

ISRAEL ENTERS GLOBAL WAR AGAINST TERRORISM

by Leslie Susser, JFA

Nov. 28, 2002, may go down in history as Israel's Sept. 11.

Despite two years of relentless Palestinian terrorism that has claimed nearly 700 Israeli lives, last week's coordinated attacks on Israeli targets in Kenya are being seen as a watershed: They herald Israel's full-blown entry into the global war against terrorism, according to defense sources.

"Only" three Israelis died in a suicide bombing of an Israeli-owned hotel near Mombasa, and missiles fired at an Israeli passenger plane narrowly missed, causing no casualties.

But the potential for damage — had the missiles hit the plane, which was carrying 261 passengers and crew, or had the car bomb caused the entire hotel to collapse — was enormous.

As Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz noted, "The attacks should be judged by their intention, not their results."

In its planning and daring, the Kenya assault represents just the sort of "mega-terror" attack that Israeli officials long have feared.

Because they came against defenseless tourists in a distant and idyllic corner of the world, the attacks have made Israelis feel no place is safe.

Already hard-pressed to deal with Palestinian attacks in Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Israelis now face serious questions about how to defend themselves against dispersed terrorists without a clear "return address" — the same sort of questions, in short, that America has been grappling with since 9/11.

From now on, observers here say, things will never be the same.

The attacks have left Israelis "with a sense of claustrophobia, a feeling that there's no way out, no solution, no refuge," one diplomatic analyst wrote in the daily Ma'ariv newspaper. "Even going abroad is no longer the

liberating respite it once was. They seek us here, there and everywhere, all the time. Fear is all there is."

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon put the Mossad in charge of investigating and responding to the attacks.

For some, this was reminiscent of Israel's use of the Mossad to track down and kill the Palestinian terrorists who killed Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

From now on, defense sources say, the Mossad will devote more resources and play a more active role in gathering intelligence and tracking the architects and proponents of global terror.

Moreover, it will do this alongside American, British and other major intelligence agencies.

This collaboration has important diplomatic implications for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: International terror against Israeli civilians, in the name of Palestinian rights, may well lead the West to identify Israel's fight against Palestinian terrorism with the global war on terror.

From now on, defense sources say, Israeli arguments that Palestinian terrorism is part and parcel of the international jihad against the West may carry more weight. Israel will be seen as on the "right side," while the Palestinians will be tied to the axis of evil.

In addition, they say, Israeli requests for American aid to offset the intifada's economic burden are likely to get a more sympathetic hearing.

In an Internet statement whose authenticity has not been confirmed, Al-Qaida claimed responsibility for the attacks, seemingly confirming Israeli suspicions that Osama bin Laden's terrorist network was behind the attacks.

Several days before the attacks, a "Letter to the American People," purportedly from Al-Qaida, was released on the Internet.

For the first time, the letter defined Israel as the main reason for Al-Qaida's terrorist attacks on America, and argued that American citizens were fair game because of America's support for Israel.

But the message seemed likely to backfire: By declaring in one breath that both Americans and Israelis were targets for terror, the organization seemed to be making the case for an Israeli-American

alliance against common enemies.

Israel's army chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Moshe Ya'alon, was quick to draw the connection between Al-Qaida and Palestinian terrorism.

Palestinians working as Al-Qaida operatives have been uncovered in the Palestinian territories, Ya'alon said. Moreover, he added, Al-Qaida recently has declared holy war against all "infidels," Christians and Jews alike, a statement that highlighted the cultural affinity between Israel and the West.

What defensive measures can Israel take against the new threat? One obvious need is greater intelligence gathering and access to more shared intelligence, so that Israelis abroad can be alerted to danger. There also is a need for more sophisticated protection of Israeli institutions abroad.

As for civilian aircraft, Rafael, the Israeli weapons development authority, claims to have developed a system to counteract the kind of heat-seeking missiles that were fired in Kenya.

In the event of an attack, the device, which would cost around \$2 million per plane, sends out a beam that diverts the oncoming missile.

With adequate financing, Rafael scientists say, the system could be fully operational in a few months.

Inside Israel, there has been a greater sense of urgency to improve defensive measures since an expose in the Yediot Achronot

daily showed how vulnerable most Israeli airfields and helipads were to terrorists armed with rockets or shoulder-fired missiles.

Especially at risk, according to the expose, are the prime minister and defense minister, who use helicopters on an almost-daily basis.

Most observers believe the heightened sense of insecurity following the Kenya attacks will help Sharon and the right wing in the Jan. 28 elections.

The more insecure Israelis feel, the more wary they are of change and the more they may look to a father figure like Sharon for protection.

Though the campaign has barely gotten off the ground, Sharon is trying to draw a connection between terrorism and the Labor Party's more conciliatory policies toward the Palestinians, harping on the fact that Palestinian leaders express a clear preference for Labor leader Amram Mitzna.

When it comes to international terror, observers note, Mitzna has little to offer.

His panacea — separation from the Palestinians, with or without an agreement — may convince voters that it can work against Palestinian terrorism. But most observers say it seems woefully inadequate, not to say irrelevant, in the theater of international terror.

(Leslie Susser is the diplomatic correspondent for the Jerusalem Report.)

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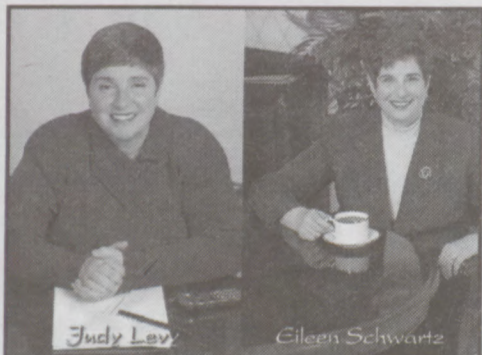
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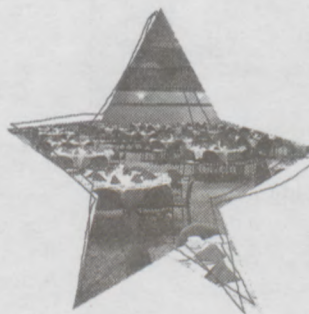
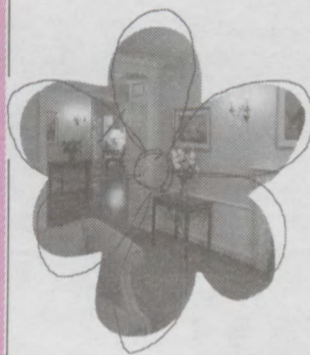
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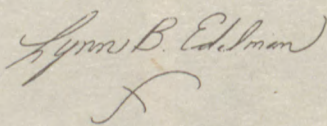
We have shown our commitment to the future of our Federation beneficiary agencies - Albert Einstein Academy, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Hillel, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, and the Kutz Home, through strong community support of our Federation Community Capital Campaign.

