



BE JOYFUL - IT'S ADAR



Purim Spiel

By Rabbi LAURENCE MALINGER

Rabbi Tarfon of Bet She'an said of Rabbi Shlomo ben Yechezkel of Tiverya: It is said that in those days Rabbi Shlomo ben Yechezkel of Tiverya designed a web site for the mother of his father, Sarah the daughter of Pinchas, who begat Yechezkel, who begat Rabbi Shlomo ben Yechezkel of Tiverya. Thus Rabbi Shlomo ben Yechezkel of Tiverya performed the mitzvah of web site design.

Rabbi Michal ben Elkanah, who only had one eye, said: But is it not also said that in those days there was no web, only gopher? Rabbi Shmaryahu of Hevron said: It is true, but as it is written: "A web browser may also use the gopher protocol, in addition to the HTTP protocol." Rabbi Eliezer asked: Why does it specifically mention that the web browser may also use the gopher protocol, when it is written elsewhere that a web browser may use any protocol? Because the gopher protocol is especially meritorious, since it enables support of legacy systems.

One time a poor man came into the home of Rabbi Shmaryahu of Hevron and asked for two megabytes of disk space on the web site of Rabbi Shmaryahu of Hevron. Rabbi Shmaryahu of Hevron refused the man, but instead gave him a personal web server for his own use. At this point Rabbi Yehudah ben Yerachmiel asked Rabbi Shmaryahu of Hevron: Why did you refuse this man's request, but instead give him a personal web server for his own use? Rabbi Shmaryahu of Hevron replied: It [the Mishnah] teaches: "When a poor man comes into your home and asks for disk space on your web site, first ascertain whether he is going to use it for his own purpose or for the purpose of idol worship. If he is going to use it for his own purpose, grant him the space he asks, unless it exceeds twenty ephraot [one ephrah ~ 213 kilobytes], in which case you may refer him to a local Internet service provider, for as it is written: It is not upon you to complete the task, but neither are you free to desist from

it. If he is going to use it for the purpose of idol worship, then do not give him the space, but instead rebuke him, that he might see the error of his ways and refrain from idol worship."

Rabbi Gideon of Sh'chem disagreed, saying: It [the Mishnah] also teaches: "When a poor man requests space on an FTP server, you must grant it without asking why he is going to use it." Why would the Mishnah impose requirements on a web server but not an FTP server? Rabbi Shmaryahu of Hevron said: Rabbi Eliezer said: Why does it specifically mention that the web browser may also use the gopher protocol, when it is written elsewhere that a web browser may use any protocol? Because the gopher protocol is especially meritorious, since it enables support of legacy systems. Similarly, the FTP protocol is especially meritorious. Therefore, it is unfair to deny a poor man access to FTP, whereas it is sometimes permitted to refrain from giving a poor man access to HTTP, because without HTTP he can still serve files using FTP, but without FTP he will be unable to put his files on the server, since the means for saving files over HTTP are unreliable.

Rashi's Commentary on this talmudic text:

who only had one eye: my exalted master Rabbi Yitzchak taught that there was "A kind of multiband service they used to have, Netuerque in the tongue of Ashkenaz, and their idol was symbolized by a very large eye which they called CBS." **HTTP protocol:** acronym - Hakol Tikun Taut Partzuf - lit., "It is all a repair of the shortfalls of our faces." **gopher:** we do not know the meaning of the word but I've seen its like in Samuel B, 22 "And the King set thine eyes on Bat Sheba and thought, I shall gopher this one." **personal web server:** that costs nothing and looks like a big favor. **FTP server:** idol worshipper bereft of design values.

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Purim Punishment

By Rabbi DAVID BARUCH KAPLAN

Question: Why is Purim celebrated in Adar?

Answer: Because it is an Adarable month.

Question: Why is it called Purim?

Answer: Because even though Haman was the villain, we feel bad for him and say, "Poor him."

Question: Where did Haman get his name?

Answer: From people not knowing his name and calling to him saying, "Hey, man."

Question: Why was the first queen called Vashti?

Answer: Prior to becoming queen she worked in a tea factory cleaning the leaves.

Question: Why was the next queen called Esther?

Answer: As a Jewish woman she knew the importance of food so she was always saying, "Es Dear."

Question: Why was the town originally called Shushan?

Answer: Because at one time they did not like shoes so they shunned them.

Question: How did the king get his name, Ahashuerus?

Answer: Originally he did not wear shoes. When he discovered how they would protect his feet, he exclaimed, "Ahah, shoe wear us!"

Question: Why was Esther's cousin called Mordecai?

Answer: Wherever he went he saved people's lives and made their lives better. Thus since the Hebrew word for life is Chai he came to be called, "More the Chai."

Question: What did Mordecai do for a living?

Answer: He was in the tuxedo business for we read that Mordecai rent his clothes.

Question: Why do we observe a fast day before Purim?

Answer: If we are going to take time to read the Megillah, we must hurry to make up for the lost time.

Question: Why do we call the scroll from which we read a Megillah?

Answer: One Hebrew word for joy is *gila*. Purim may make you happy, but it is "My Gila."

Question: How do you read the Megillah on the internet?

Answer: Just keep scrolling down.

Question: What was the last wine Haman drank?

Answer: I believe it was from the Gallows winery.

Question: Why do we celebrate Purim?

Answer: Because it is lots of fun.

Question: Why are the noise makers called groggers/

Answer: The people making the noise have often drunk a lot of grog.

Question: Why do we only celebrate Purim once a year?

Answer: Could you stand to hear these puns more often?

The Perfect Rabbi

The results of a computerized survey indicate the perfect Rabbi preaches exactly fifteen minutes. He condemns sins but never upsets anyone. He works from 8:00 a.m. until midnight and is also a janitor. He makes \$50 a week, wears good clothes, buys good books, drives a good car, and gives about \$50 weekly to the poor. He is 28 years old and has preached 30 years. He has a burning desire to work with teenagers and spends all of his time with senior citizens. The perfect Rabbi smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his work. He makes 15 calls daily on congregation families, shut-ins and the hospitalized, and is always in his office when needed.

If your Rabbi does not measure up, simply send this letter to six other synagogues that are tired of their Rabbi, too. Then bundle up your Rabbi and send him to the synagogue on the top of the list. In one week, you will receive 1,643 Rabbis and one of them will be perfect. Have faith in this procedure.

One congregation broke the chain and got its old Rabbi back in less than three weeks.

The Mitzvah of Rejoicing

Eat HAMANTASCHEN.

Tell jokes and cheer people up. Sing Purim songs.

Blot out the name of Haman during the reading of the Megillah with a GRAGGAR (noisemaker) and by shouting, stamping feet, etc.

Really let yourself go — live it up and rejoice — at your Purim feast. According to the Talmud, one should drink alcoholic beverages until one can no longer distinguish (AD LO YADAH) between the names of Mordecai and Haman.

Dress yourself and your children in costumes for the Megillah reading.

Send SHALACH MONES to friends and family via children in costumes.

Put on a PURIM SCHPIEL (a satiric Purim play), elect a Purim rabbi, hold a Purim carnival.

Set up a group of Purim players, travel from home to home and entertain people with brief skits or invite some groups to your home for such skits. (You may choose to raise money through these performances for a good cause.)



Did You Know?

Take this quick quiz on Purim, the holiday that most of us associate with Queen Esther, costume parties and revelries:

1. Did you know that hamantaschen have nothing to do with a villain's pockets (or hat)? [They're actually ancient fertility pastries stuffed with seeds, and it's no accident that we still make them in a classically female shape.]

2. Name three reasons why Vashti was right. [You really need only one: Would you want to take off your clothes in front of a horde of drunken men, even if they are your spouse's employees?]

3. What do Groundhog Day and Purim have in common? [They are both located at the "hinges of time" on the calendar.]

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Purim Feast of Lots

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The festival is ostensibly purely historical in origin; however, it bears striking resemblances to holidays of other folk cultures held at about this same time - i.e., the emergence of spring (see Theodore Gaster, *Festival of the Jewish Year*, "Purim"). The history, as written in Megillat Esther - the Scroll of Esther - involves a plot by wicked Haman (ptui, ptui, ptui...) against the Jews and his eventual defeat and demise through the efforts of that great uncle-niece team of Mordehai and Esther (Marduke and Ishtar?). The Jews were saved, wrong was righted, and everyone joined together in celebration. In commemoration of this event we similarly gather to read the story - and, particularly, to celebrate.

In consonance with the tradition of not leaving any joy (or sorrow) unadulterated, the day before Purim (Adar 13) is a fast day - the Fast of Esther. It begins with sunrise (as opposed to other types of fasts, which begin the previous sun-

set).

Joy and celebration, however, are the central elements of the day. Purim festivities begin with the Maariv Service. This service is often done as a spoof of the other services of the year - using melodies particular to the various holidays and exaggerating them or putting them in unexpected places.

It is customary to collect half a shekel (50¢) either before the service or before the Megillah reading. This money is then given to charity, and serves as a remembrance of the half-shekel tax collected in biblical times from every adult male for support of the Temple.

The Megillah At the conclusion of the Maariv Service (and again the next morning) the Megillah is read. It is traditionally written on a scroll of parchment. Unlike the Torah, though, it has a wood winder on only one end (actually, it need not have a winder at all). Interesting of the Megillah of Esther is that it is the only book of the Bible in which the Name of God is not mentioned at all. Because of this, it is possible to

have elaborate decorations or pictures accompany the text - as there can be no claim of making an image of God. It would be a worthwhile project to try to write and decorate your own scroll.

