacher at Dover High School for 25 years until her 1991 retirement.

She was appointed to the city of Dover's Human Relations Commission and received an award from the NAACP Central Delaware Branch for her efforts to further the cause of freedom and equality.

An active member of Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover, she was a past president of

the synagogue's Sisterhood and served on the congregation's board of directors as its Jewish Community Relations chair for many years.

Antoine I. Allen, Ph.D., president of the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League, will also receive a 2002 Gerald E. Kandler Memorial Award. The award pays tribute to the memory of Kandler, an ACLU past president, who died in 1985.

Photo by Luigi Ciuffetelli

### Population study unveils important data

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Jewish federations, released what Mott termed only a "skeleton outline" of the Jewish population.

The study, which was delayed in an effort to reach the sample of 4,500, cost \$6 million, compared to only \$500,000 in 1990. Those in the Jewish demographics business — and the Jewish professional world — waited eagerly to hear the initial results, which NJPS officials have kept closely guarded for weeks.

One critic of the NJPS who issued his own report last month identifying 6.7 million Jews blasted the initial results as a "methodological disaster."

Gary Tobin, president of the San Francisco-based Institute for Jewish & Community Research, said the NJPS scared away some Jews by asking screening questions about their religion immediately.

Unlike his own study, which located 250 Jewish households by asking a series of general questions first, the NJPS "waded way too quickly" into the Jewish survey, he said.

But Ira Sheskin, a member of the NJPS advisory panel and a geography professor at the University of Miami, said the NJPS did use synagogue and Jewish community center lists of known Jews to test whether people admitted to being Jews.

In addition to the 6.7 million Jews he found using the same definition of a Jew as NJPS, Tobin also pinpointed another 2.5 million Americans as "connected non-Jews" who are tied by marriage,

ancestry or secondary practice to Judaism; and another 4.1 million with some Jewish ancestor such as a grandparent.

Sheskin said he could not explain why Tobin came up with different figures from NJPS, or from the 6.1 million Jews estimated in the 2000 American Jewish Year Book — a figure itself based on local community lists.

But Sheskin, who has criticized Tobin's study for casting too wide a Net in determining Jews, added that the dueling studies are ultimately "about the same" and differ largely along lines of "how you go about defining who is a Jew."

Indeed, some demographers, cautioned that it would be a mistake to focus too heavily on the NJPS numbers.

Calvin Goldscheider, a professor of Judaic studies at Brown University, said one key challenge will be to study the 1.5 million non-Jews living in the 2.9 million Jewish households that the study identified.

"Who are these people? What's attractive about the Jewish community from the point of view of a non-Jew?" he said.

These non-Jews are associated with Jews because the community is family-oriented, well-educated, relatively high-income and strongly American, he said.

Given the earlier focus on intermarriage, the community now should focus not on fewer numbers, but at what kind of Jewish life is happening in these homes, he said.

Egon Mayer, director of The Center for Jewish Studies at the

Graduate Center of the City University of New York, who has been involved in outreach programs for interfaith families, agreed.

The greater the decline in those identified as Jews, Mayer said, "the greater the question is, Who are these people in the Jewish household, and what impact will they have on the life of the Jewish community?"

Stephen Cohen, a sociologist of American Jewry and professor at the Melton Centre for Jewish Education at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, said few sociologists would be surprised that after a decade of high intermarriage rates, the NJPS pointed to many non-Jews living with Jews.

Now, the community needs to "look at how to intensify the involvement of Jews, and how to negotiate the boundary between Jews and non-Jews," said Cohen, who was a consultant to the NJPS.

While that symbolic line was once "automatic" between the Jewish and non-Jewish world, it "now runs through" families of Jews, he added.

Some will want to "eviscerate" the line and be as "inclusive" as possible, he said, while others will argue the border should be "more sharply defined."

Mayer, meanwhile, said he is also concerned about the political implications of the overall "decline" in strictly Jewish numbers, coming as it does as the overall population rose by 33 million to 288 million.

"That means that our proportional share has weakened," he said.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## INTERFAITH CONFERENCE PROMOTES TOLERANCE

Rabbi David Wortman of Wilmington, will join with area Christian and Muslim leaders at an October 14th conference to promote religious understanding and tolerance. The community is invited to participate in this free program to be offered from 9 a.m. to noon at the Bancroft Elementary School on 700 North Lombard Street, Wilmington and/or 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Bayard Elementary School, 200 South DuPont Street, Wilmington. For additional information, please call the Muslim Center of Wilmington at 571-0532.

## HADASSAH LOWER DELAWARE SLATES DONOR EVENT

The Lower Delaware Chapter of Hadassah will host a donor event on Sunday, November 10th, 12 noon at the Wild Quail Country Club. Linda Chatfield, executive director of the Agricultural Museum in Dover, will present a program on "Rebecca-A Jewish-Polish Immigrant". For additional information about the event, please call Helen L. Berman, Membership chair, at (302) 678-9366.

## AKSE CHESS CLUB TO MEET

Join chess players of all levels and all ages at the October 21st meeting of the AKSE Chess Club. The games begin at 7:00 p.m. For additional information, please call Cantor Joel, at 762-2705 or 762-4023.