Next Sunday - December 15th - we have another important opportunity to rally our resources on behalf of Jews in Delaware, in Israel, and around the world. The 2003 Federation Annual Campaign kicks off during Super Sunday - an all-day phone-a-thon

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Lynn B. Edelman

Photo Of The Week



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Chanukah Greetings from Arad

My ties with U.S. Jewish Communities were first formed in 1990, when I and my family lived in New Jersey. During our six years in the United States, I pursued a relentless quest for a bond with Judaism and the far-off Land of Israel, leading me to the local JCC and to community involvement. The bond appeared entirely natural to me, enabling me to act not only on behalf of Israel but to become part of the entire Jewish world.

In 1996, we returned to Israel and settled in Arad. To our surprise, we discovered that Arad was partnered with the New Jersey and Delaware Jewish Communities through the Jewish Agency's Partnership 2000 Program. A fateful coincidence indeed.

Having been born into a well-rooted Zionist family, it was clear to me that the bond that formed in the Diaspora was a bi-directional one. The cement that bonds Jews all over the world with one another is powerful indeed, as reflected clearly in our common roots, customs and traditions. This bond of partnership, that unites us on both sides of the ocean, would not be possible without our reciprocal investment and efforts. This is why I became personally involved with Partnership 2000 and with our American partners. My volunteer work, inspired by a sincere belief that one must make every possible effort to link Israel and the Diaspora, gives me much sat-

isfaction and a sense of accomplishment, especially when addressing common projects that link Israeli and American Jewish children and youth. Ask young people who participated in the JCC Maccabi Games over the past four years, musicians in the Arad Conservatory's String and Wind orchestra or singers in the Tamar Region's Girl's Choir. They all can attest to the warm embrace and sense of unity they experienced when they toured the partnered communities in New Jersey and Delaware.

It's important for me to share my satisfaction with you, dear readers - the satisfaction I derive from volunteer work, from devoting my time and energies to Partnership 2000 activities.

The results speak for themselves. After six years in Arad as a member of the first group of community activists and of the Living Bridges Subcommittee that I now serve as Chair, I realize that there is more work than ever to be done to maintain and preserve our ties with Diaspora Jewry and to reinforce our partnership through our everyday activities. Each meeting gives me the feeling that the Partnership 2000 family is expanding and growing steadily.

Looking forward to seeing you in Arad this spring.

Happy Chanukah,
Iris Koslowitz

PARSHA PLACE

Miketz

Genesis 41:1-44:17

Week of December 7

LETTING GOD INTO OUR LIVES
Judith Kahan Rowland

In Parashat Miketz, we find ourselves in the middle of one of the most complete and compelling human stories in the Book of Genesis. Unlike the narratives about Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, however, a large section of the Joseph story contains no mention of God.

In last week's Torah portion, Vayeshev, we get to know Joseph, the youngest and most favored son in a clearly dysfunctional family. Although his father Jacob had several one-on-one encounters with God, it does not seem that God resides within this family. Motivated by jealousy and hatred, Joseph's brothers sell him to Ishmaelites on their way down to Egypt. Certainly God was not present when they plotted his fate, and God is also absent as Joseph journeys down to Egypt.

God is not a part of Joseph's first encounter with Egyptian life as the head of Potiphar's household and Parashat Vayeshev ends with Joseph back in prison after he had been set up by Potiphar's wife in a false accusation of sexual harassment. Now, at the beginning of this week's parashah, Joseph is still in prison after two long years. Apparently, during that time, Joseph has finally allowed the God of his ancestors to enter his life and at the same time has gained a healthy sense of humility. When called upon by Pharaoh to interpret his disquieting dreams, Joseph responds, "Not I; God will see to Pharaoh's welfare." (Genesis 41:16)

Pharaoh is clearly impressed by Joseph's skillful interpretations and his brilliant marketing plan. But what is it exactly that sets Joseph's interpretations apart from those of all the wise men of Egypt? After all, Pharaoh's dreams don't seem that difficult to figure out. The answer lies in Joseph's faith. So passionate is Joseph's belief in God that he is elevated from the depths of the dungeon to the position of Pharaoh's second in command.

Like a good novel, the big picture slowly emerges and it is God's big picture. Joseph's brothers reenter the story as they journey down to Egypt in search of food. Now Joseph will be able to save his family and continue the unfolding of God's plans as revealed to Abraham.

How often we meet people that have no room for God in their lives? They believe that their successes are of their own hands and therefore, have nowhere to turn when their lives take a fall. Was this not Joseph's problem? As long as God was not in Joseph's life as long as Joseph was so full of himself his life was one pitfall after another. Not until Joseph allowed God in was his destiny fulfilled and his family reunited.

Allowing God to enter our lives can provide us with a sense of humility, an ethical framework, and a passion for all that life has to offer. It is a lesson we can all learn from.

Judith Kahan Rowland is the Cantor of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, Baltimore, Maryland.

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FEDERATION FOCUS

It's a Mitzvah!

On the sixth night of Chanukah, the Jewish Federation of Delaware celebrated a partnership of purpose at the Delaware History Museum. Four organizations-JFD, the Jewish Historical Society of

Delaware, the Historical Society of Delaware and WHYY TV, jointly sponsored a preview of an original documentary about 75 years of Jewish immigration to the Delaware Valley. Aptly named,

"It's A Mitzvah"-the film was screened on the night before its formal broadcast on WHYY TV 12.

Toni Young was interviewed by WHYY's Ed Cunningham about

Jewish life in Delaware during the early years of the 20th century. She joined with Barbara Benson, executive director of the Historical Society of Delaware, to explain interesting artifacts of life during

this era. Dicey Sklut, co-president of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware along with Nancy Sherr, also participated in this successful program.

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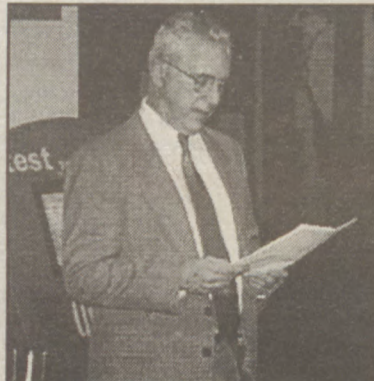
Toni Young spoke about Jewish life in Delaware in the early 20th century.



Donald F. Parsons, co-chair of the 2003 Federation Annual Campaign with Carol Rothschild, addresses guests at the pre-event major gift reception.



William H. Marazzo, president of WHYY-TV, extends Chanukah greetings.



JFD President Barry S. Kayne welcomes participants to the screening.



Dicey Sklut, co-president of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware with Nancy Sherr, invites the group to share their artifacts.