The reading is often done in a comical way - with different voices and impromptu dramatics. Esther 1:7 (the first six words), 3:15, and 7:4 are sung to the trope for Lamentations. Verses 2.5 and 8.16 are recited by the congregation before the reader. Where the ten sons of Haman are listed, they must all be read in one breath.

For a complete account of all the special verses, secret meanings, and other assorted trivia fascinatium, see the Tikkun for Megillat Esther (occasionally available with English), available in Hebrew bookstores.

Of course, the most famous and delightful part of the reading involves the obligation to "blot out" Haman's name. Every time the name is pronounced by the reader, it is an obligation to make noise, yell, stamp your feet, etc. The traditional instrument for this is the

grager; however, other tools can be used as well.

But Remember...

It should be kept in mind, that the mitzvah involved with the reading of the Megillah is to *hear* it. Traditionally, every single word must be heard. The reader should wait until all the noise dies down before continuing - or you should try to get a seat close to the reader(s).

A section called "Al ha-Nissim" - For the Miracles - is added to the Amidah and Grace after Meals during Purim.

Purim is notorious for its plays and parodies. No one, not even the most learned and pious of scholars, is free from scathing attack. Parodies of the Talmud and other religious writings have been combined into a virtual "liturgy" for the day.

Aside from the drunken ecstasy, Purim is also a time of general good feeling for one another. It is a mitzvah to give presents to at least two poor people during the holiday. In addition, there is the custom of shalakhmones. Every person is supposed to send presents of at least two kinds of fruit, cookies,

or candies to at least one friend. It is customary, however, to give extensively. This is one of the most delightful of Jewish customs. It is fun to visit heavily Jewish parts of New York (e.g., Williamsburg) and see hundreds of children in costumes delivering shalakhmones.

Traditionally, there is a Purim seudah (feast) in the afternoon of the day. Often relatives and friends gather together for this feast.

The traditional Purim food is hamantashen - a tricorned dough cookie generally filled with poppy seed (mohn). Kreplach, three-cornered meat-filled dough, is also customarily eaten. The triangular shape supposedly is representative of Haman's hat.

Ushering in Adar

(Talmud Babli, Ta'anit 29a)

With the beginning of Adar, we make much joy. Because Purim is such a joyous, uninhibited holiday - with wonderful overtones of friendship and sharing - it is considered meritorious to anticipate it eagerly. Thus the tradition informs us that whoever is attentive to the coming of Adar brings greater joy into the world - because he will assuredly not forget to rejoice on Purim.

"IBM" Announces Plans to Purchase Judaism

By JOHN A. ELZUFON

Special to The Jewish Voice

In a move that has rocked the corporate and religious communities, corporate computer giant, The itty bitty machine Company ("i.b.m.") today announced a hostile takeover strategy for the purchase of Judaism.

This move by "i.b.m." comes swiftly on the heels of an equally surprising announcement by Microsoft that it has purchased the Roman Catholic Church and installed Pope John Paul II as its Vice President for Human Relations.

Some industry analysts were quick to point out that "i.b.m.'s" motive might be to block Microsoft from moving forward on its claim of exclusive rights to the Bible. This has been roundly denounced by many religious leaders, including the combined Rabbinate of Israel and the United States.

"i.b.m." spokesman, Ima Nerd, would neither confirm nor deny that this was its motivation. Rather, she noted: "We believe the purchase of the Jewish religion is consistent with the long term diversification strategy of "i.b.m." and presents excellent future opportunities." Nerd, however, declined to speculate on what the supposed corporate opportunities were.

When asked why "i.b.m." chose to purchase a numerically small religion such as Judaism, as opposed to Islam or one of the predominant Protestant religions, Nerd responded: "i.b.m." is a big enough corporation that numbers itself are not the issue. Rather, it is the quality of the product being purchased. No other religious organization has been as long covenanted

with God as the Jewish people. It is truly a shame that Judaism does not have more followers but we deem that not a function of its quality but poor marketing techniques. With "i.b.m.'s" marketing expertise, we believe Jewish concepts will be well received throughout the world and we can make Judaism a major force that is competitive at any level with any other religion. We cannot think of a better combination than Jewish ideas and "i.b.m.'s" marketing and service strategies. It is certain to be a phenomenal success. We are encouraged by the positive response of many Jewish authorities."

When asked to specify who these Jewish authorities were, Nerd declined further comment.

Industry sources say that "i.b.m." is having extreme difficulty ascertaining who the "Jewish authorities" are. Insiders further inform *The Jewish Voice* that "i.b.m." is still trying to ascertain to whom its purchase offer should be made. The Corporate Takeover Department thought that if the Roman Catholic Church, with hundreds of millions of members, could be purchased by negotiating with one individual, it would be easy to find a spokesman for a religion which has less than 18 million followers. It appears that nothing could be further from the truth. Sources explain that whenever "i.b.m." officials have approached any Jewish organization to ascertain who speaks for the Jewish people, all claim that role for themselves.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, one official noted: "No wonder they have never been able

to market themselves. They have absolutely no sense of organization. Meetings are nothing less than chaotic. Efforts to explain the tender offer always end up in arguments - not with us but with each other and usually over issues that have nothing to do with the tender offer. Indeed, finding solutions seems to be less important than arguing about the question."

When asked if anything positive has come out of these meetings, the source replied: "Well, we are well fed and I am developing a long list of caterers whom I can recommend to anybody."

"i.b.m." is quick to point out that there are certain segments of the Jewish community that feel that its purchase of Judaism is pre-ordained. The Computer Sciences and Mathematics Department, in conjunction with Hebrew scholars who routinely study the *Gematria* (numerical equivalent of the alphabet), point out that the word "Jew" adds up to 38: J(10) plus E(5) plus W(23). If those two numbers, 3 and 8, are multiplied together, that results in 24. The numerical equivalent of "i.b.m." is 9+2+13 which also equals 24!

When asked if its tender offer, if successful, would mean that "i.b.m." would also own the State of Israel, its spokesman, Nerd, was a bit more cautious: "We recognize that the State of Israel is considered a Jewish state but many non-Jews live within its borders. Rather than claiming sovereignty over the nation, we believe that the appropriate step would be to transform the Israeli government into a sub-committee of "i.b.m.'s" Board of Directors with the appropriate corporate representation from the var-

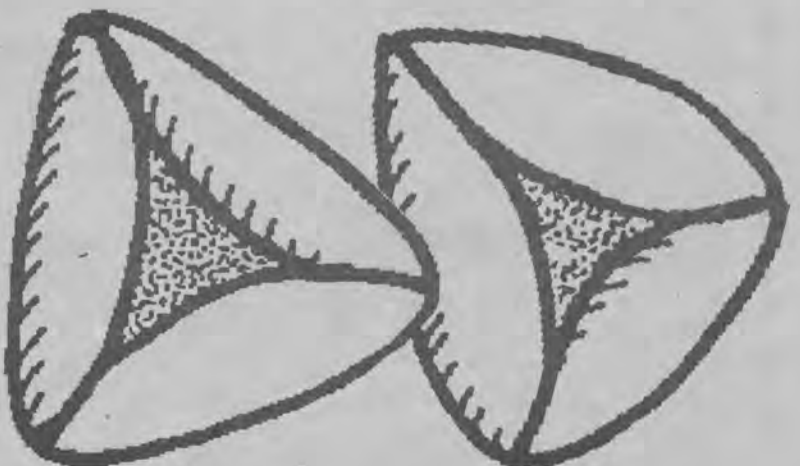
ious departments of "i.b.m."

This statement brought an immediate howl of protest from many corners but especially in Israel. Moving with uncharacteristic swiftness and near unanimity, the Israeli Knesset roundly condemned the purchase plan. Israeli headlines boldly screamed: "WE ARE NOT FOR SALE." A group of leading Israeli computer scientists are encouraging a boycott of all "i.b.m." products by Jews worldwide. This announcement came after the close of the trading day on Wall Street so it is too soon to tell how this will affect "i.b.m.'s" price. Attempts to contact rival computer companies have been met with a "No comment" response.

Arab governments are apparently taking a cautious "wait and see" approach. Sources tell this reporter that they are somewhat concerned that the alliance of Israel with an American corporate giant will strengthen Israel's economic grin

over the area. On the other hand, the thought of having the vaunted Israeli Defense Forces subject to the command of a slow moving bloated corporate bureaucracy is appealing to the hard liners.

A spokesman for the State Department said that "the situation is being studied carefully." All this is, however, is speculation because the tender offer is not even close to being accepted. For all its vaunted marketing expertise, "i.b.m." is encountering difficulties in this tender offer different than any that it has encountered before. Private sources have informed this paper that "i.b.m.'s" first attempt to present its purchase plan to a group of selected American Rabbis failed miserably. Apparently, the invitation was for a "working session" but it was scheduled for a Friday night dinner of shrimp cocktail and chicken cordon bleu. The invitations were unceremoniously rejected. A spokesman for the company admitted: "We have a lot to learn."



EDITORIAL

Deja Vu All Over Again and Yet Again

We as a Jewish people are survivors and we will always remain as such. Why then are we so constantly tested? Our legacy is one of persecution and having to flee our lands. Yet, the testament in recent history to our survival is the glorious rebirth of Israel. But lest we forget, we always seem to be reminded to temper our joy of survival with realism.

