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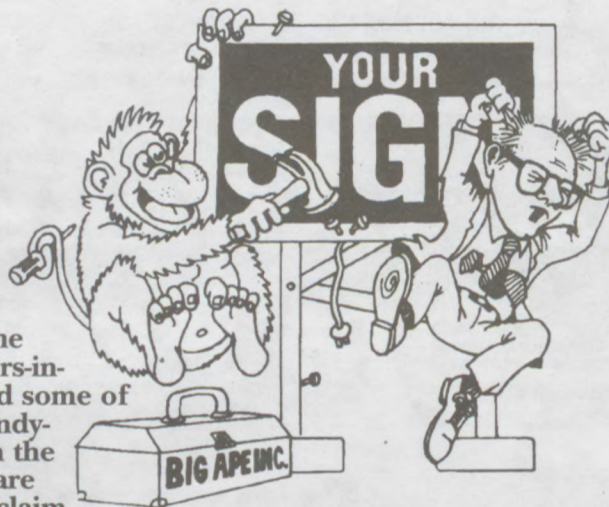
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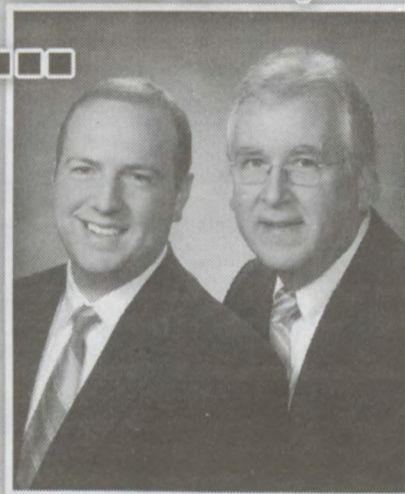
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We Stand with Israel



Samuel H. Asher
Executive Vice President

As I sat down to write this article for the Jewish Voice, I was emotionally assaulted by the sights and sounds of CNN's coverage of "Israel at War". The pictures of Hezbollah missiles tearing into Haifa, Nahariya, Rosh Pina, Afula, and Tiberias are heart-rending and deeply personal as I have friends in all of these communities. During my prior posts with Jewish Federations in North America, I worked with two Partnership 2000 communities, Tiberias and Afula. These men, women and children might

well be among the one million people sleeping in bomb shelters in the North of Israel!

My first thought was to scrap my original idea for my monthly column relating the experiences of college students who have participated in Birthright Israel and write a new piece more apropos to the crisis in Israel. However, now I realize that because of this crisis you **must** hear Alex Lorn-Krause's story.

Taglit or Birthright Israel, now in its sixth year, provides a precious gift of an all-expense paid, educational trip to Israel to young adults ages 18 to 26 who have never before traveled to the Jewish State on an organized tour. Program founders, which include some great philanthropists and visionaries within the Jewish Federation system, believe that it is every Jewish person's birthright to visit Israel. Participants return home with a greater appreciation of their Jewishness and a stronger sense of connection to the Jewish people and their communities. Since its inception, Birthright has sent over 100,000 young Jews from 35 countries around the world to Israel and, in the process, has poured more than \$200 million into the Israeli economy.

Alex is one of the 100,000 Birthright alumni. He traveled to our Jewish homeland as part of the University of Delaware's Mayanot group. It was not only his first visit to Israel but his very first time abroad which made this experience all the more special.

He writes: "While in Israel, I was able to visit many amazing places, such as the Golan

Heights, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Mount Massada and the Dead Sea. Although all of these sites are extremely special, the time I spent in Jerusalem and at the Western Wall was the highlight of my trip." He explained that his visit to the Western Wall was very different from many other young Jews. "Due to my family's financial straits, I never attended Hebrew School and, as such, did not become a bar mitzvah."

He was acutely aware of "being different" as he was raised in a community with a large Jewish population and attended the b'nai mitzvahs of his many Jewish friends. Alex recalls that "I felt Jewish, but only through cultural association and therefore it seemed as if something was missing from my heritage." Last fall, he attended a program on-campus about Birthright Israel and decided to sign-up. "Eliezer Sneiderman, the Chabad Rabbi at the University of Delaware, suggested that I could have a bar mitzvah at the Western Wall and we did just that."

The day before the "big day" Alex and Rabbi Sneiderman brainstormed about the ceremony. "I decided that I wanted to do a Torah portion and he suggested we look up what my mine would have been if I would have had a bar mitzvah around the date of my 13th birthday. Coincidentally, it turned out to be the same Torah portion that Rabbi Sneiderman addressed at his bar mitzvah."

At the Wall, Rabbi Sneiderman helped Alex put on tefillin and explained its significance.

"Then, we then stood before the Wall and recited the Shema together," he recounted, adding that "Afterwards, myself and several of the other students on the trip who had also received a bar or bat mitzvah gave a short speech before the group and then we all danced the hora."