Chailights of the General Assembly

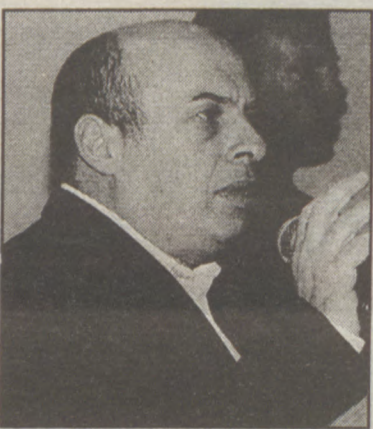
by Lynn Edelman, Editor

Philadelphia recently played host to the United Jewish Communities General Assembly – an ingathering of more than 4,000 Jewish community professionals and volunteers from North America and Israel. In its next few editions, *The Jewish Voice* will profile some of the many interesting speakers and program initiatives introduced during this 71st annual event. This week, we focus on Natan Sharansky, the Deputy Prime Minister of the State of Israel.

Natan Sharansky's daughter pleads with her father for permission to go to the movies with her friends. "She wants to show the terrorists that they cannot take away

her right to live freely and fully in her homeland," said Sharansky, a man who knows all too well how it feels to live in the dark shadows of fear and oppression.

The Deputy Prime Minister of the Jewish State is best known as the father of the Soviet Jewish refusenik movement. He lived for many years as a persona non grata – a person denied nearly all basic human rights and liberties by his own government. His crime? – Daring to live openly and vocally as a Jew. Sharansky's highly publicized struggles rallied Jewish leaders around the world to take action on behalf of the many thousands of men and women who were fighting for the right to leave the Soviet Union and begin new lives in Israel



Natan Sharansky

and the United States.

The political clout of an organized global Jewish community

enabled Sharansky and countless comrades to make aliyah. These new émigrés energized the State of Israel and rallied World Jewry to a common cause.

Sharansky believes that the Jews of the Diaspora are once again showing the strength of their commitment to their fellow Jews through their financial and moral support of Israel during this time of crisis. "It would be very difficult to wage this terrible war if we were alone," he said.

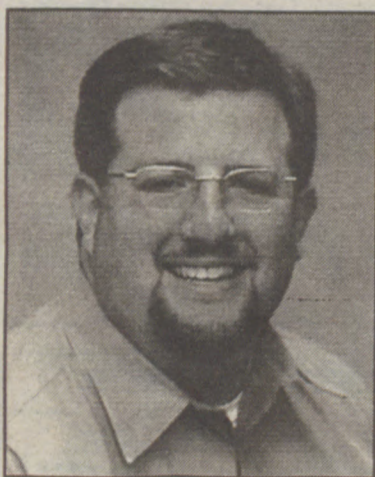
He feels that American Jews, who, like Israelis live in a democratic society where human life is held in the highest regard, can understand and embrace the sorrow of the senseless bloodshed during this 26-month intifada.

Although he is disheartened by a national casualty list that tallies more than 670 dead and 5,000 wounded, Sharansky is convinced that Israel will win the war and, ultimately, live in peace with its neighbors.

Hope and faith sustained Sharansky during his many years as a prisoner of conscience. Aliyah gave him and his family a new beginning in a country that welcomed him because he was a Jew. He believes that Israel's continuity is assured by the dreams, aspirations and talents of a new wave of émigrés from Argentina and elsewhere.

"Where there is new life, there is renewed hope in our future," he concluded.

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greater miracle happened there just 54 years ago.

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Time and time again, your dollars and personal commitment have helped Israelis protect our Jewish home. It's happening again and they need our help.

Israel has been under constant and indiscriminate attack for more than two years. Government resources are stretched to their limits; billions of budget dollars have been cut, most of it from the very programs that help Israelis who

struggle even in good times. Unemployment is up to 10%; tax revenues are down; and the poverty rate has climbed to 19%. That includes one of every four Israeli children.

Friends, as Israel continues to fight for its very survival, and the economy continues to deteriorate, the most vulnerable populations – ones served by the Jewish

Federation of Delaware Annual Campaign – become even more vulnerable. There are more instances of domestic violence; more children need psychological support; more families are suffering. More dollars are needed to protect them during this time of crisis.

In this time when we honor a great miracle, let's protect another

one. Please give generously to the Jewish Federation of Delaware annual campaign and the Israel Emergency Campaign.

Please feel free to contact me for more information about the Annual Campaign or the Israel Emergency Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. (302-427-2100 ext. 16 or www.shalomdelaware.org).

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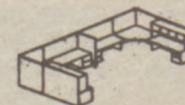
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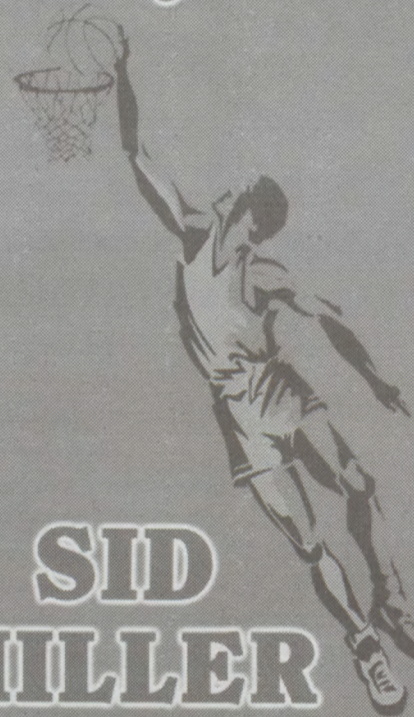
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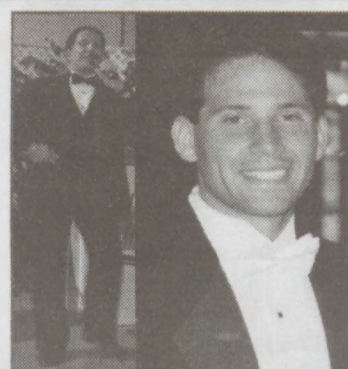
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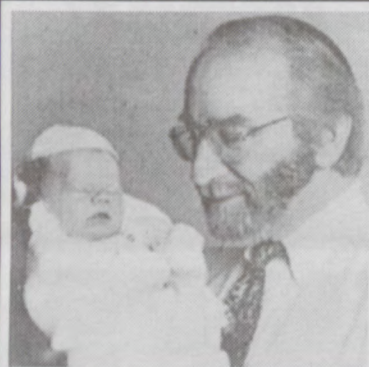
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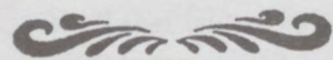