Does the sight of children trying on gas masks burn an image on anyone's brain?

The irony of its being Purim is not lost on an unsuspecting crowd. Persia and Babylonia, or better known now as Iran and Iraq are still at odds as in biblical times. Only the names have changed. Somehow the scapegoat is still Jewish ...

The words of Dr. Israel Singer, Secretary General of the World Jewish Congress, to a Delaware audience hold heartfelt impact: when Hitler stripped us of humanity, morality no longer reigned. The world bankers felt guiltless in their withholding of Jewish assets. In his work, to reclaim the assets of our murdered, Dr. Singer teaches the value of life.

Judaism teaches us that life must contain strong elements of righteousness. Perhaps, we as Jews can say to the world who want to destroy us, we are moral humans.

Saddam, we will not allow our children or anyone else's to be murdered. This must be the legacy of Purim and of our Judaism.

Voice Box

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Power is the ability to define reality and have other people respond to it in that given definition.

Life is not a puzzle to be solved but a mystery to be lived.

Feminism is not a fad nor an embarrassment but a commitment to a way of seeing reality.

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Abraham Heschel

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANKS FOR THE LETTERS - KEEP THEM COMING

To the Editor:

I see in the *New York Times* of Feb. 11 an article about seat belts. From the article: "Parents must buckle up because children follow their example." Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater said.

The same principle is undoubtedly true in Jewish education: to get children to study Hebrew, for example, we must get parents to study Hebrew. Isn't it obvious that parents (and grandparents) can make a big impact on Jewish education and thus Jewish conti-

nity, at essentially no cost?

Just as children follow adults, adults frequently follow community leaders. That is why it is important that community leaders not already doing so need to set aside a fixed time to study and to use their leadership position to speak out on the central importance of serious adult Jewish education, whose core, of course, is the study of Hebrew.

Sincerely,
Dov Seidel

To the Editor:

The excellent article by Toni Young on William Topkis reminds all of us of the pioneering acts when he performed in Palestine 75 years ago. They are still remembered by a second and third generation.

Two other wonderful projects which William Topkis assisted have taken hold in a special way in the Israel of today. First of all, he gave funds to Dr. Ephraim Hareuveni to develop a park containing Biblical flora and fauna. Reuveni and his wife were most enthusiastic about bringing together in one area in Jerusalem plants and flowers mentioned in the Bible. William Topkis understood the significance of such a proposal so he did assist and there is still a receipt from Dr. Hareuveni for the funds advanced.

In Israel today outside of Jerusalem Neot Kedumim has been established by Dr. Noga Hareuveni, the son of the couple. Neot Kedumim contains every plant and flower recorded in the Bible. A visit to Neot

Kedumim is a must for the Israeli tourist.

The second person whom Topkis aided was the artist Abel Pann. Pann, who was teaching painting at the Bezalel School in the 20s wanted to do a series of Biblical illustrations utilizing the faces and forms of the native inhabitants of the land. He showed Topkis some sketches and Topkis not only gave him funds but set up meetings for Pann with a variety of Jewish leaders who visited in Palestine in 1923. Pann produced the illustrations for the book of Genesis in 1924 or 1925 and Topkis did receive a copy before his death. Truth to tell there are several copies of Abel Pann's work floating around Wilmington. Hopefully someone will bring one forward so it can be exhibited.

In Israel today a Bible with Abel Pann's illustrations is a best seller. William Topkis clearly appreciated talent and understood whom he was helping.

Sincerely yours,
Rabbi David Geffen

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BY BARRY GROSSMAN & STAN GOLDBERG



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT
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- We celebrate Purim by reading:
 - A. The Yellow Pages
 - B. Mad Magazine
 - C. The Megillah
- Queen Ester and her Cousin Mordechai conquered the very wicked:
 - A. King Kong
 - B. Haman
 - C. Witch of the West
- When the name of Haman is called out during the reading of the Megillah, we:
 - A. Brush our teeth
 - B. Call out, "I've got bingo!"
 - C. Twirl groggers and stamp our feet to drown out his evil name.
- A great way to celebrate Purim is to:
 - A. Attend Purim Services at your synagogue
 - B. Give Tzedaka (charity)
 - C. Dress up in costumes
 - D. Eat Hamantaschen pastries
 - E. All of the above, HAPPY PURIM!

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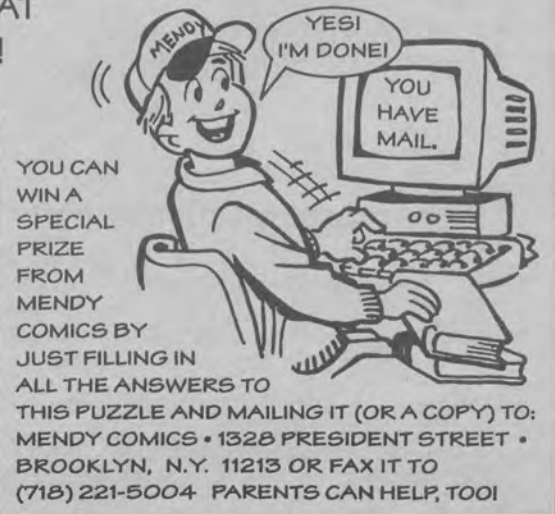


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She graduated from Hampton University in Virginia in 1964 with a B.S. in Physics and Mathematics. She earned an M.A. from The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg in 1971 and an Ed.D.

in Education Administration from Virginia Polytechnic and State University in Blacksburg in 1982. She studied multi-cultural education at Harvard in 1990.

She currently served on the Boards of The Delaware School Boards Association, Junior Achievement of Delaware, Delaware Institute for Arts in Education, Delaware Grand Opera House, Delaware Consortium on Technical Preparation Programs, Delaware Nature Society and the Delaware Secondary School Athletic Association. From 1996 to 1997 she served as President of the Delaware Chief School Officers Association. She is also a member of the Delaware Art Museum Advisory Committee and the Advisory Board of the Mid-Atlantic Laboratory for Student Success, Temple University.

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

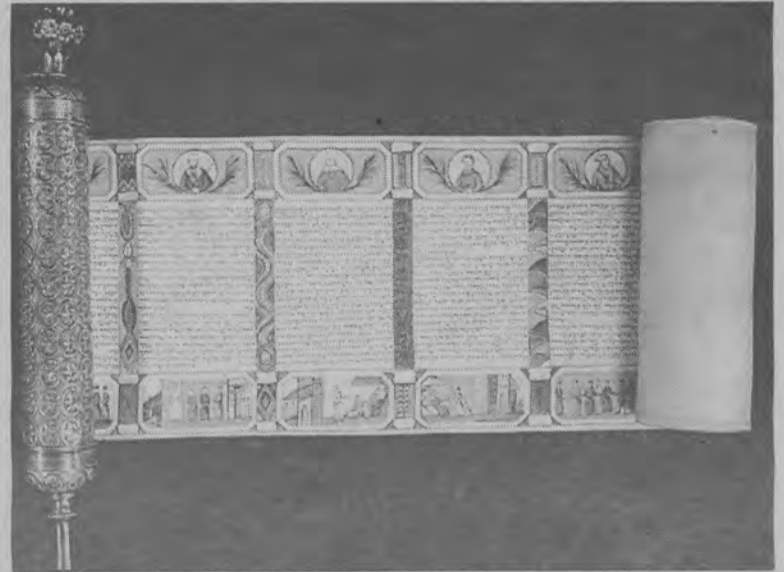
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Rabbi Laurence P. Malinger will speak on this vital topic. A general discussion with opportunities to ask questions, listen, and share opinions is planned. Light refreshments, as well as baby sitting, will be provided. Conversion is certainly a topic of great interest to young, intermarried couples, as well as to their parents and friends.

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It's time to stamp your feet and wind up the groggers. Temple Beth El's Megillah Reading will be on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 PM. Enjoy the Purim story and hear The Thread of Blue, Temple Beth El's Klezmer Band help to drown out Hamon's name. Everyone is encouraged to come in costume - children and adults.

The Purim Carnival is on Sunday, March 15 at 11:00 AM. There will be games and crafts for the children, a Chinese auction, and of course, lunch and haman-tashen.

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to develop innovative and long-term solutions to problems of special concern to women—lack of decent housing and affordable child care, as well as inadequate opportunities for jobs and economic development.

In America today, the holiday of Purim is celebrated primarily as a children's carnival. Yet beyond the merriment lie deeper themes of

personal and collective transformation and empowerment—themes that have particular resonance for women. This Jewish Fund for Justice program of study and action links the enduring themes of Purim with the contemporary struggle waged by women for social and economic equity. The program consists of:

- * a "drash" (traditional form of

teaching) that explores and weaves together the themes of transformation and empowerment found in "Megilat Esther," the biblical account of the holiday's origin, and subsequent commentaries;

- * an introduction to poverty as experienced by women in the United States;

- * an overview of community-based groups that are working to

break down the barriers women face in climbing out of poverty, including inadequate employment, substandard housing, and the lack of decent, affordable child care;

- * suggestions about how Jewish women's groups can become more involved in the issues affecting women who live in poverty.