## TEMPLE BETH EL MEN'S CLUB SPONSORS 5K RUN/WALK

The third annual Scott Mackler 5K Run/Walk kicks off at 12 Noon on Sunday, October 27 from the synagogue on 301 Possum Park Road in Newark. Pre-registration fees are \$18 per person in advance and \$20 per person on the day of the event. All proceeds benefit the ALS Association. For additional information, please call the synagogue at 366-8330.

## BETH EMETH SLATES USED BUT NOT ABUSED SALE

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington will host its annual Used but Not Abused sale on Wednesday, November 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Donations of saleable items begin October 13th. For more information, please call the synagogue at 764-2393.

## BETH SHALOM OPENS GIFT SHOP FOR SEASON

Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington celebrates re-opening of its gift shop with a trunk show on October 22nd and October 24th, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be refreshments, door prizes and free raffle tickets for a piece from the Gary Rosenthal collection. For additional information, please call the synagogue at 654-4462.

## VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL TO MEET OCTOBER 23RD

Robert Couzens, Esq., host of the WNWR-AM radio show "To Tell the Truth About the Middle East", will be the keynote speaker at the Wednesday, October 23rd meeting of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, Volunteers for Israel Alumni Group. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Klein Branch of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Philadelphia, Red Lion Road and Jamison Avenue, Room 114. For additional information, please call, 215-473-6527.

## LOCAL AUTHOR/READING SPECIALIST AT DELAWARE AUTHORS DAY

Dr. Joanne Golden, University of Delaware Professor in the College of Education and author of *Storymaking in Elementary and Middle School Classrooms: Constructing and Interpreting Narrative Text*, will help parents help their children to learn to and love to read during a November 2nd program at the Delaware Agriculture Museum & Village in Dover. Golden will be on hand

from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon for this free program which is offered in celebration of the 7th annual Delaware Authors Day. For more information, please call Paul Bauernschmidt, at 302-577-5044.

## CAJE SPONSORS CONTEST FOR YOUNG ADULT WRITERS

Young adult writers, ages 18 through 35, may compete for cash prizes in the 13th annual David Dornstein Memorial Creative Writing Contest for Young Adult Writers sponsored by the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education. Entries of short stories on Jewish themes are being accepted now through December 31st. Manuscripts should be typed, double-spaced and mailed to: CAJE/Dornstein Contest, 261 West 35th Street, Floor 12A, New York, NY 10001. The awards honor the memory of David Dornstein, a CAJE Conference Assistant who lost his life in the 1988 explosion of Pam Am Flight 103.

## AKSE SLATES SILENT AUCTION

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 2nd at 7 p.m. when Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth offers a silent auction of art, Judaica, sporting events, trips and more... Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 per person at the door. For tickets and more information, please call 302-762-2705.

## JFS HELPS SEPARATED AND DIVORCING FAMILIES

Jewish Family Service will offer Healing Hearts, a Family Court mandated program for parents and children engaged in separation or divorce. The program will be held from 6 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in JFS' Wilmington Office, 101 Garden of Eden Road on November 6 and 13th and again on December 4th and 11th. For additional information, please call Lynne Brown at 478-9411.

## EXPLORE THE ABRAHAMIC FAITHS ON OCTOBER 17TH

The Delaware Chapter of

People to People sponsors a free community program on Thursday, October 17, 7:00 p.m. at Cokesbury Village in Hockessin. Eugene Heideman, a retired minister who teaches courses on religion and history at the Academy of Lifelong Learning in Wilmington, will discuss the main tenets of the three Abrahamic Faiths-Judaism, Christianity and Islam. For more information, please call Ed Tucker at 302-234-1957.

## NEW AT THE NEWARK JCC

Calling all Newark area families... celebrate Havdallah with a hayride and bonfire at Filasky's farm on Bunker Hill Road in Middletown. The evening begins on Saturday, October 26th, 6:30 p.m. and is open to the entire Jewish community at a cost of \$10 per adult, \$6 per young person up to the age of 12 to a maximum cost of \$35 per family. Please call Lynda Bell at 302-368-1673 to register.

Also...Explore new careers or reinvent your current job at a Tuesday, October 29th workshop. The program begins at 7 p.m. and is offered at a cost of \$10 per person for Newark JCC members and \$13 per person for non-members. Call 302-368-1673 immediately to register as spaces are limited.

The Newark JCC is part of the Newark Jewish Community Camp-us, 318 S. College Avenue. Find out more about Newark programs on the web at [www.jccdelaware.org](http://www.jccdelaware.org).

## A SHLOMO SHABBOS AT AKSE

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Cantor Joel Kessler will lead a special Shabbat service featuring the music of Shlomo Carlebach on Friday, November 15, 6:00 p.m. The community is cordially invited. For more information, please call AKSE at 302-762-2705.

The Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Family invites all new and prospective members to be our guests at our Shabbat Dinner on

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To RSVP please call  
Sylvia Wagman (302) 475-8351  
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