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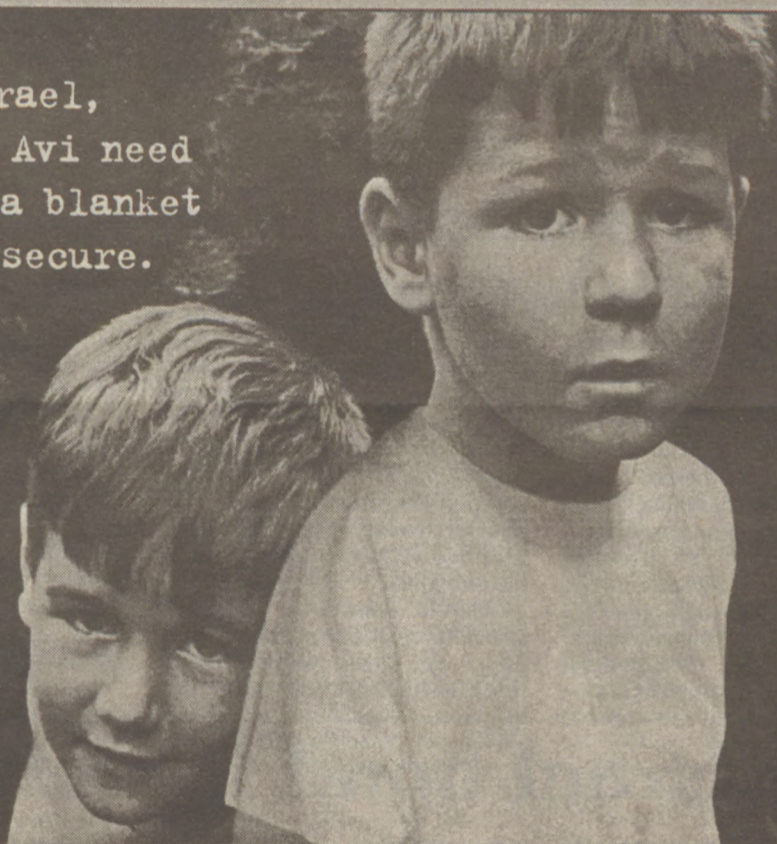
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INSIDE DELAWARE

Hadassah holds program on Media Fairness

By Joel F. Glazier

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah sponsored a "Spotlight on the Media...Three Perspectives" featuring representatives from local print, radio and television news outlets. Over 175 people heard and were able to question members of a panel which also included Dr. Danilo Yanich, of the University of Delaware's Graduate School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy.

Hadassah Chapter Co-President Tina Heiman welcomed the large crowd explaining that Hadassah promotes "Civic responsibility and participation which led to the evening's program." The November program brought together Nancy Karibjanian, News Director of WHYY Delaware Today; Allan Loudell, Program Manager of WILM NewsRadio and John Sweeney, Public Editor of THE NEWS JOURNAL.

The focus of the evening was news accuracy, thoroughness and objectivity. It was acknowledged that most in the audience were concerned with local reporting of news from Israel. All three panel mem-

bers agreed that more time or space would allow better news coverage. "The space devoted to stories is limited by the money question, profits are the reason why space is limited," admitted Sweeney. Loudell added that on air time constraints unfortunately limit length of reports.

Several audience members shared their frustrations at having Letters to the Editor of THE NEWS JOURNAL "edited and emasculated so the point disappears" and that word choices in wire service stories are biased. "Israelis are called murderers while terrorists are often called 'freedom fighters'," several audience members noted. Sweeney shared that the wire service stories are relied on for international stories and they are "fast writing—and most news is covered in [religious] stereotype, not racial." Nancy Karibjanian acknowledged her concern for word choices because there are fewer of them used in her broadcast. "I review every script and sometimes change the written stories on air as I read them," said the anchorwoman.

Allan Loudell, who often relies on live overseas phone calls for international reports commented, "Our quest for objectivity is limited by its expense. Also, the bias of sensationalism and parochialism are bigger than bias of politics." Nancy Karibjanian explained that being the only live television news show for the whole state does limit its stories beyond the region. "Pictures are needed and the story follows on television..." She hosts a Friday evening panel for more in depth news discussions.

John Sweeney, implored the audience "to look at all news skeptically, not cynically. Citizens should be constantly challenged as to what is true." Some final questions from the active audience suggested that the print media editors be more responsible to change and check wire service reports which get printed locally. "Such stories become accepted as gospel in this area where only one daily paper is the source for so much news," one audience member pointed out.

Professor Yanich offered that "News is a construction of what

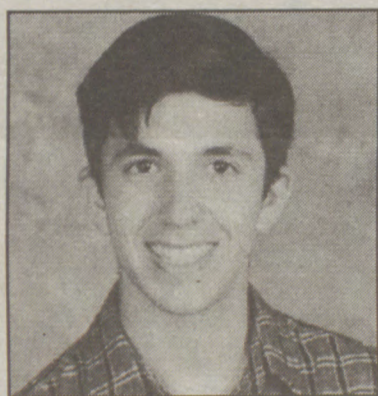


Allan Loudell, program manager at WILM Radio, addresses participants in the recent Hadassah media fairness program.

people will read, see and hear. The [news sources] create the reality. Truth is an elusive concept using stylized facts." He happily commented that it was quite remarkable to see such a large number of citi-

zens attending an evening program to discuss the news of the day and thanked the organizers. The program was presented as a community service and education meeting by Hadassah.

Gold to represent Gratz at HOBY



Steve Gold

Steve Gold, a sophomore attending Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, has been selected as the Gratz Ambassador to this year's Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program ("HOBY") Leadership Seminar. He is the son of Marlene and Gary Gold.

HOBY is a prestigious leadership training program, established by the actor for which it is named. Delaware ambassadors are invited to a three-day retreat, where they meet leaders in various aspects of government service. The students then participate in role-playing

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HOBY is designed to prepare future leaders for positions in their schools and helps them to expand the talents that will serve them as well as their communities in the future. The mission of HOBY, inspired by Dr. Albert Schweitzer, is to seek out, recognize and develop leadership potential commencing with high school sophomores.

HOBY Leadership Seminars are designed by each state in the Union to create an experience which will teach students to think

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The human cost of the Palestinian violence is without precedent. The more than 600

Israelis who have died since the onset of the violence represent the per capita equivalent of more than 30,000 American dead. A 17-year-old survivor of a terrorist attack recently said, "The world

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Two December programs at Adas Kodesch

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"To many, the Talmud is simply a closed book...Yet it contains over 80% of Jewish tradition and is the heart and soul of Jewish learning," said Rabbi Goldfarb. The rabbi will present an overview of all 63 tractates of law, covering a wide range of topics including the Jewish system of social welfare, holiday laws, the judicial system and family law.

The entire community is invited to attend the program, which will be preceded by breakfast at 9:30 a.m. The cost of the breakfast is \$4.00 and reservations are requested. For additional information, please call the synagogue at (302) 762-2705.