THE STORY OF PURIM

The festival of Purim celebrates Queen Esther's rescue of her people, the Jews of ancient Persia, from the decree of annihilation promulgated by her own husband, King Ahashveros. As related in "Megilat Esther," this dramatic rescue caps a convoluted plot of court intrigue that combines hilarity and terror. For this reason, Purim has traditionally provided fertile ground for both serious commentary and wild celebration.

TRANSLATING PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT INTO ACTION

Purim has always been especially significant for women, most obviously because Esther is one of the Bible's few heroines, whose personal empowerment leads to the deliverance of her people. The "megila" relates that Esther's Jewish identity was kept hidden from the king. The centrality of this fact is reflected in her name, which is based on the Hebrew word "I'haster," to hide. Esther reveals her identity only "in extremis" and at great risk. Interestingly, it is this quality of "hiddenness" that caused the Marranos, during the Inquisition and beyond, to make Esther a central figure of inspiration and reverence in their secret Jewish life—a life, not coincidentally, in which women assumed central leadership roles as preservers and transmitters of tradition and identity.

The process by which Esther summons the courage to confront the absolute authority of her husband sets in motion the events leading to the climax of the plot. In this process, Esther is transformed from a secret Jew, a mere protegee of Mordecai (even a "puppet," according to the Talmud), into an authoritative, public Jewish leader and rescuer.

In much the same way, Jewish women, acting as leaders and in support of leaders, have summoned up the courage to act forcefully for the communal good throughout our history as a people.

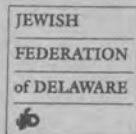
The history of the American labor movement provides an inspiring example. In 1909 and 1910, Eastern European Jewish immigrant women organized the first general strike in the history of the American labor movement over the initial objections of the male leadership of the garment workers' union (ILGWU). One hundred thousand garment workers, many of whom were women, went out on strike in three cities. These young and gutsy women, together with their Italian counterparts, "developed a militant working women's movement which changed the shape of both unionism and feminism in the United States."

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Unmasking Purim's Heroes and Ourselves

By RAHEL MUSLEAH

Who needs Halloween or Mardi Gras? On Purim, the masquerade of characters is lively and intriguing: Spangled Vashtis, bearded Mordecais, snarling Hamans, bejeweled Esthers, silk-robed Ahasueruses.

The secret of Purim, however, is to see beyond the masks. Purim's noise and noshing is great fun, but

the holiday also unveils the story of character and courage. For us, too, Purim can be a time to strip away external masks in order to find the strengths that lie within us. The heroes and villains of Purim can lead the way:

Vashti

Once the stereotype of a vixen, Vashti is no longer perceived as the siren of the Purim story. Instead,

she's become a feminist hero who refuses to flaunt her beauty to the king's entourage. She stands up for her convictions in order to preserve her integrity, presaging the modern lesson we teach our kids: "Just say no."

Vashti can be a positive role model for girls and boys, one in a long line of women from the Talmudic scholar Beruriah to Rosa Parks. One good source for finding modern role models that are both Jewish and female is a comprehensive new reference, *Jewish Women in America: An Historical Encyclopedia*, edited by Paula Hyman and Deborah Dash Moore (Routledge), which profiles 700 women from opera singers to politicians.

Esther

Esther might seem like a meek and malleable young thing who does her Uncle Mordecai's bidding, but she discovers a strong sense of identity along the way. Beauty contests aside, without a mature understanding of herself and the meaning of her Judaism, she could not have taken the risks she did. It's not easy being Jewish in Persia, but Esther proudly announces her Jewishness to save her people.

Take a bold step this Purim. Reveal your Jewish self. Take on a ritual you may be afraid of or embarrassed by beginning. Take one step towards keeping kosher. Recite kiddush on Shabbat. Enroll in a Hebrew class or an Israeli dance course. Learn how to lift or dress the Torah.

Mordecai

Mordecai's combination of fearlessness and faith in God enables him to rise above the Persian politicians who indulge themselves and lose sight of the larger good. Mordecai never puts his ego above his convictions or forgets the suffering of his people. No matter what the consequences, he holds steadfast to his beliefs, refusing to bow down to Haman, putting on sackcloth to mourn the decree of destruction for the Jews of Persia, and remaining humble even when paraded through the streets of Shushan.

Ahasuerus

From Ahasuerus and Haman, we learn how not to behave. The king of Persia is a roly-poly, wishy-washy party animal who relegates power to unsuitable advisers. He surrounds himself with gold, silks, jewels, sexy women and alcohol — fancies that mask the real priorities: the needs of his family and subjects.

Purim can be a time for us to reevaluate our priorities in order to find the cherished jewels in our own kingdoms. Let's reinterpret the name of the holiday as a true "feast of lots" — not in the gambling sense, but in terms of how much we have. From the uniqueness of our children to the sweet simplicity of hamentaschen, we have "lots" to celebrate.

Haman

As for Haman, he hangs on to his prejudices until they catch up with him and make headline 'noose.' ... sorry, but it is Purim, after all! (Rahel Musleah is a freelance journalist and the co-author, with Rabbi Michael Klayman, of *Sharing Blessings: Children's Stories for Exploring the Spirit of the Jewish Holidays* (Jewish Lights)).

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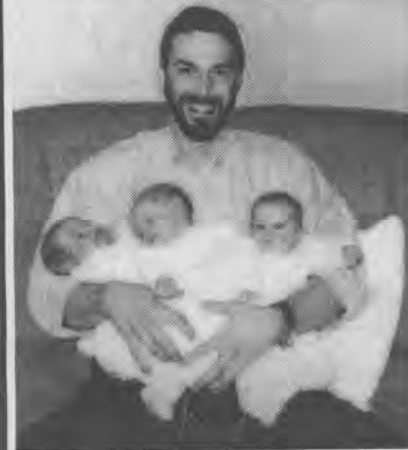
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Liberal Jewish Congregations Held in Costa Rica

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Marvin Sossin, president of Congregation B'nei Israel, said, "Central America may not be a major Jewish population center, but it is an area rich in Jewish history with stable, active and growing communities."

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NEW YORK (JTA) — Israel provided vital information that helped force an Iraqi official in 1996 to admit to developing biological weapons, according to The New York Times.

The Times published an investigation last week reporting that Israeli intelligence officials gave documents to United Nations Special Commission for Iraq, the United Nations inspections team that has been trying to uncover

information about Iraq's weapons programs.

Without the documents, U.N. inspectors might have been forced to give Baghdad a clean bill of health and abandon their weapons-inspection program.

By 1994, Unsc's biological team had discovered the existence of a secretive Iraqi group known as the Technical and Scientific Materials Import Division, that appeared to supply a potential germ factory in Iraq. But the team

needed more information in order to pressure Iraq to abandon its denials regarding its production of biological weapons. So in December 1994, it wrote to a handful of nations, asking if they had any information about biological materials sales to Baghdad.

Intelligence experts cited by the Times say that Israel provided copies documenting sales of 10 tons of growth media in the 1980s from a British company named Oxold to Iraq.

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Plundered Art Work Focus of US Congress

By DANIEL KURTZMAN
 WASHINGTON (JTA) – As the search for assets of Holocaust victims is broadening to include pilloaged artworks and confiscated insurance policies, the U.S. Congress is taking a stand. The House Banking Committee was scheduled to hold hearings on Thursday to address the legal status of art objects seized by the Nazis and the insurance claims of

Holocaust victims and their heirs. Taken together, the total value of those assets is likely to far exceed the value of the more publicized dormant Holocaust-era bank accounts and personal gold plundered by the Nazis, according to Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress.

As the banking committee prepared to hold hearings, several members of Congress have either

introduced or plan to offer new bills aimed at bringing justice to Holocaust victims.

The Clinton administration, meanwhile, is in the process of developing a policy on stolen art and is planning to convene an international conference in Washington in June to focus on artworks, insurance policies, books and other property stolen from Holocaust victims.

A document recently found in the U.S. National Archives showed that in 1945, the director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art estimated that the value of artwork plundered by the Nazis in Europe amounted to \$2.5 billion in post-war prices.

A 13-member task force formed by the Association of Art Museum Directors, which includes the heads of the 170 largest art museums in North America, is attempting to develop guidelines to resolve individual ownership claims.

AJC Opens Historic Berlin Office

BERLIN, GERMANY – The American Jewish Committee officially opened and dedicated its office in Berlin. With the affixing of a mezuzah on the office doorpost, AJC becomes the first American Jewish organization to establish a full-time and permanent presence in Germany.

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“Germany was simply too important to walk away from, however much our emotions might understandably tell us otherwise.” With Germany today astonishingly the home of the fastest-growing

Jewish community in the world, there is every reason to be present on the ground — as advocates for closer German-American ties, as friends of the soon-to-be 100,000-strong Jewish community, and, not least as supporters of those who insist on holding Germany to the very highest democratic standards that its own postwar leaders have set for it,” said David A. Harris, AJC’s Executive Director.

“The opening of AJC’s office in Berlin allows us to bring to Germany the creativity and intellectual stimulation of the American Jewish organization most deeply involved in all the critical issues surrounding German-Jewish relations,” said Eugene DuBow, Managing Director of the Berlin Office. “AJC is seeking productive ways to come to terms with the past and learn the lessons that will allow us to work and live together for the betterment of all humankind.”

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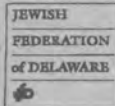
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Honorable Roxana Cannon Arsht and Toni Young To Be Honored

The Delaware Region, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc. will pay tribute to The Honorable Roxana Cannon Arsht and Toni Young at the 1998 Annual Award Dinner to be held on Monday, April 20, 1998 at the Hotel DuPont.