Alex realizes that his bar mitzvah was a very different experience from the lavish affairs he attended as a young teen, but it was "deeply rewarding." "Becoming a son of the commandments at the Wall was a very special experience. I finally feel as if I've found what I've been missing from my Jewish heritage all these years," he said.

So why would I take the time to share this letter with you during a crisis in Israel? Because this young man's experiences articulate the quintessential response to the question that we must all ask. Where would we be without Israel? We all derive a great part of our identities as Jews from the Jewish State. Alex and the 99,999 other kids who have participated in Birthright Israel will testify to this fact.

Why are we all glued to the television right now? Because this is a fight for our homeland and our people.

How can we help? Click on the Jewish Federation of Delaware website at www.shalomdelaware.org, write a check to the Israel Crisis Campaign and participate in our Delaware Stands With Israel Rally on Wednesday, July 26th, 7:00 p.m. at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center.

Israel needs us. Be there!

A Place to Connect



Ruth Rosenberg

"The mission of the Jewish Federation of Delaware is to mobilize the Jewish community to address issues, meet needs and build an agenda for the future. The Federation fulfills

its mission by: raising funds that will meet mutually agreed upon goals; allocating and managing community resources based upon the community agenda; developing leadership; fostering identification with our Jewish teachings and heritage to inspire an informed and involved community; and providing a structure for the Jewish community to interact with the non-Jewish community."

This mission statement is all-encompassing. It concisely articulates the work we do as a community. As you can see, the Federation is not just about raising money. Certainly, that's an important part of what we do but not the only reason we exist. Federation is about making a connection; finding a way to be tied to your community either locally or to Jews around the globe. For now, let's focus on the "developing leadership" and "fostering identification" parts of the mission that give you specific places to connect.

The Federation offers many opportunities for personal growth. Just ask anyone who has served on a committee, been on our board or volunteered for Super Sunday. You cannot help but learn and grow from the experience of working together and making a difference in the lives of people here in our community and beyond.

Some question whether they deserve the moniker "leader" but in fact, just showing up to help is leadership by example. I want to offer you two opportunities to develop your own leadership style while connecting with Jewish teachings and heritage.

In 2003, the Federation launched the Community Leadership Institute. The purpose of the program is to develop a cadre of motivated, educated leaders capable of decision-making, development and management of a 21st century Jewish community. This is accomplished through a series of workshops, seminars and even a field trip where participants learn and grow together with instruction from renowned scholars and leaders. The 20 graduates of the first class agreed that the experience was wonderful; they made lasting connections to each other and the greater community. Nominations are now being sought for the next CLI. Nomination forms have been sent to all our community agencies, synagogues and organizations. You can see detailed information on our website. I encourage you to let one of our local organi-

zations know if you're interested in being nominated for the program.

If you were one of the nearly 450 people who participated in Live Generously Mitzvah Day last year, you know the satisfaction and real joy of working together to help others in need. Once again this fall we will be connecting as a community to perform *gemilut hasadim*, acts of loving kindness Co-chairs Dorothy Bobman, Deane Kattler and Laura Kramer are busy working on the details that will bring the entire community together doing mitzvot. There will be gardening, cooking, cleaning, etc. all done in the spirit of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. We are sure to strengthen our connection to our heritage and teachings on this special day, Sunday, November 19, 2006. We are currently seeking Project Managers, the vital links to making the day a success. Please let us know if you're interested.

Not just about money, Federation strives to bring the community together, doing good works, learning, growing and sharing together; simply making the world a better place. In short, the perfect place to connect.

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Jewish Federation of DE receives key grant

The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) recently received a \$10,000 grant from Citizens Bank Corporation, intended to create a fund to aid families who are in financial distress as a result of Delaware's rising energy costs. JFD has referred this grant to its beneficiary agency, Jewish Family Services of Delaware (JFS), to oversee administration of funding. The money will be used to establish an Energy Relief Program, to which those in need may apply for assistance.

JFD Executive Vice President Samuel H. Asher expects that more than 20 clients will seek utility support from this funding through October 2006. All confidential submissions will be need-based, requiring applicants to submit financial and utility bill information for evaluation by a JFS social worker. Only one utility bill per family can be covered under this program. Rabbis from each of the local synagogues are working in conjunction with Jewish Family Services to identify clients in

need of this aid package.

Peggy Strine, Vice President of Community Relations for Citizens Bank, is pleased that Citizens Bank was able to provide subsidy with such an immediate impact to the community. In addition, JFS Executive Director Dory Zatuschni says of the project, "We are fortunate that we are able to partner with and receive support from these organizations to assist members of our community." She continues, "This is also a marvelous opportunity for people to learn of the services JFS provides, and how the agency might help them further."