On December 20 and 21, Adas Kodesch will host Israeli scholar and teacher Rabbi Avraham Goldstein.

He will speak about his Diaspora Yeshiva located in Jerusalem's Mount Zion.

The Yeshiva welcomes Diaspora youth of every affiliation and Hebrew background. Youth visit for short or extended study and mentoring in a region just a short stroll from the Kotel, surrounded by Yad Vashem and the graves of Kings David, Solomon and Hezekiah.

During the program, Rabbi Goldstein will address such issues as the mission of the Yeshiva, the significance of its location and the possibilities for extending the 10-day Birthright Israel trip with an inexpensive stay at the Yeshiva. Mark your calendars for December 20 and 21 at AKSE. For additional information, please call the office at 302-762-2705.

JHS PROGRAM EXPLORES TIES BETWEEN DELAWARE JEWS AND ISRAEL

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware will present the first of its series "Delaware Jews and the Land of Israel" on Tuesday, January 7, 7:30 p.m. at the Delaware Jewish Community Center. Joseph Byer, who lived in Israel for several years and Ruth and Bernard Siegel, who have traveled to Israel countless times to visit with family members, will share their personal experiences and insights. The presenters will show slides from their collections which show how Israel has evolved through the years. The program is free and open to the community. Refreshments will be served.

AROUND OUR JEWISH WORLD

Sarajevo Haggadah goes on display

By Ruth E. Gruber

For the first time in its turbulent history, the world-famous Sarajevo Haggadah is now on permanent public display.

The 14th-century Haggadah went on display Monday in Bosnia in a secure, climate-controlled room in the Sarajevo National Museum.

"Tonight the odyssey of the Sarajevo Haggadah has come to an end. It is home. It is safe," said the head of the U.N. mission in Bosnia, Jacques Klein.

"It remains the symbol of hope, of tolerance, a symbol of Sarajevo that has endured."

Klein spoke at a gala ceremony Monday night inaugurating the exhibition of the priceless manuscript in the Sarajevo museum.

The U.N. Mission, along with the Bosnian Jewish community, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and the Yad Hanadiv and Wolfenson foundations, facilitated the \$150,000 project to restore the Haggadah and prepare the new exhibition room.

"It's like a Chanukah present," Jakob Finci, the president of the Bosnian Jewish community, told JTA by telephone.

"One of the reasons we organ-

ized the inauguration at this time is because of Chanukah, to find a reason for celebration," he said. "It's an event that's important not just for us Jews, but for all the people in Bosnia."

Owned by the Sarajevo National Museum since 1894, the 109-page manuscript, illustrated with exquisite illuminated paintings, long has been the symbol of the Jewish presence in the Balkans.

During the Bosnian war of the 1990s, it became a symbol of the shattered dream of multi-ethnic harmony there. Its return to public view is regarded as a symbol of hope for the future.

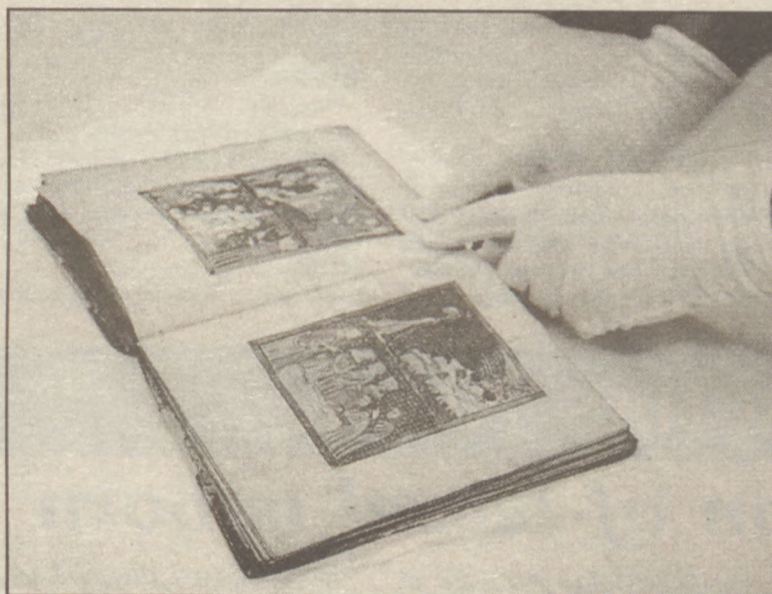
The Haggadah is being displayed along with valuable religious texts from Bosnia's other faiths: Islam, and the Catholic and Orthodox Churches.

Representatives of the other religions, including the chief imam of Bosnia, Mustafa Ceric, took part in the inauguration ceremony.

The inauguration was treated as a major public event, and big banners advertising it swathed the outside of the museum.

The Haggadah has rarely been shown publicly and has never before been on permanent display.

It was handwritten in Spain and



The Sarajevo Haggadah, shown before its restoration, in the underground bank vault where it was kept for years, as seen in a file photo. Credit: Ruth E. Gruber/JTA

brought to Sarajevo after the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492.

Wine stains and children's scrawls on its calfskin pages provide proof of its use during centuries of traditional Passover Seders.

Legends grew up about where

and how it managed to survive.

During World War II, just before the Germans entered Sarajevo in 1941, the director of the National Museum smuggled it to a Muslim professor who hid it in a mountain village.

Its whereabouts during the

1992-95 Bosnia war were a matter of rumor. The National Museum was bombed and badly damaged, but the Haggadah survived unscathed, either in a bank vault or in secret private custody.

In 1995, Bosnia's then-President Alija Izetbegovic displayed it briefly at a community seder during Passover — partly to dispel speculation that the government might have sold it to purchase weapons.

Throughout the Bosnian war, Bosnia's Jews were perceived as being outside the framework of the bloody ethnic conflict: neither Serb, nor Croat, nor Muslim. The Jewish community won widespread respect as a key provider of non-sectarian humanitarian aid.

Passover seders in Sarajevo became public events promoting tolerance. Senior Christian, Muslim and political leaders, as well as diplomats and visiting foreigners, attended.

"Jews are still regarded here this way," Finci said. "We are the only group trying to play this positive role, and it is highly appreciated. Jews and the Jewish community are still regarded as being helpful and not locked inside any struggle for power."

Jews cry 'intimidation' at Georgetown

By Paula Amann
Washington Jewish Week

Will vitriol or dialogue win out at Georgetown University?

The Washington campus has seen a recent spate of incidents, both polarizing and positive, involving Jewish, Muslim and Arab students and faculty.

Groups representing some of these constituencies — the Jewish Student Association, the Georgetown Israel Alliance, the Muslim Student Association, Students for Middle East Peace and the Young Arab Leadership Alliance — huddled with administration officials recently to discuss their differences.