Chaired this year by Kurt Landgraf, Executive Vice President, E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Inc., this NCCJ Dinner is the Delaware Region's single largest fund-raising activity for its programs of education toward improving human relations. The Annual Dinner also provides an opportunity to experience our diverse community as it comes together to celebrate the contributions of these two exemplary citizens.

Both Roxana and Toni have taken responsible leadership roles in facing the challenges of our pluralistic, democratic society. These two women have been active and involved personally in historical, legal, cultural and societal matters in our community. They have worked to ensure effective participation in the processes of decision making, which is one of the pur-



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poses of the NCCJ.

The 1998 Dinner begins with a reception honoring Roxana Arsht and Toni Young from 5:00 p.m.

until 6:00 in the lobby of the Wilmington Trust Center, 11th and Market Streets. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Hotel DuPont. Individual tickets cost \$150. Please call 655-0039.

The Honorable Roxana Cannon Arsht has served the public in the position of Judge of Family Court from 1971 until 1983, before that having been Master of Family Court of the State of Delaware from 1962 until 1971.

For over forty years, she has assumed responsible leadership roles and has served our community through the United Community Fund as Vice-President from 1958-1966, Secretary 1957 and 1958, on the Executive Committee 1956-1965 and Board of Directors 1956-1964; the Visiting Nurse Association as President 1956-1960 and Board of Directors 1950-1962 and 1983-1995; Planned Parenthood League as President 1954-1957 and Board of Directors 1950-1961 and 1983-1994; the Wilmington Board of Education, Practical Nurses Advisory Committee,

Board of Directors 1956-1964. Currently Roxana is a Trustee for Christiana Care Corporation, on the Advisory Committee of Delaware Coalition for Choice and the Board for the Academy of Lifelong Learning and the Friends of Goodstay Gardens.

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Toni Young is the first woman elected to serve as President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, a position she held from 1993-1996, and has continued on the Board of Directors since 1989. She has also been President of The Milton and Hattie Kutz Foundation, 1991-1993; President of The Grand Opera House, 1982-1985; President of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware, 1978-1980; and Chair of the Jewish Voice editorial committee, 1987-1990.

Toni has also served our community as a member of the Board of Directors of the Delaware Humanities Forum, 1986-1989 and on the Board of Trustees of the Historical Society of Delaware, 1986-1994 and Wilmington Friends School, 1989-1991.

Currently she is on the Board of Directors of Grand Opera House, since 1972, and their Board of Trustees, since 1987; she continues as a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware, since 1975;



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and First Stage, since 1990.

Toni Young's contributions to our knowledge of the history of Delaware have come through *The Grand Experience: A History of the Grand Opera House*, 1976 which she authored; *Seventy-Five Years at the JCC*, 1977, to which she was contributing author; and *Delaware and the Jews*, 1979, for which she was editor and contributing author.

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Costumed worshipers arrive at the synagogue where frivolity abounds. Noisemakers to blot out the villain's name are passed

around and the reading of the Scroll at Esther (Megillat Esther) begins, and shortly, the synagogue's off-off-off-off-off-Broadway players will barge in, interrupt the reading, and the spiel will begin.

Other Purim Traditions

- Baskets of goodies known as *mishloach manot* are exchanged. These often include sweets, fruit, sine, jams and *hamantaschen*. *Hamentaschen* are poppyseed-, prune- or apricot-filled cookies shaped like the tri-cornered hat worn by Haman, the story's villain.

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Morality & Humanity

Secretary General of World Jewish Congress, Dr. Israel Singer and Jewish National Fund President Ronald Lauder are fighting to restore morality in humanity. The Holocaust was successful because the Nazi's were able to define the Jews as less than human. Now these two great men, who are restoring the concept of *menschkeit*, are almost single-handedly striving to ensure that our murdered mishpocha rest with dignity.

Over two hundred of our Delaware Jewish community joined for this Federation event, bore witness to the continuance of the immorality of humanity that the Nazi's wreaked.

Lauder and Singer were chilling in their chronicle of how the valuables of our dead are still not able to be fully documented. The European world is still not willing to fully value Jewish assets. The impact of the irony is that the holocaust, is in some ways ongoing.

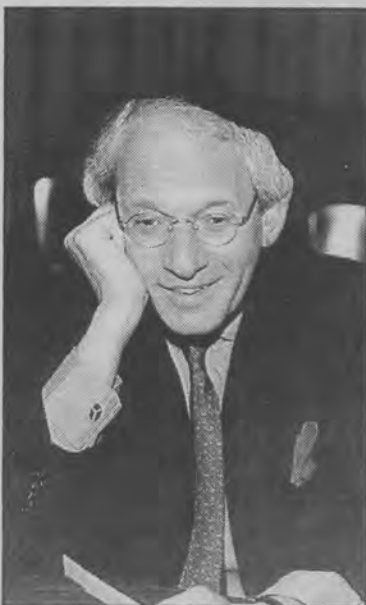
Singer and Lauder are convening a conference in June in which over 30 countries will participate. The only country absolutely refusing to open its files is the Vatican, because there are tens of thousands of certificates of Jewish children who were baptized, and who might then walk away from the church.

The question that keeps resurfacing is why these assets have not been dealt with previously. Dr. Singer said that even ten years ago this would not have been discussed as some of the participants were still alive. Today, largely because of the current American government, this turn around has uncovered Jewish assets totaling in the billions.

The issue therefore becomes multi-pronged, for what appears to be merely a recovering material asset problem, goes to the core of the holocaust. Take away layers and layers of what belongs to a people, whether it be a prized piece of artwork, or an ingrained sense of dignity and what is left is the loss of humanity. For that loss there is no reparation.

We must be constant in our vigil to bear witness.

(Editor's note: For further information please call The Jewish Federation of Delaware at 302-427-2100.)



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ISRAEL AT 50



Israel at 50 Celebrating Delawarean's Connection to the Holyland

By KAREN MOSS

Joseph Byer estimates that he taught 2,000 students during his 35 years as a teacher at Congregation Beth Shalom. Former student Gary Harad, currently Executive Director of Beth Shalom, remembers Byer as a teacher with a "deep wealth of knowledge who made you want to learn."

"He taught me, he taught my cousins, he taught my children ... and even though he's no longer teaching, he's still giving to the community," adds Harad.

Like most of Byer's former pupils, Harad was not aware at the time that this dedicated educator played a key role in the activities leading up to Israel's statehood.

Joseph Byer was born in Russia in 1914. His studies took him to Bialystok, where he studied Talmud for five years, to Vilnius, Lithuania's capital city, for Gymnasium (high school), to accounting school and ultimately, in 1936, to Technion in Haifa to study architecture. A Betarist in Europe, (member of the Zionist Revisionist militant youth wing), Byer willingly responded to the Haganah when they contacted him in Haifa. (The Haganah was the covert Zionist self-defense organization formed after the British disbanded the Jewish Legion following World War I.) It was the right-leaning branch of the

Haganah, the party of Vladimir Jabotinsky and Menachem Begin, which attracted Byer. So the young Betarist joined the Irgun.

While Byer labored as a stevedore in the port of Haifa, and as a picker in an orange grove near Herzlia, he also trained in secret in nearby Bat Galim. After two years, the Haganah assigned him to an elite police force in Kiryat Haim.

"I was sworn in by candlelight, in a basement," Byer recalls. "I had to tell them that I was ready to serve my country and promise not to reveal any secrets."

It was a dangerous time. Assassinations were commonplace, and Byer had a close call one night when the British surrounded his house. Fortunately, he had proper identification, so they did not take him into custody.

In his first assignment, Byer worked as a telephone operator at police headquarters.

"These were huge machines," he recalls. "When a bomb exploded or an Arab attack occurred, the whole machine would light up — maybe 100 lights."

By means of a special receiver, Byer listened in on the phone conversations, alert to the plans of informers.

Byer soon found himself doing work of a very different nature when his headquarters was transformed into a railroad detachment unit. Their mission was to keep the

railways free of bombs. He worked with a group of four in a pillbox made of cement. The men would detain Arab caravans and search them. The detainees rarely volunteered information. It was often necessary to place a suspect on a small railway conveyance with a bar and a seat and travel down the tracks together. If the suspect knew the whereabouts of a bomb, he would quickly reveal the location before he reached that spot.

In 1941, Byer took on a new assignment: escorting German prisoners-of-war from North Africa to Australia. This combined British and Jewish unit traveled to Egypt where they took thousands of German prisoners aboard the Queen Elizabeth troop carrier and conveyed them to Australia. The war had siphoned off much of Australia's small population, and no one was left to work in the fields. The German prisoners were used as farm laborers.

After Byer's unit unloaded the Germans, they provided passage to North Africa for the Australian 9th Division.

Lebanon and Syria, explains Byer, were under the Vichy regime, and the Australians came to push Vichy out. It was during this campaign, Byer relates, that Moshe Dyan, working as a scout for the Australian division, received the injury which was responsible for his famous eye patch.



Joseph Byer working as a policeman in Haifa in 1938.

Byer was to repeat this voyage, a six-week trip one way, several times.