The mission of the Jewish Federation of Delaware is to mobilize the Jewish community to address issues, meet needs and build an agenda for the future. Among other responsibilities, JFD is responsible for raising funds for Jewish Family Services; the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center; Albert Einstein Academy; Delaware Gratz

Hebrew High School; The Kristol Center for Jewish Life at the University of Delaware; and the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home.

Jewish Family Services of Delaware is a non-profit, social service agency, offering counseling, care management and community outreach programs to the greater Wilmington and Brandywine areas. The agency was established in 1899 as the Hebrew Charity Association, by a visionary group of Jewish leaders whose mission was to improve people's lives within the community. The agency provides programs and services to all members of the community, regardless of race, religion, orientation or financial position.

For additional information about the programs and services of Jewish Family Services of Delaware, please contact Michelle Kramer-Fitzgerald, Communications Officer, at 302-478-9411, ext. 12 or info@jfs-delaware.org.



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Rally for Jewish "Homeland Security"

Where will you be on Wednesday evening? For those of us who love the land and people of Eretz Yisroel the place to be is the Siegel JCC. The Jewish Federation of Delaware anticipates a capacity crowd at the JCC auditorium as our community rallies to support Israel in her efforts to destroy Hezbollah outposts in Southern Lebanon and prevent further attacks against its citizens.

Blood is flowing in Haifa, Acre, Shlomi, Carmiel and Nazareth. Dozens of Israelis have lost their lives since the conflict began some 10 days ago. Countless others are living lives fraught by terrible trauma. Their daily routines are upended by the threat of rocket fire. At the shrill sound of sirens, they flee to bomb shelters, never knowing whether or not they will have homes to return to.

We must reach out to our Israeli brothers

and sisters during this time of crisis. Come to Wednesday's 7:00 p.m. Solidarity Rally and hear Nathan Guttman, head of the U.S. Bureau for the noted Israeli newspaper *The Jerusalem Post*. A veteran mid-east reporter, Guttman will have up-to-the-minute details on Israel's battle against Hezbollah terrorists.

Between now and Wednesday visit our Federation website at www.shalomdelaware.org and find out ways that you can help Israel meet the tremendous spiritual, emotional and financial costs of this latest threat to Jewish Homeland Security.

Lynn B. Edelman

Lynn B. Edelman
Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UJC expresses its gratitude

It is with a profound sense of gratitude that I am writing to acknowledge the leadership role of the Jewish Federation of Delaware with regard to Operation Promise, an initiative to raise \$160 million to help poor elderly Jews and build Jewish identity in the former Soviet Union, and to bring the Ethiopian Jewish community to Israel and help them assimilate into Israeli society.

Your community's tremendous support

to date demonstrates an extraordinary example of leadership, and sets a high standard for others to follow.

Please do express our sincere thanks to the Delaware Jewish community for making this commitment to this very important initiative.

Sincerely,

Howard M. Reiger
President and CEO

United Jewish Communities

An open letter to Prime Minister Olmert

Use a heavy hand in Gaza, do not turn away or hold back your power.

Destroy their radio, television, newspapers, their school textbooks, their posters, their mosque sound-systems - destroy all media they use like Goebles did to brainwash and create hatred and intolerance.

Allow no weapons in Gaza - demilitarize it once and for all, so only the police have hand pistols. No more rifles or machine guns. No more armed groups, no more weapons. Just police.

Do not be afraid of "world opinion," fear only for the safety and destruction of Israel.

You are either Neville Chamberlain or you are Winston Churchill.

Each rocket from Gaza is a Nazi gas chamber "shower head," nothing less. Gaza is the Nazi "final solution." This is the Holocaust alive and murdering in our own day.

No more hand wringing, no more sweet-talk. No more negotiating. Power must come down with a heavy hand. The entire world knows injustice and hatred when they see it.

The world knows the true goal of Hamas and the PLO. The world prefers a Judenrein world, because Jews stand for absolute right and wrong. Jewish witness is a constant

thorn in the side, an embarrassment to a world filled with dictators, intolerance and hatred.

Power only respects power. Do not bend your knee or humble yourself before any force other than truth and honesty. When a Jew stands up against injustice, the injustice will fall. That is our strength, that is what earns the world's respect, and that is what you must do.

Be Winston Churchill, not Neville Chamberlain. Do not stop until the last voice of intolerance is silenced. Be strong or Israel will not survive. This is an existential fight, no less than against Iran's dream of atomic bombs.

Continue, no matter what Jews with bend-knees say from the United States. Each time Israel backs down and pulls away from victory, it shames those Jews. In their shame, they pull away from Israel. Show them strength and they will all be with you. Show them weakness and indecisiveness, and they will pull away in shame.

Use your heavy hand without shame or restraint. Do not threaten - warn. No not give a second chance - strike. Be strong. Otherwise, Israel will not survive.