On Monday evening, a Jewish Solidarity Rally was held at the university's free speech area, Red Square, after a series of incidents put campus Jews on edge.

The event capped eight days that began with a university-sponsored lecture on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict by author Norman Finkelstein, who has been criticized as a Holocaust revisionist.

"These, my friends, are the ugly faces of hate and ignorance and they have succeeded in painting themselves blue and gray," the school's colors, Dan Spector, president of the school's Jewish Student Alliance, said at the rally.

Finkelstein's Nov. 18 talk drew a letter of protest from the Anti-Defamation League.

"Mr. Finkelstein's lecture was a one-sided program, intended to promote hatred of Israel and perpetuate anti-Semitic stereotypes," the ADL's regional director, David Friedman, wrote to the university's president John DeGoia.

Finkelstein's appearance was co-sponsored by two university departments — the Georgetown

University Program on Justice and Peace and the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies — and a student group, the Young Arab Leadership Alliance.

Finkelstein, the author of books such as "The Holocaust Industry: Reflections on the Exploitation of Jewish Suffering" and "The Rise and Fall of Palestine," has a history of incendiary statements about Jews, the Holocaust and Israel.

In "The Holocaust Industry," he argues that Jews have used the murder of millions of Jews in the Holocaust to extort money. Finkelstein also has compared Israel to the Gestapo and has praised the Lebanese terrorist group Hezbollah.

"One can find online similar views of the evil intentions of Israel and the use of the Holocaust as exploitation from Hamas and Islamic Jihad or the National Alliance and the World Church of the Creator," ADL's Friedman noted as he was drafting the letter last week. "One is left wondering if it's the intent of the university to promote views associated with recognized hate groups."

On Nov. 22, a six-sentence statement issued by DeGoia's office mentioned campus appearances this year by author Elie Wiesel and philosopher Michael Walzer, but did not address Finkelstein or ADL's concerns about him.

The statement defended Georgetown's "strong commitment to inquiry into Jewish civilization and culture" and broached the possibility of a future Center for the Study of Jewish Civilization on campus.

Meanwhile, the American Jewish Committee sent a letter to DeGoia on Nov. 21, denouncing

comments made by Georgetown professor Hisham Sharabi while in Lebanon.

"Jews are getting ready to take control of us and the Americans have entered the region to possess the oil resources and redraw the geopolitical map of the Arab world," Sharabi told students and faculty at Balamand University, according to the Lebanon Daily Star.

"While professor Sharabi is free to say anything he wants, no matter how repugnant and outrageous, Georgetown University is also free and even obliged to make clear that his remarks are viewed as highly offensive to the university community and its leadership," David Bernstein, the AJCommittee's Washington area director, wrote to DeGoia.

In a statement released the next day, a university spokeswoman noted the report of Sharabi's remarks, but said the university had no independent confirmation of his words. The four-sentence statement said the professor did not speak for Georgetown University.

"It's important that the university realize that its reputation is at stake," Bernstein said. "We would have liked to have seen a stronger statement condemning the anti-Semitic remarks of Sharabi."

The protest letters came amid an event typifying the harmonious side of interfaith relations on campus. More than 50 people, including Jews, Muslims, Christians and one Jain, took part in a spirited dinner table discussion of the biblical figure Abraham on Nov. 21.

"People said, 'When do we do this again?'" said Rabbi Harold White, who spoke at the event along with Imam Yahya Hendi and

Rev. Chris Steck. "It ended on a positive note."

White praised the Georgetown community as a "model of interfaith dialogue," but noted that Mideast politics roil the campus.

In early October, a dialogue between Jews, Muslims and Arab hosted by several campus groups seemed also to ease tensions. Roughly 50 students took part in that activity.

Finkelstein's two-hour talk last week drew a packed house, according to observers.

"If Israel could do what it wanted, it would have expelled the Palestinians a long time ago," The Hoya, Georgetown's campus newspaper, quoted Finkelstein as telling the crowd.

Finkelstein depicted Israel as an evil military regime bent on expelling the largely innocent Palestinian population from the area, The Hoya reported.

"The only crime the Palestinians committed was being born in Palestine," he was quoted as saying. Spector of the Jewish Student Alliance spent most of the evening distributing protest leaflets outside, but came inside to listen to a portion of the talk, he said. What he heard left him dismayed.

Finkelstein asserted that Israel is faced with two options alone: transfer of the Palestinians out of Israeli territory or apartheid, said Spector, a junior who is studying international policy and security studies. "As you can imagine, supporters of Israel in the audience were revolted because it paints Israel as a monster, a state founded on ignoble principles."

Samer Oweida, an executive board member for the Young Arab Leadership Alliance, acknowledged Jewish concerns about

Finkelstein's Holocaust views, but said his group co-sponsored the lecture to offer a "non-mainstream, fresh look at the Palestinian-Israeli conflict."

"While some of what he said was inflammatory, it was not intended to project hatred; it was intended to elucidate facts that are all too often brushed under the rug," Oweida said, noting the speaker's charges that Israeli soldiers have targeted Red Crescent ambulances.

Israel Defense Force videos have shown ambulances being used to transport bombs and suspected terrorists.

After the Nov. 22 meeting, Spector said he was "confident the university president supports our efforts to create a peaceful, tolerant campus environment."

But nothing concrete emerged from the one-and-a-half-hour session, he reported.

At Monday's rally, one student spoke of being harassed while handing out leaflets during Finkelstein's speech, being called a "Zionist propagandist" and accused of being "brainwashed by a Holocaust mentality."

"To them, I was not a person, I was a Jew," senior Scott Miller said.

Deidre Moskowitz, who participated in a lengthy sing-along after the rally, said recent events had galvanized the school's Jewish community.

"This is a start," she said of the rally. It's "a good beginning to the get the Jewish population aroused and ready to work together for the next semester."

(JTA Washington correspondent Matthew E. Berger contributed to this report. Paula Amann is on staff at Washington Jewish Week)

COMMUNITY MILESTONES

In Memoriam

MARGOLIN

William Margolin, 88, died December 1.

He is survived by his wife, Edythe; children, Richard and Marcy, Myles and Diane; grandchildren, Scott and Christy, Steven and Heather, Brett and Joelle, Stephanie, Jennifer and Michael Lutes; great grandchildren, William, Ryan, Rachel, Amy, Levy, Kelsie.

Funeral services were held on December 3 at Congregation Beth Emeth with interment in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

Contributions in his memory may be directed to either Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802 or to the Delaware Hospice, Suite 100 Clayton Building, 3515

Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810.

MYERS

Marsha Myers, 55, of Wilmington, died November 27.

She is survived by her husband, Moss; son, Mark; and brother, Stephen Knapp. Services will be private.

ZUTZ

Henrietta Zutz, formerly of the

B'nai B'rith House, died December 2.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and the Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation. Her family recalls her wonderful sense of humor, her warmth and her extraordinary culinary skills.