Because Byer could speak Arabic and German, he was soon transferred to the British Navy. He spent the final year and a half of the war as a Chief Clerk and Petty Officer, providing supplies to cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

By war's end, Joseph Byer had lost 65 members of his family to the Holocaust. He knew he had relatives in America. When the SS Five Forks, a 25,000 ton tanker

docked in Haifa in need of a ship chandler, Byer seized the opportunity. The year was 1948. An elated Byer learned of Israel's statehood while aboard ship.

What was his first impression of America?

"I thought I had come to a crazy country," he recalls with a smile. "Everyone was running around in costume and behaving strangely!"

Byer first set foot on American soil on Halloween night, 1948.

Since the declaration of Israeli statehood, Byer had been considering returning to Israel. Instead, he met a young woman working for HASNA/HIAS in New York. He accepted a teaching job in Newark, New Jersey, and married Millie.

Looking for a new position, he went to the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1951 and there met Rabbi Jacob Kraft, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington. This chance meeting would soon result in bringing Byer to Delaware where he would raise a family, sell real estate and teach Jewish children for almost four decades.

"Philip Cohen was synagogue president at the time," Byer recalls. "He asked me what I did during the war. I told him I had been a policeman with the Haganah, and had served in the Navy."

Without further ado, Cohen proclaimed, "You're hired!"

The Making of a Jewish State — 50 years ago JTA Dispatches

Ben Gurion calls for total mobilization for wars, warns of new Arab attacks

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The total mobilization of Jewish manpower, funds, scientific skill and technical ability to prosecute and end the Arab war on the Jews of Palestine was demanded this weekend by David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency, at an extraordinary meeting of the Mapai — Palestine Labor Party. He called for the fullest cooperation of all strata of society in villages and city in order to stretch to the ultimate the meager supplies available to the Jews. Invading Arab guerrillas entrenched in Samaria, Britain informs U.N. commission

LAKE SUCCESS (JTA) — Great Britain notified the U.N. Palestine Commission late today that 1,400 Arab guerrillas are entrenched in the Samaria district of Palestine and are "increasingly exercising considerable administrative control over the whole area."

The British reported to the Commission that on the night of Jan. 29, 700 guerrillas invaded northern Palestine across the Syrian frontier under the command of Fawzi el Kawakji who, the British say, has been assigned to command the Arab Liberation Army. The British note says that the Arabs are controlling the Samarian area "with a surprising degree of discipline" and although they have been dispersed, constitute a cohesive force.

U.N. Commission asks Security Council to send armed force to Palestine promptly

LAKE SUCCESS (JTA) — The U.N. Palestine Commission today made public its report on the Palestine security situation, several hours after submitting the document to the Security Council. The Council is expected to commence its discussion of the report by the end of the week.

The report warns the Security

Council that only the prompt establishment of a "non-Palestinian" armed force can prevent serious trouble in Palestine and effectively implement the partition decision of the General Assembly. Such a force, the report says, would assist law-abiding elements in both the Arab and Jewish communities in maintaining an atmosphere of law and order. The report asks that the international force enter Palestine simultaneously with the Commission.

Only such a force can replace the British troops which are now the sole barrier to a complete deterioration of the situation to "open warfare," the Commission continues. Any alternative would be "catastrophic," it emphasizes, and would involve "bloodshed and human suffering."

The Commission expresses the conviction that there is nothing it can do to implement the Assembly decision between now and the ter-

mination of the Mandate without meeting armed resistance. It warns grimly that "the period immediately following the termination of the Mandate will be a period of uncontrolled, widespread strife and bloodshed in Palestine, including the city of Jerusalem."

Haganah asks Jews to remain calm after Jerusalem blast; tension mounting; 52 dead

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Haganah appealed to the Jews of Palestine to remain calm and not to take the law into their own hands as tension mounted throughout the country in the wake of the worst explosion in recent Palestine history which took the lives of more than 50 Jews here yesterday.

Meanwhile, David Ben Gurion and other members of the Jewish Agency executive, who had been meeting in continuous session in Tel Aviv since the blast in the Jewish business section of the city at 6 a.m. yesterday, returned to

Jerusalem this afternoon to take whatever action may be necessary in relation to the security situation.

Rescue operations continued all day yesterday, through the night and today and will go on tonight until it is certain that all victims have been removed from the wreckage of several buildings, on of which collapsed completely following the explosion. Thus far, nine more bodies were recovered, bringing the total of known dead of 52, with nearly twice that many injured and wounded. A dozen more Britons and Jews were slain during the night in clashes between police and troops and Jewish civil guards and underground forces.

Despite boasts from Arabs sources that Arabs were responsible for the outrage, which left the Jewish shopping area resembling London during the "blitz," Jewish circles here continued to hold to the belief that British soldiers and policemen were responsible for the dead.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

— One woman's view —

By PAULA SHULAK

Fifty years of modern Israel will be marked in a special way on March 29 when the Jewish Federation and the JCC co-sponsor a day long celebration of Israel's birth. One of the highlights of the day will be the music provided by Delaware's own klezmer band, *A Thread of Blue*. Only a few years old, this musical group has captured the attention of not only the Newark community (where it is based at Temple Beth El) but of most of the rest of Jewish Delaware. I thought it might be interesting to talk to a few of the members of the band and find out what it is that makes this unique group so successful.

Of course, the obvious person to begin with was Michael Zinn, the musical expert who implemented the idea of a klezmer band in the first place. "It wasn't my brainchild completely," he explained. "Really it was Ann Herman and Rabbi Kaplan who asked me to do it. I did think it would be a great challenge,

but there was a catch because it had to be a synagogue activity with only Temple members involved. Fortunately, I am used to working with people who have not been trained as professional musicians and bringing them to the point where they have reached a semi professional level. And I am pleased to say that's exactly what's happened here!" The klezmer band started out by playing for Simchat Torah and slowly but surely added to their repertoire. They have now performed at the University of Delaware and for several special occasions at the Temple; they also are hired to play at Bar and Bat Mitzvahs all over the state as well as at community events. Klezmer bands are enjoying a great revival in this country and groups such as *A Thread of Blue* are springing up in many cities. Speaking with band members was very revealing of the many reasons why they had volunteered their time and talents to this musical activity. Bonnie Falchuk explained,



Michael Zinn

"Not having played the flute for several decades, it was wonderful to finally have the opportunity to play in ANY setting. I didn't realize how wonderful the music is and I have been happily surprised!" On the other hand, Judy Goldstein was familiar with klezmer music although she had never played it. "I have learned to love the minor, melodic, emotional and vital music of the klezmer tradition. Being in

the band has also given me the chance to know the other members better and to feel closer to the synagogue. As a matter of fact, being part of the band caused me to decide to complete my conversion to Judaism. As part of that commitment, I wrote a spiritual biography and realized that my relationship to the music had become a very emotional thing. Drummer David Kaplan, a professor at the University of Delaware, explained that joining the klezmer was a little bit of a risk for him. "From the time that I was 10 or 11 up to my 20s, music was the focus of my life. But at 21 I put down my drumsticks and moved on. When I heard that Beth El was starting a klezmer band, I decided to join but I had sold my drum set and could not play unless I invested a couple of thousand dollars. So I had to take a chance that the band would be a success. Fortunately, I made the right choice. The synagogue offers many different "on ramps" to people and this is one of them. It's

been great to rediscover in my early 40's two parts of my life which I had laid aside, music and religion." Finally, I spoke to someone who IS a professional musician in her day job. Marcia Acero, a music teacher in the public school system shared these thoughts. "I have wanted to devote some time to the Temple and this was right up my alley. I could use whatever talent I have to share the joy of music with people all over the region.

And it seems the more we play the more successful we get. Every engagement brings invitations for more engagements! Now we have reached the point where Michael is teaching us to improvise Jewishly and to be introduced to a whole new genre of music." *A Thread of Blue* belongs to everyone in the community. Come to ISRAEL 50 and hear for yourself. The performance will be during the evening activities; tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and Seniors and children under 5 are free.

AKSE Young Artist Concert

Adas Kodesch shel Emeth excitedly presents its 15th Annual Young Artist Concert, sponsored by Cheryl and Ken Kamm, featuring the dynamic combination of Makoto Nakura, marimbist, and David Fedele, flutist.

Makoto Nakura has been called the Tiger Woods of the marimba, a young genius who uses mallets instead of clubs to ply this remarkable craft. Nakura started playing when he was 8, and has won every conceivable award on his way up the ladder, including the 1994 Young Concert Artists International Auditions. Now the Japanese-born virtuoso stands at the top of the heap, showing "skills worthy of the finest pianist" (The Washington Post).

In Hong Kong a critic reported that "Nakura plays the marimba with superhuman energy, technique and fireworks that left the

audience gasping for more." This season Mr. Nakura will be premiering in Kevin Putz's *Marimba Concerto*, commissioned by the Vermont Symphony Orchestra and Japan's Ensemble Kobe, giving performances of the concerto in a four-city tour of Vermont and in Japan.



Makoto Nakura

David Fedele is a flutist to be reckoned with. His unfaltering musicianship, dazzling technique, and limitless range of tone resem-

bles the effortless grace of an Olympic gymnast, allowing him to project his listeners into the music instead of performing with them. Fedele, who is the flutist with the New York Chamber Soloists, is a musician of high caliber. His phrasing is almost always impeccable, aided by an incredible breath control, which allows phrases of a length that must make him the envy of his fellow flutists.