Marc Pevar

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TASTE OF TORAH

Between the Straits: Ancient/Modern Times of Tragedy

By Rabbi Michael Beals



There is an ancient tradition laid out in the 1,800 year-old Mishna (Ta'anit) to treat the time between the 17th day of Tamuz and the 9th day of Av as a time for collective mourning for the Jewish people. In synagogue, the three Sabbath haftarah readings during this time are specially designated for their messages of prophetic rebuke. No marriages are performed. In the last nine days leading up to Tisha B'Av, with the exception of Shabbat, no meat is eaten, no wine is drunk. Hair is not cut, swimming and other pleasurable activities are avoided. Some Jews will not even launder their clothing in this period.

Why?

It was during these three weeks that the Babylonians, back in 586 B.C.E., breached the walls of Jerusalem, lay siege to the city, burned the buildings, sent the survivors into captivity, and destroyed the Temple. This happened such a long time ago. How can one find meaning in these mourning customs today?

With 220,000 Israelis sleeping in bomb shelters in Israel's northern zone, 1 million Israelis within range of Hezbollah missiles

funded by Iran and Syria, with three Israelis kidnapped adjacent to areas that Israel gave back to Lebanese and Palestinian control in the name of peace - with all this happening in the three weeks between the 17th of Tamuz and the 9th of Av, we, alas have very good reasons to embrace these collective Jewish mourning customs.

Tisha B'Av is a full fast day, beginning at sun down on August 2nd. In this year not only was the First Temple lost, but the Second Temple was destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE, the Jews were expelled from England in 1290, and the Jews were expelled from Spain in 1492. On this day Jews abstain from eating, drinking, intimate relations, bathing, wearing leather shoes, perfume or makeup.

What a shame that modern events in Gaza and southern Lebanon have given new relevance to the three week period between the breach of the walls of Jerusalem and the Destruction of the Temple. May G-d save and protect our Israeli brothers and sisters and let us say amen.

Please join us in a public chanting of the Book of Lamentations (Eicha), the prophet Jeremiah's terrifying first-hand account of the destruction of the Temple, as Congregation Beth Shalom joins Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth, (Washington Blvd. and Torah Way), on Wednesday evening, August 2nd, at 8 p.m.

Rabbi Michael Beals is the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington.

EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

The Home Front is the Battlefront

By Nechemia Meyers

During these last few days my wife and I have made every effort to keep our telephone conversations short, not to save money but because of our role as a communications center for our family.

The family is scattered all over the country, and when members can't manage to contact one another, they turn to us for assistance. This was the case in regard to our son and daughter-in-law, who lost touch with one another when the cellular telephone system in Haifa temporarily broke down. As it turned out, our son was sitting in a shelter and our daughter-in-law, a nurse, was hard at work in a local hospital that was handling some of those hurt when a Hizbullah rocket scored a

direct hit on a Haifa Bay workshop of Israel Railways, killing eight people and wounding dozens more.

The couple had temporarily left their two little boys with our daughter-in-law's family in a Tel Aviv suburb, where, at least meanwhile, the situation is safer than it is in Haifa. But that too could change, and Tel Avivians have been warned that they should check now to see where they might seek shelter should rockets come raining down on them as well.

At this stage, you can't really be certain of anyone's safety, and we keep in close telephone contact with our daughter and her family in the Golan Heights. So far that area has virtually escaped Hizbullah rockets. But getting backwards and forwards between the Golan and the center of the country is not

without its dangers. Virtually every city and settlement between our daughter's kibbutz and central Israel has been hit by rockets and she takes a chance of being hit by the Hizbullah just travelling from the north to the south.

In the long history of Arab-Jewish conflicts, this is the first time during which front-line soldiers are more worried about the families they left behind than the other way around. The boys and girls in khaki take every possible opportunity to call home in order to find out how mother, father and little sister are surviving hour upon hour cooped up in a bomb shelter, or God forbid, whether they have been injured by a missile when they walked out to get a breath of fresh air.

There have been military casualties, of

course. But they have been fewer than might have been expected because it is the Air Force rather than ground forces that has been most involved in the fighting until now. As nearly as we know at this point, at least as many civilians as soldiers have been injured or killed in the last week.

Israel's ability to stay the course until it has smashed the Hizbullah depends on whether the civilian population can continue to survive the rain of rockets without pleading for a premature end to the conflict. So far, civilian morale has remained extraordinarily high. And while there is the usual band of second guessers, who think they know better than the generals, most people are behind the government and will remain so in the foreseeable future.

A personal plea from the war zone

By Melody Amsel-Arieli.

Dear friends and family,

Here I am in Israel. Over the years, our onion-thin airmail letters, the ones that that often took weeks to arrive, have given way to lightening-quick emails. And, these days, we're sending out wedding and college graduation invitations instead of birth and bar mitzvah announcements.