She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Z. Gordon; grandchildren,

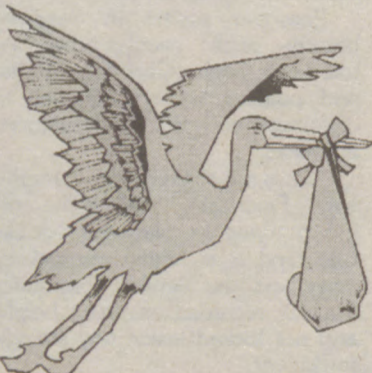
Howard Gordon, Michael Gordon, Jill and Marc Wishkoff; and a son-in-law, Gary Gordon.

Graveside services were held on December 5 in the Machzikey Hadas Cemetery, Minquadales.

Contributions in her memory may be directed to The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

NACHAS NOOK

A New Son of Israel is born



Sheila and Phil Weinberg of Wilmington are proud to announce the birth of their newest grandson, Alec Matthew, on October 6th. Parents are Carrie and Marc Bachman of New York City. At birth, Alec weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches tall.

Alec is also the grandson of Sheila Bachman of Great Neck, New York and the great-grandson of Fay Feldman of B'nai B'rith House, Society Drive, Claymont, DE.

He is named in loving memory of his paternal grandfather, Allan Morton Bachman, with whom he shares his Hebrew name-Avraham Moshe.

Welcoming Alec are his aunt and uncle, Alyssa and Joel Simon and cousin Ethan of Lewes, Delaware, aunt and uncle Michael and Debbie Bachman of Washington, D.C. and aunt and uncle Ira and Jackie Bachman and cousins Brittany and Reid of Merrick, NY.

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Saturday afternoon, Dec. 21, 2002. Torah Study Class led by Rabbi Goldstein - 3:15 pm. Followed by Mincha at 4:15, Seudat Shelishit, Ma'ariv and Havdalah.

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The juxtaposition of Chanukah with Christmas heightens our awareness of a variety of parenting and grandparenting issues. The Wilmington chapter of Hadassah is pleased to have Harriet Ainbinder, Ph.D. leading this interactive program to be presented on Monday,

December 16th, 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth. Dr. Ainbinder is a clinical child psychologist in private practice in North Wilmington. Please call 302-475-9095 for additional information.

TRAINING WHEELS- HADASSAH PROGRAM FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah will start a Training Wheels Jewish Family Education Program for pre-schoolers and their parents (or grandparents) in January, 2003 at Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington. During nine sessions throughout the year, children will learn how to celebrate Shabbat and the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Chanukah, Tu B'Shevat, Purim, Passover, Israel Independence Day and Shavuot. For more information, please call Judy Arenson, at 302-652-8755 or send an email to her at judyarenson@earthlink.net.

SILVERMAN SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Sylvia and Isadore N. Silverman Scholarship Fund will award its 14th annual Scholarship to a deserving youth for a Jewish summer experience in camp or Israel. Applications may be picked up at the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth office on Washington Street Extension and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802. Completed applications should be returned no later than March 2, 2003.

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

DELAWARE GRATZ SLATES OPEN HOUSE WEEK

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School invites current and prospective students and their families to its Open House Week. Join staff and

students on Sunday, December 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Tuesday and Thursday, December 10th and 12th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Call Marlene Milunsky, principal, at 302-478-8100 for more information.

SEE RENT WITH WILMINGTON JCC

Board the bus from the Delaware JCC on Sunday, December 22nd, 8 a.m. for Broadway. \$125 per person includes orchestra seats, round-trip bus transportation, dinner and conversation with a cast member. Registration must be received at the JCC front desk by December 11th. For additional information, please call Donna Schwartz, at 302-478-5660.

JERUSALEM SYMPHONY AT THE GRAND

The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra will perform at the The Grand Opera House, 818 North Market Street, on Wednesday, January 29, 8:00 p.m. The Orchestra, featuring pianist Joseph Kalichstein, will perform works by Beethoven, Dvorak, Mozart and Zehavi. These programs are made possible, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts.

Tickets are \$60, \$55, and \$50 with discounts available for seniors, students and groups. For more information, please call the Grand Box Office at 302-652-5577.

JOIN THE NEWARK JCC FOR OKLAHOMA

See one of Broadway's hottest new shows - Oklahoma - on December 15th. The JCC Newark is sponsoring a bus trip to see the show. Cost is \$147 for the general community and includes transportation and orchestra seats. Call 302-368-9173 to see if space is available.

YENTL FOR CHRISTMAS

Join congregants of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth for a December 25th matinee performance of the Folksbiene Yiddish Theater production of Yentl in New York City. \$70 includes bus transportation, ticket and snacks. Lunch at a kosher restaurant prior to the show is available at an additional fee. This is the first Yiddish-language stage production of Isaac Bashevis Singer's famous story. The performance will feature a simultaneous English translation. Very limited spaces are still available. If interested, call the AKSE Office immediately at 302-762-2705.

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SIMCHA CELEBRATIONS

Putting the "Mitzvah" Back in bar and Bat Mitzvah

by Suzanne Borden

Everyone has heard of bar and bat mitzvah parties where street performers and people in costume are hired to entertain the guests, 12- and 13-year-old children arrive in limousines, and the mother of the bar mitzvah boy changes her outfit every time a new course of

dinner is served.

Although we will probably always find such ostentation, there is evidence that the days of splashy, flashy, flamboyant celebrations may be on the decline. *Tikkun olam*, repair of the world, is now the buzzword circulating through bar and bat mitzvah celebrations.

Mitzvah [commandment], after all, refers to acts described as our obligations towards God and towards other human beings.

Believing that there is something special about becoming a bar/bat mitzvah—something bigger than the celebration afterwards—students across the country are taking on socially responsible community

projects, such as collecting clothing or canned foods, giving money to charities, or planting trees in Israel.

Taking The First Steps To A Socially Responsible Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Here are a few ideas to help you get started with your mitzvah:

- Plant trees in Israel for each person who lights a candle on your

cake.

- Donate leftover food to shelters.
- Donate leftover flowers to senior homes.
- Donate a portion of the gifts you receive to charity.
- Ask guests to bring canned foods or clothing with them to the party.

Communication - the Key to a Good Marriage

By Emuna Braverman

It can't be stated often enough. If you don't have a healthy way of expressing your thoughts and emotions to each other, of speaking and being heard, then everything else will ultimately crumble.

In order to have a successful marriage you have to make yourself an expert in communication. You have to try to understand what your partner is saying on a simple level as well as try to analyze the underlying message or desire.

For example, the last thing a woman wants to hear when she complains about her weight is a suggestion for a new diet plan. Actually the last thing she probably wants to hear is, "Yes dear, you do need to slim down a little!"