His virtues begin with a firm tone that is especially beautiful (and free of breathiness) in its lower register, and a mechanical facility that enable him to take on a long program of technically demanding music. He has a sense of dramatic effect and a feeling for the rise and fall of a phrase. Fedele has won the Young Concert Artists International Audition Award and many other honors, including the Olga Koussevitsky Competition of the Musicians Club of New York, a grant from Arts International, a top prize in the Kobe International Flute Competition in Japan and

first place in the New York Flute Club Competition in 1989. A native of Charlotte, North Carolina, Mr. Fedele is a graduate of The Curtis Institute of Music and The Juilliard School.



David Fedele

Their joint program is one of studied contrasts. The flute has several centuries' head start on the marimba as a subject for original composition; as a result, Fedele's solo contributions to the program

span the baroque era to impressionism. Since the marimba was not developed as a Western concert instrument until less than 100 years ago, Nakura's contributions reflect the harmonic and dynamic conventions of this century. The combination makes for a challenging and satisfying listening experience.

All ticket holders are invited to enjoy a meet-the-artist dairy reception after the concert. To purchase tickets, mail a check made out to Adas Kodesch shel Emeth, 4412 Washington St. Extension,

Wilmington, DE 19802, and your tickets will be held for you at the door, or call 762-2705 for further information. The concert program book will list donors and donor ticket holders who are significant supporters of this event. Also, to take out an advertisement for your business in our concert program book, call the above number. Two complimentary tickets will be given to a full and half page advertisers.



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Jewish Second Street Book Available

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD) has copies of its publication "A Social History of the West Second Street Jewish Community - Wilmington, Delaware 1930-1940" available for sale.

Compiled by JHSD Board Member, Marvin S. Balick, this book contains 14 oral history interviews from people who lived on West Second Street, had a business on West Second Street or were daily visitors to the area. Also

included are over 50 wonderful black and white photographs.

Though the physical landscape of West Second Street has been radically altered over the years, this book captures the essence of what was, for many years, the center of the Jewish Community in

Wilmington. "A Social History of the West Second Street Jewish Community..." gives the reader insight into a way of life that is no more. For those who remember

"Jewish Second Street," this book will bring back many fond memories. For those too young to remember when West Second Street was a hub of Jewish activity, this book preserves an important piece of our Jewish community history.

Our "Book Signing" on January 25th was a tremendous success! Over 60 people enjoyed refreshments, talking with the author, and remembering West Second Street.

Copies of the book may be obtained by sending a check made out to "Jewish Historical Society" to Jewish Historical Society, 505 Market Street Mall, Wilmington, DE 19801. The cost of the book is \$18.00 plus \$2.50 shipping and handling per book ordered. The book is also available in limited

quantities in the Ninth Street Book Shop in Wilmington. For further information, please call the Society at 655-6232.

NACHES

Estelle & Marty Glick Announce Birth of Their Grandchild

Estelle and Marty Glick wish to announce the birth of their grandchild, Benjamin Allen Newman. He was born on February 4, 1998 and

is the son of Deborah and Richard Newman and the brother of Zachary Robert Newman of Jessup, Maryland.

Dr. Samuel Romirowsky-Diplomate

Dr. Samuel Romirowsky, a licensed psychologist in Delaware and Pennsylvania, has been awarded the status of Diplomate of the American Board of Psychological Specialties, by the American College and Forensic Examiners.

Dr. Romirowsky has also been recently accepted as an Academy Fellow of the Professional Academy of Custody Evaluators, recognizing his expertise and specialization in the performance of child custody evaluations in

Pennsylvania and Delaware. Dr. Romirowsky recently addressed the Peoples Law School on the topic of child custody. The Peoples Law School is a community service project of the Delaware Trial Lawyers Association.

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LEO BRENNER

A memorial service for Leo Brenner, who died February 5, 1998 will be 3 p.m., Sunday, March 8, 1998 in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Blvd. & Torah Drive. A native of Berlin, Germany, Mr. Brenner was a survivor of the Holocaust, having been in six different Nazi concentration camps from 1939 until liberated in 1945. He emigrated to the United States in 1946. He came to Wilmington to live with his aunt and uncle, Wolf and Lucy Muller. His story of survival is on record at Yale University. He was also interviewed by movie director Steven Spielberg. He was included in a WHYY-TV documentary on local survivors of the Holocaust. He worked at various trades until he opened Joy Cleaners which he named for his eldest daughter, in 1961. Leo retired in 1983. He married the former Marion Bronfin in 1948. His death occurred three days before their 50th anniversary. Besides his wife and Joy, he is survived by another daughter, Gail and a son, Dr. Ira, and six grandchildren.

MORRIS (PETE) NOVIK

Morris (Pete) Novik, 83 years. Durham Regent Retirement Residence, Durham, N.C. Formally of Wilmington, DE & Detroit, MI. Died peacefully in his sleep while vacationing in Florida on January 11, 1998.

Funeral services conducted in Florida by daughter Belinda Novick Katz.

Survived by wife Eve of Hillsboro Beach, FL, Brother, Joseph of Cincinnati, OH, Daughters, Sharon Novik Polonsker of Baton Rouge, LA, Belinda Novik Katz of Chapel Hill, NC., Son Michael Novik of Detroit, MI & Stuart, FL and 3 grandchildren, Diane Polonsker, Natalie Novik, Noah Novik Katz.

OBITUARIES

PAUL CHUDNOWSKI

Paul Chudnowski, 67, died Monday at his home in Pike Creek.

Mr. Chudnowski owned Penichet Carpet Mart for 20 years, retiring in 1993.

Survivors include his wife, Malca Chudnowski; daughter, Helena Kostik of Middletown; sister-in-law, Raquel Sinai of Philadelphia, whom he raised; two grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the Diabetes Association.

BETTY HALPRIN

Betty Halprin, 85, of Kutz Home for the Aged, 704 River Road, Bellefonte, formerly of Portsmouth, N.H., died Tuesday at the nursing home.

Mrs. Halprin owned a grocery store in Portsmouth for 20 years, retiring in 1974. Her husband, Harry, died in 1973.

Survivors include a son, Arthur of Newark; brothers, Raymond and Benjamin Weiner, both of Los Angeles; a grandson.

Contributions may be made to the Kutz Home for the Aged.

ANN R. FINE

Ann R. Fine, 88, of Forwood Manor, Brandywine Hundred, died Wednesday in the Kutz Home, Bellefonte. Mrs. Fine was a homemaker.

She was a member of congregations Beth Shalom and Beth Emeth, Hadassah and the Deborah Heart & Lung Foundation. Her husband, Edward Fine, died in 1966.

Survivors include son, Paul R. of Montchanin; daughter, Sandy Berg of Boca Raton, Fla.; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

LOUIS MASS

Louis Mass, 84, formerly of Lake Worth, Fla. and Freeport, N.Y. died on February 13 at The Kutz Home, Wilmington, where he had been a resident since December. Mr. Mass was a member of Temple Beth Shalom in Lake Worth, Fla. His wife of 55 years, Sylvia, died in 1994.

A former salesman, Mr. Mass was a poet. Upon his death, he had completed over 6,000 poems. A local personality, he appeared frequently in the Palm Beach papers and on radio and TV. He gave poetry workshops and readings to the learning disabled, in the local schools, prisons, retirement and nursing homes. He was nominated to the post of Florida's Poet Laureate in 1980. In 1990 he received a Jefferson Award Certificate of Merit for outstanding community service. Mr. Mass also taught poetry and Yiddish at Palm

Beach Community College.

Survivors: daughters, Dr. Madeline Hirschfeld of Rockville Centre, N.Y. and Phyllis Fink of Wilmington, DE, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held February 15 in Rockville Centre, N.Y.

ALAN KANOFSKY

Alan Kanofsky, 80, of Kutz Home for the Aged, 704 River Road, Bellefonte, formerly of Claymont, died Monday in St. Francis Hospital.

Mr. Kanofsky co-owned Square Hardware, Kennett Square, Pa., for 35 years, retiring in 1975, and later sold the business.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington, and a former member of Kennett Square Rotary, Kennett Square Chamber of Commerce, and the American Legion. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline Kanofsky; sons, Lee Kane of Haverhill, Mass. and Dr. Steven Kanofsky of Pleasant Hills, Calif.; daughter, Linda Trinidad of Wilmington; brothers, Dr. Eugene Kane of Kennett Square, and Dr. Leonard Kanofsky of Boca Raton, Fla.; six grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Contributions may be made to the Kutz Home for the Aged, or Parkinson Disease Foundation

ABRAHAM A. RIBICOFF

NEW YORK - Abraham A. Ribicoff, a former U.S. senator and governor of Connecticut who served as secretary of health, education, and welfare in the Kennedy administration, died Sunday. He was 87.

Mr. Ribicoff, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease, died at a New York city nursing home, said ABC's Barbara Walters, a family friend.

Mr. Ribicoff, a Democrat, had a public service career that spanned more than four decades.

He began his career as a state legislator in the Connecticut General Assembly and went on to serve as a judge, a congressman, governor of Connecticut, a member of Kennedy's Cabinet, a member of the United States delegation to the United Nations and, for the last 18 years of his career, a U.S. senator.

Mr. Ribicoff was born in New Britain, Conn., on April 9, 1910. He graduated from the University of Chicago's law school in 1933.