Many of you have come to visit. Remember how, together, we walked Jerusalem's Old City ramparts, ate kosher Chinese, and visited Mama Jamil, Peki'in's Druze lady who makes geranium-scented soap? Remember how we schlepped to Safed

for a bit of Kaballa, feasted on St. Peter's Fish along the Kinneret, and explored Beersheba's Bedouin Market?

Here I am in Israel, the family geographer, still poring over crumbling shtetl maps, scouring Holocaust archives, and climbing up family trees. Remember, my Los Angeles, Budapest, Sydney, and New York fellow-genealogists, how we exchanged endless emails, battling life and death questions and answers back and forth about exciting documents and out-of-the-way sources and who is related to whom? Though worlds apart, we shared our common history. And for a brief moment, family or not, we were family.

Here I am in Israel, my Internet strangers-

turned-friends. Navaho artist, Oklahoman hospice nurse, klezmer flutist, Georgian Mennonite, and third cousin in Bratislava, together we have touched on everything that matters in life, Indian beading, Eastern Europe melodies, the mystery of life after death, the joy of eating corn on the cob, and the shock of, sixty years after, discovering Jewish roots. Am I naïve? I thought we also touched each other's lives.

These trying days, while half of Israel sits in bomb shelters and the other half expects a barrage in their neighborhood some day soon, I imagine you catching up on the news in the comfort of your living room. You scan the headlines on your computer while multi-task-

ing, listening to music, downloading, and surfing the Net, perhaps thinking, war is war and what did they expect anyway?

From you, friends and family, I expect more. Politics aside, I expect a silent prayer for the future of Israel. I expect you to be with me, if not in deed, then in thought. Show me that you care. Give me a call. Or send me an email. It doesn't have to be much, really. A simple "are you OK?" will do it.

I know it's been awhile. You may not remember exactly where Nahariya, Safed, and Beersheba are. But you remember me, don't you? Here I am in Israel. Where are you?

Yours, as ever, Mel

The predictability of the Middle East

People often say that the Middle East is too unpredictable. Really? Consider that the Palestinians have been bombarding Israel on almost a daily basis for the last 10 months since the disengagement from Gaza and not a single resolution of condemnation was proposed at the United Nations. The European Union did not express outrage and the United States did not call for restraint. After the additional provocation of an attack on its sovereign territory, and the murder and kidnapping of its soldiers, Israel finally decided to respond and the immediate reaction of the world was, predictably, condemnation of Israel.

If Israeli actions lead to even one unintended casualty, you can be sure the media will be at the hospital to show a photo of the poor victim. I watched Fox the other night show shot after shot of Arab children being examined by doctors in a hospital. Israel has been lucky that the rockets fired from Lebanon and Gaza have caused minimal damage and death, but this also means the media has no graphic footage to show and,

therefore, will focus its cameras at Israel's targets where it can get dramatic pictures. Media watchdogs may lament this "bias," but it is an inescapable feature of the fundamental asymmetry of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

This asymmetry also makes it virtually impossible for Israel to win a war with the terrorists because it is fighting from the moral high ground and its enemies have no morals whatsoever. The situation reminds me of the scene in *The Untouchables* when Eliot Ness, the honest cop who wants to play by the rules becomes frustrated with his inability to stop Al Capone. He asks a tough old cop named Malone how to get Capone. "Here's how," Malone explains, "They pull a knife, you pull a gun. He sends one of yours to the hospital, you send one of his to the morgue. That's the Chicago way, and that's how you get Capone! Now do you want to do that? Are you ready to do that?"

In the case of Israel, the way to get Hamas and Hezbollah is to play by what Tom Friedman called "Hamas rules." This refers to how Syria dealt with the problem of Islamic

fundamentalists threatening the regime in 1982, namely to wipe out an entire city and kill as many as 20,000 people. And remember in all-out war even the moral powers, such as the United States, have not hesitated to use whatever force they believed necessary to defeat their enemies. Remember the firebombing of Dresden, not to mention Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

If Israel carpet bombed southern Lebanon and the Gaza Strip and killed 10 or 20 thousand Palestinians and Lebanese it could stop the terror. Israel would, of course, be pilloried everywhere, but would the condemnation really be much different if it caused thousands of deaths when it receives the same treatment if it kills a few dozen people?

I am not advocating this policy and there is no chance that Israel would ever adopt it because the leaders of Israel operate according to a moral code that seeks to minimize harm to innocents. Israel blows up empty buildings and launches pinpoint attacks; sometimes civilians are killed and Israelis are the first to decry the tragedy. Israel could just as easily bomb the same buildings when they are full of people, but Israel's answer to Malone's question to Ness is that it is unwilling to do it the Chicago way.