Nor does she want just a sympathetic ear (just when a man thinks he's mastered the art of good listening). What she really wants is for her husband to say, "You look terrific!" "You look thin!" "You look so young!"

Having said that it is important to look at what Virginia Satir calls the "metacommunication." This is the underlying message, the motivation behind the communication. We all need to be amateur psychologists and try to figure out what our partner really wants. For example, when Susan tells her husband that she isn't feeling well, that may be her way of saying "could you drive the children to ice skating lessons today dear?" or it may be her way of expressing a need for more attention from her spouse. As I'm about to illustrate we can't all be mind readers, but it is important to try to focus not just on the words being said, but what may possibly be implied as well.

It is important to hear what your spouse is really saying, but it is also important for the other side to give clues.

We shouldn't expect our mates to intuit our needs nor rely on some level of divine inspiration. If there's a special necklace you want for your birthday, point it out to your husband. It will save him the agony of choosing and spare you both needless pain. It works both ways — maybe he doesn't want socks this year.

TELL YOUR PARTNER WHAT YOU WANT

Joe is the romantic type. Every week after he got engaged he brought his fiancée flowers. He even sent her flowers every day of the week before their wedding.

He continued this practice a number of years into their marriage.

Finally Emily, his wife, ever the unsentimental and practical one, spoke up "You know Joe, I really love you and I like that you want to

bring me flowers. But I actually don't like flowers that much. And besides, they die so soon after that I feel like we've wasted our money. I'd rather you saved up for a more lasting gift."

Luckily this is a very trivial example. But being able to express yourself in the small areas will lead to open discussion in the big areas as well. If we want something, we need to say it.

It sounds so obvious, but how many hurt and angry couples come in for counseling saying "he should have known..." or "she should have realized..."? How should he have known? How should she have realized? Did you tell him/her?

DON'T RELY ON INTUITION

I have a friend who never makes grocery lists. She goes to the supermarket and relies on her intuition. This led to, at one point, 12 jars of mustard in her refrigerator.

This approach to life has relatively little impact on her, other than maybe leading to excessive consumption of hot dogs, but in mar-

riage it could be disastrous.

Don't rely on your intuition. Ask. Don't rely on his/her intuition. Tell.

"You knew I wasn't feeling well. Why didn't you offer to make dinner?" "This and many similar dialogues often lead to tension around the home. Yet the solution is so simple. "I'm really not feeling well dear. Would you mind making dinner?"

It is a common assumption that prophetic power is proof of your spouse's undying love and devotion. Let's destroy that myth right now. Tell your spouse what you want. His or her thoughtful response to your explicitly expressed needs is a sign of commitment.

While we're on the topic, don't LISTEN TO YOUR PARTNER

Sometimes when my husband and I are quarreling, he'll stop me in the middle to say: "What am I saying, and what are you saying, and what's the difference?" "It's infuriating but effective."

Frequently I find that I've been so caught up in hearing myself talk or the passion of the moment that I

haven't really been listening. I'm amazed to discover that our positions aren't that far apart, in fact they're not apart at all.

If this is a difficult issue for you it sometimes helps to establish structure. You could set aside a time where you are required to listen to your mate without interrupting for 10 minutes. Don't plan your defense or rebuttal. Just listen. You'll be surprised at how much you'll learn and when it's your turn you'll realize a unique pleasure in being able to express yourself freely.

Another technique psychologists favor is called active listening. There are many variations on this theme but the basic style is mirroring back what your partner says. "I hear you saying..."

Keep doing it until you get it right. Maybe many of your misunderstandings are because you heard your partner wrong the first time, or you didn't hear your partner at all.

We have numerous distractions in our lives today — telephones, television, and now the Internet. If we

want to be listened to with concentration, we must provide the same. Hang up the phone when your spouse walks in the door. Turn off the TV. Escape from the Web. Otherwise your mate feels like second best, and when you have something to say it will also fall on deaf ears.

We have to remember that marriage creates a unity, a oneness. We can use our powers of communication to solidify that unity or, God forbid, to tear it asunder.

As the Chazon Ish, a great Jewish scholar, wrote "Treat your wife as a left hand protecting the right one ... and not an independent limb. "If we accept this attitude we will recognize that spending time and energy to improve communication is the way to achieve a true marital bond."

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RAISING CHILDREN

In our society, to the degree that a couple shares something meaningful, it usually is focused around building a family together. Having children and raising a family are certainly meaningful experiences to share. But take the time to consider other, perhaps even more meaningful goals to pursue beyond having children. The "empty nest syndrome" — when couples divorce once the kids leave home — is the result of a marriage whose sole meaning was the children. This is why it is so crucial to go beyond children, and certainly beyond that which is materialistic, and share deeper moral and spiritual values and goals.

FIXING THE WORLD

This need to build a marriage upon something meaningful is implicit in God's imperative to Adam and Eve, not just to be "fruitful and multiply" but to "fill up the land and subdue it" — that is, to take responsibility for the garden of Eden "to work it and manage it." God directs Adam and Eve to do nothing less together than to take responsibility for the world. Now this is a shared life goal with meaning!

There is a well-known insight based on the Hebrew words for man and woman that captures this idea in a powerful way. The word for woman is *ishah* and the word

for man is *ish*. Each word shares two common letters, aleph and shin. They each have one letter that the other does not have — yud and hei. Yud and hei spell one of the names of God. Aleph and shin spell "fire." The sages tell us that when God is removed from the relationship between man and woman, what is left is fire. Without shared life goals to focus their energies upon, the passions of a man and woman will devour and destroy each other.

If I would like to explore some ways to add meaning to your lives and build it into your marriage, here are some practical tools and suggestions. The most important question anyone can ask him or herself is: "What am I living for?" The key to finding meaning in life is a function of trying to figure out if life has some ultimate purpose or not. A related question is: "What is the greatest good that I could achieve in this world?" Judaism maintains that everyone wants to be good. If so, then it makes sense to figure out what is the greatest good and then plan how to achieve it.

Another approach is to ask yourselves as a couple, "Do we share a common mission in life?"

Ask yourselves: "How can we help our community? What do we feel strongly about? Is there some social ill that we feel we'd like to take on as our personal responsibility? With a little exploration, I'm sure you will come up with many

options.

Lastly, explore the meaning that is inherent in being Jewish. What aspects of Jewish practice and observance could you incorporate into your family. Certainly, one of the most meaningful observances is the celebration of Shabbat. Why not explore the deeper meaning of the Shabbat and the impact it could have for your family?

George Bernard Shaw wrote the following about the importance of having a mission in life:

"This is the true joy in life: the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a might one; the being thoroughly worn out before you are thrown on the scrap heap; the being a force of nature instead of a feverish selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die ... Life is no brief candle for me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."

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