Mr. Ribicoff is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, a stepson and six grandchildren.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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MARCH

TUESDAY 10

Sol Toumarkine Family Education Series. "Reduce the Stress", 7:30 p.m. This workshop examines what stresses effect us and will provide tools to help us cope with them. The cost is \$5.00 for JCC members and \$8.00 for non-members. Myrna Ryder, M.Ed., CFLE, will lead this session. Registration can be made at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, contact Sonja Hildebrand at 302-478-5660.

WEDNESDAY 11

International Folk Dancing. The Arden Folk Gild is sponsoring Beginning International Folk Dance lessons for 8 weeks. Come and learn the basic steps of international folk dancing so you can do dances from Israel, Greece, France, Turkey, Russia, and many other countries. Lessons will be held Wednesday evenings, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Arden Gild Hall, 2126 The Highway, Arden. For further information, call (302) 764-2682 or (302) 762-2818.

Memory Strategies. Family Living Series, Newark Senior Center, 10 a.m. "Why can't I remember names the way I used to?" and "Where did I leave my keys?" These and other questions answered as we sort out what causes memory problems, what is normal as we grow older and what memory strategies are helpful. Martha Frost, M.S.W., Social Worker, Jewish Family Service.

Congregation Beth Shalom Erev Purim-Megillah Reading and Costume Parade, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY 12

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Purim, no classes.

NCJW Wilmington Section presents a book review and discussion. 7:30 p.m. at the home of Yetta Chaiken. Discussion of the book *Stones from the River* by Ursula Hegi, will be led by Dr. Joan DeFattore, Professor of English at the University of Delaware. "Trudi Montag is a Zwerg - a dwarf - short, undesirable, different, the voice of anyone who has ever tried to fit in. Eventually she learns that being different is a secret that all humans share - from her mother who flees into madness ... to the Jews Trudi harbors in her cellar. Ursula Hegi brings us a timeless and unforgettable story. RSVP to Ari Bodnar, 479-9655 or bodnarag@aol.com

SATURDAY 14

Congregation Beth Ahavah will hold its Purim Gay-la and Fund Raiser at 7 p.m. The event, which is being promoted as Philadelphia's gayest Purim Gay-la, will be held at the Ethical Society Building, 1906 South Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, Pa. Additional information call 215-923-2003, mailbox #7.

SUNDAY 15

Congregation Beth Emeth Brotherhood, 9:00 a.m. in Lounge. Breakfast and speaker, Yvette Rudnitzky will present a provocative documentary where seven Jewish women from Canada, United States, and Israel strive to find common ground in their relationship between their religion and the men in their world around them. Men and women are invited. Breakfast, \$3, begins at 9 a.m., program begins 9:30 a.m. Contact Phil Weinberg, 475-4962.

Wilmington B'nai B'rith 470: Creating Our Second Century of Service. B'nai B'rith 470 will begin its second century of community service on March 21, 1998. Since this falls on Shabbat, we will celebrate on the afternoon of Sunday, March 22 from 1:30-4:30 p.m., with a re-dedication: "Creating Our Second Century of Service." at B'nai B'rith House, 8000 Society Drive, Claymont, DE. Activities will include a reminiscence room, where individuals may share their photographs and other items illustrating B'nai B'rith history and Jewish life in Delaware over the past 100 years, rededication ceremonies, live music and a reception. Members will receive their invitations in the mail. Invitations to non-members will be offered on a limited space, first come, first serve basis. Call Sandy Scheinberg, Centennial Committee Chairperson, 302-478-5279.

TUESDAY 17

History, Memory & The Holocaust. 7:00 p.m., Trabant Student Center Theater. More than a half century separates us from the liberation of the survivors of Hitler's death camps. Historians have described and analyzed the Final Solution in great detail, but with the passage of time general public memory loses focus and the past can become an object of manipulation. This panel will bring a variety of perspectives together - those of historians, archivists, survivors and journalists - to discuss how and why we remember and describe the story of this part of our past. Professor Ben Yagoda (English), moderator; Professor Willard Fletcher (History, Emeritus); Professor Arnold Kerr (Civil Engineering); Mr. Brewster Chamberlin (U.S. National Holocaust Museum); Mr. David Preston (*Philadelphia Inquirer*). Event sponsored by the Holocaust Education Task Force/College of Arts and Science Outreach.

WEDNESDAY 18

Adult Education Seminar. The experience of separation and divorce is one of the most stressful life events. We will explore the multi-faceted emotional process of the loss, the impact on children and share techniques that will help you cope and create a cordial relationship with your former spouse. Presented by Sharon Fisher, M.S.S., 7 p.m. Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Boulevard, Wilmington. Free and open to the public. Call Lauren Pokras at Jewish Family Service for details, 478-9411.

Grandparenting, Family Living Series Newark Senior Center,

10 a.m. Grandparenting is both a joy and a challenge. The roles of a grandparent have become more varied. Learn and share how to be the best grandparents possible whatever the situation, Marsha Frost, M.S.W., Social Worker, Jewish Family Service.

FRIDAY 20

Adult Education Seminar. Psychotherapy - What Heals? Most therapists would agree that their applied techniques change symptoms. But it is the relationship between the therapist and the client that heals injuries or psychic wounds. If therapists and clients can both face their fears, strengths and vulnerabilities as humans, the door opens to the healing process. Dr. Dan Gottlieb is a clinical psychologist, columnist for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and the renowned host of WHYY FM (PBS) National Radio Show "Voices in the Family." 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., beginning with Continental Breakfast at the JCC Auditorium, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington. Cost is \$10.00. 2.5 Social Work Continuing Education Credits are available for attendees. Space is limited. Advance registration is required. Sign up now by calling Jewish Family Service of Delaware, 478-9411. Sponsored by Jewish Family Service, Children's Advocacy Center and Delawareans United to Prevent Child Abuse.

Congregation Beth Shalom, Family Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 21

Albert Einstein Academy Celebrates Israel's 50th, A Black & Gold Ball, 7:30 p.m. at Longwood Gardens, honoring David Wakefield. Catered by Miriam G. Cabret, Music by Lavendar. For information call Albert Einstein Academy, 478-5026.

SUNDAY 22

Adult Education Seminar. This evening's presentation will encourage reflection about the nature of communication, support and connection amongst men. We will give special attention to what factors may inhibit us. Presented by Donald Berman, M.Ed., and David Mandelbaum, Ph.D., 7 p.m. Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Boulevard, Wilmington. Free and open to the public. Call Lauren Pokras at Jewish Family Service for details, 478-9411.

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A & E Network Special: Hollywoodism: Jews, Movies and The American Dream, 9 p.m. EST/10 p.m. PST.

MONDAY 23

Adult Institute Meeting 7:30 p.m., Beth Emeth Synagogue

Library, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington. Please bring all your new ideas to our meeting. Let me know if you are unable to attend. I look forward to seeing you. 475-0752.

WEDNESDAY 25

Multi-Generation Connections, Family Living Series Newark Senior Center, 10 a.m. More and more families are dealing with caregiving responsibilities across generations. Learn communication skills, caregiving strategies and resources that are available in the community, Sharon Fisher, M.S.S., Social Worker, Jewish Family Service.

SATURDAY 28

Dynamic Duo Young Artists' Concert, the Tiger Woods of the marimba and Olympian flutist, will be held at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth at 8 p.m. in the social hall, followed by a meet-the-artists reception. Tickets \$18 adult/\$2 student. Mail check to AKSE by March 15, and tickets will be held at the door or call AKSE at 762-2705 for further information.

SUNDAY 29

Israel 50 Celebration Community Event. The Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Jewish Community Center jointly present a day to celebrate Israel at 50. Music will be performed by Thread of Blue and Atzilut. Remarks will be offered by Israeli Consul General Danny Ashbel. Bim Bam Bom, a family puppet show, Israeli food and more will be offered. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. For more information call 427-2100.

APRIL

SUNDAY 5

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Spring Recess begins, no classes. Classes resume Sunday, April 19.

SATURDAY 11

Community Wide Seder at Temple Beth El. Temple Beth El will be hosting a community wide Seder on the second night of Passover, at 6:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore this historical holiday in a creative meaningful way. Enjoy a catered dinner with all the traditional Passover foods. The entire community is welcome. If you are unsure of how to prepare a seder, or if you just want to share the holiday with others, please call the Temple office at 366-8330 to make your reservations. Adults are \$10, children under 14 years, \$6, children 2 and under are free. Babysitting will be available for very young children. Reservations are due by March 31.

WEDNESDAY 15

All Women's Seder. Open to all women 12 years plus one day. Seating limited, \$15 without book, \$10 with book. Call Yvette Rudnitzky, 302-762-6371.

ONGOING

Jewish Family Service of Delaware is offering the Family

Court mandated education course for parents who are separating or divorcing. The Divorcing and Separating Parents Education Program offers parents the opportunity to increase their understanding of the impact of divorce on their children, and to help them to co-parent more effectively and make decisions that are in the best interest of their child(ren). By developing awareness and strategies that help parents and children cope, each parent can continue to play a vital role in their children's lives. The class is offered monthly at the Jewish Community Center in North Wilmington. The fee is based on a sliding scale. Anyone is welcome to attend. Advance registration is required. Upcoming dates: Sunday, March 15, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesdays, April 8 and 15, 6:30-10 p.m.; Wednesdays, May 13 and 20, 6:30-10 p.m. Contact Lauren Pokras for more information and registration, 302-478-9411.

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

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

Jewish Heritage Video Collection.

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

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