Others have suggested that Israel intensify its campaign to assassinate terrorist leaders. After all, the leaders of Hamas and Hezbollah are quick to send others to become martyrs, but have no desire to join

them. And the policy did reduce the level of violence against Israel, but it was really only a band-aid that delayed the inevitable confrontation with groups that have been steadily building up their military capability. Israel is in the predicament of having to pay now or wait and pay a higher price later.

You might argue recent events show the unpredictability of the region; after all, the Palestinians seemed on the verge of civil war and Israel was talking about a significant withdrawal from the West Bank, events that might have led to the establishment of a Palestinian state. Instead, Hamas kidnapped a soldier and ended any chance of an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank anytime soon and provoked the temporary reoccupation of Gaza.

On the other hand, it came as no surprise that the Islamists would continue their campaign to destroy Israel and do everything possible to obstruct peace. Unfortunately, the international appeasement of the provocateurs was equally predictable. The question is whether Israel has the fortitude to ignore international pressure and do what is necessary to protect its citizens or whether it will be forced to stop its military campaign before the terrorist infrastructure is destroyed and, once again, create the conditions for a future conflict.

Dr. Mitchell Bard is the Director of the Jewish Virtual Library and coauthor of *1001 Facts Everyone Should Know About Israel*.

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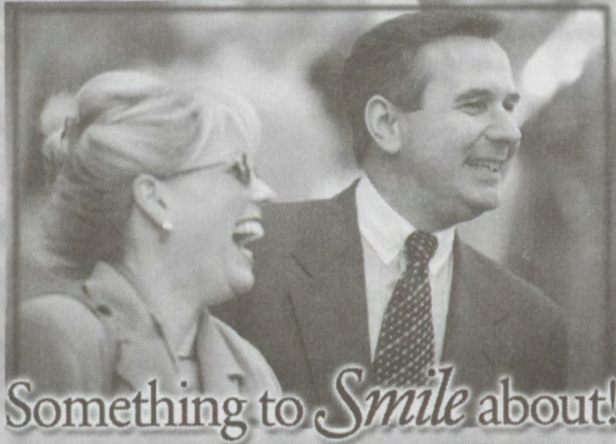
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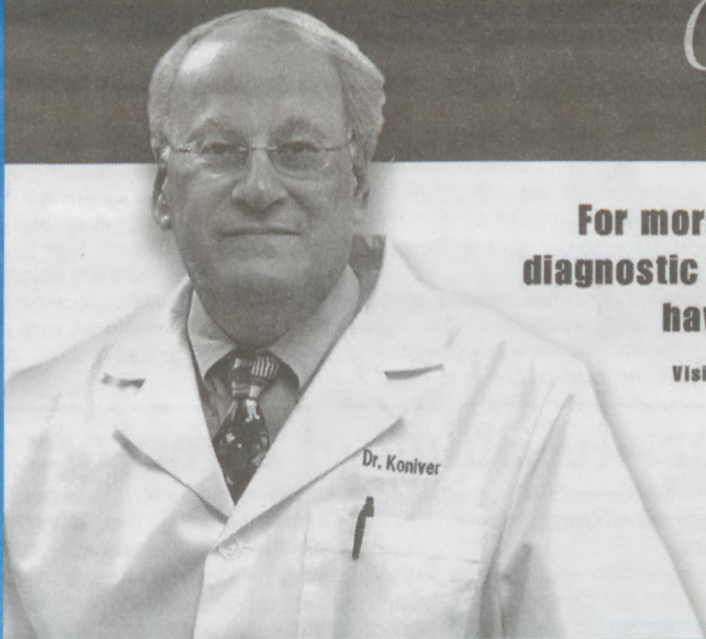
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INSIDE DELAWARE

Rehoboth's Seaside Jewish Community dedicates building

By Joel F. Glazier

"Now we have a building that belongs to us, where all will be welcome," declared Seaside Jewish Community Vice President Beth Cohen, on June 25 after a weekend of thunderstorms and flooding had subsided. The building, on Rehoboth Beach's Holland Glade Road, dedicated that day was comfortably air-conditioned, leak free and the full parking lot was floodless, conditions many in the Delaware beach area may have coveted.

Cohen explained to the crowded sanctuary the importance of ritual and prayer for such special a special occasion. "Mah Tovuh...How lovely are your tents O Jacob, Your dwelling places, O Israel..." she led the audience. Following other readings in Hebrew and English (Psalm 15, "Who may abide in Your House..." and the reading "The synagogue is sanctuary of Israel...") Cohen talked about the formal dedication of placing a mezuzah at one of the entrance doorways.

"Shema Yisroel..." chanted the audience before past Seaside President Dr. Jeff Hawtof attached a new mezuzah containing the paragraphs from the same prayer as instructed in Deuteronomy. The prayers and ritual were both enlightening and informative to a guest list that included a contingent of local officials. Lewes Mayor James Ford, Rehoboth Mayor Sam Cooper, State Senator George Bunting, State Representative Pete Schwartzkopf and Sussex County Councilman George Cole attended as did South Bethany Mayor Gary Jayne, who called the ceremony, "Moving," and commented that "It was heartwarming to be included today."

From a single ad to a Building

Seaside President Cheryl Fruchtmann shared a history of Delaware's newest and fastest growing Jewish community. "Ten years ago an ad was placed locally for any Jews who wanted to meet for a

Seder. Over one hundred people responded and after those gatherings in a restaurant the idea of a Jewish community in Rehoboth was launched. Sussex County Delaware and its growing beach area had never had an established Jewish facility in its history.

In the book "Delaware and the Jews" (edited by Toni Young, 1979) there is mention that years ago, Jews in Sussex County might have assembled for High Holy Day observances. The book says, "Some recall a meeting in Milford to organize a synagogue held at the Coopersmith Building around 1925-26. Nothing materialized." Kent County's only synagogue, Dover's Beth Shalom, was dedicated in 1965.

"Lynn Chichi served as Seaside's first president and found a welcoming All Saints Episcopal Church for our services, but summer parking problems made us realize we needed our own location," explained Fruchtmann. The Odd Fellows' Ocean Wave Lodge became available and for several years Seaside rented the facility for regular services as well as beginning monthly discussion groups and religious school classes. When the opportunity to buy the building occurred the membership voted to begin a capital campaign for the purpose of purchasing the property.

A Mitzvah and A Blessing

Former Baltimore resident Miriam Zadek led the capital campaign. "Over 71% of the membership has participated and other local support has enabled us to reduce greatly the mortgage we have taken out," Zadek told the audience. "We are also able to maintain and improve the building. What better Mitzvah can we offer than a viable Jewish community in Sussex County?" she added. The facility has been refurbished, painted, and sanctuary lighting, lectern and bimah chairs have been donated by members Diane and Michael Kane from a recently closed down shul in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

In June 2005, Seaside purchased

and dedicated a rescued and restored Torah scroll that had been buried by the Jewish Russian community of Lutsck, as the Nazis approached.

"A year ago I was very moved and blessed to be here with you all as you dedicated a restored Torah scroll," said the Rev. Max Wolf, representing his All Saints Church congregation. "It is an honor to be here today as your presence in our church a few years ago helped sanctify our space. You made it more Holy," Wolf told the members.

Acknowledging the area's past history, the Episcopal minister added, "This is a tough place for a Jewish congregation to gather. It's tough enough for a liberal Episcopalian. We need to speak against the uniformity in this area and I thank G-d for the gift that you are. You are a great blessing to our community."

Growing into the Future

In its short history, Seaside has grown to over 200 members. Recently Robbin Myerberg had Seaside's first adult Bat Mitzvah, commenting, "Seaside is now part of my extended family." The Congregation has also been responsible for Sussex County's first Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations. There have been members' baby naming, brit milah, wedding, funeral, annual Pesach Seders and High Holy Day services held in larger rented space at Lewes's University of Delaware facility.

"Today was more than just dedicating a building," Beth Cohen added as refreshments were served after the service, "We now are much larger as a presence in Sussex County." Barbara Sparks, formerly of Dover, agreed, "It is beautiful to be a member of a new community here and it is heartwarming to gather together."

Rabbi Sanford Dresin, chair of the Rabbinic Association of Delaware and spiritual leader of Delaware's oldest Congregation, Adas Kodesch, in Wilmington, said, "It is gratifying



Seaside Jewish Community Vice President Beth Cohen with board members Miriam Zadek, Robbin Myerberg and President Cheryl Fruchtmann in front of the congregation's newly dedicated home on Holland Glade Road in Rehoboth.



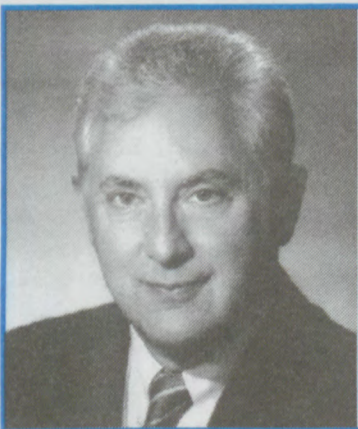
Jewish Federation Executive Vice President Sam Asher with Seaside Jewish Community's Capital Campaign Chair Miriam Zadek and The Rev. Max Wolf of Rehoboth's Episcopal All Saints Church. Rev. Wolf spoke at Seaside's Building Dedication, referring to the congregation as a "Great blessing to the community."

that Seaside has dedicated its own home. Beginnings are difficult and I hope this is the start of more agencies and Jewish activities in Sussex County."

Seaside describes itself as independent and unaffiliated with any one Jewish movement. Currently services are held on the first Friday

night and third Saturday morning of each month. Monthly discussion and Bible Study groups meet as well as religious school classes. Year round and seasonal residents are welcome to join and all are invited to services. Information is available at www.calsnet.net/seasidejewish or (302) 226-8977.

Kristol Hillel Center adds nine new members to Board of Directors



Barry S. Kayne, DDS
President

At its Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors of Kristol Center for Jewish Life at University of Delaware appointed nine new members, and paid tribute to three retiring members who had served with great skill.

Coming onto the Board are Rabbi Michael Beals, Justice Carol Berger, Stuart Binder-Macleod, Ilene Diamond, Steve Eidelman, Leslie Reidel, Jo Ann Schiller, Barry Schlecker, and Eve Slap. Each brings a unique perspective to the table, and a passion for building a Jewish community for the University of

Delaware students.

Retiring from the board after many years of service is Manny Panar. Manny is a former President of the Board of Directors, and has promised to continue being available as needed, for consultation and assistance. Also leaving the board is UD Senior Jessica Forman, who, for two years, has represented the interests of a large portion of the Jewish students at the University. Tribute was also paid to Robert Denemark, who retired from the board earlier in the year, after serving in prior years as its VP of Human Resources, VP Student Affairs, and Secretary.

Elected to President of the Board is Barry Kayne, Past-President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Eileen Conner, CPA, will serve as Treasurer, Dan Horowitz as Secretary and Acting VP Student Affairs, Eve Slap as VP-at-Large and VP Development. Mike Samuels is Immediate Past-President. UD Junior Meredith Grabek continues to represent the student group Hillel Student Life. Representing the Rabbinic Association of Delaware is Rabbi David Kaplan. Also continuing on the board are Basha Closic, Dan Kristol, Howard Kristol, Matt Schwartz and Marty Wagner.

With the new additions, the Kristol

Hillel Center Board of Directors now represents a true cross-section of its constituency. Students, parents, alumni, university faculty and community members are all represented. There is also a wide diversity in experience among the Directors. Many have fund-raising experience; others have experience in public relations and marketing; still others have programming skills. Not to be overlooked are the experience many have

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Lobbying for Jerusalem

By Marc Pevar
and Eleanor Weinglass
Special to The Jewish Voice

On June 28, we had the unique opportunity to "lobby" in Washington, DC as emissaries of the Chief Rabbi of the Old City of Jerusalem, Avraham Goldstein. The purpose of our visit was to introduce Delaware legislators and their staffs to issues of importance to the Jewish and the non-Jewish world. We met with Senator Carper and Representative Castle and their aides. Senator Biden was not in Washington, so we met with his aide for Foreign Affairs. We chose to focus on two topics

because the time available to meet with legislators or their aides is a half hour maximum.

The first topic was the importance of keeping the Old City of Jerusalem an undivided city, with universal access to its holy places for people of all religions. We encouraged legislators to implement a policy approved by Chief Rabbi Avraham Goldstein. The policy emphasizes maintaining the religious balance of the Old City, including areas such as the Temple Mount and Mount Zion, and not favoring one faith over others, promoting free access for all faiths to the holy places.

The second purpose of the meet-

ings was to raise legislators' awareness of the challenge of Islamofascism to the West. We gave each office a DVD copy of "Obsession," a movie by Honest-Reporting that shows the connection between Nazism and Islamofascism.

In addition to scheduled meetings with Delaware's congressional delegation, we met with California's Congressman Tom Lantos and key Democratic and Republican staff of the House International Relations Committee. The Jewish Federation of Delaware's office manager, Sheila Krinsky, arranged appointments with Delaware's Congressional delegations.

INSIDE DELAWARE

Hadassah installs officers, presents awards

Wilmington Hadassah held their installation and awards ceremony on June 12. Celina Riebm, past President of the Chapter and past member of the Hadassah Regional Board conducted the installation. The new board consists of Rhoda Dombchik, President; Susan Hoover and Elisa Ley, Fund raising VP; Miriam Burr and Ellen Feingold, Membership VP; Ellen Pell, Program VP; Faith Brown, Education VP; Janet Bailis; Recording Secretary; Holly Titus, Assistant Recording Secretary; Ina Jacobs, Corresponding Secretary; Cheryl Kamm, Records Administrator; Sena Garber, Esther Timmeney, Treasurers, and Ella Zukoff, Assistant Treasurer.

Two distinguished awards were presented to deserving members:

Dr. Ellen Feingold was named a recipient of the Twentieth Annual Hadassah National Leadership Award. This award pays tribute to members whose leadership accomplishments within Hadassah and civic, educational and cultural organizations reflect Hadassah's dedication to the principles of the volunteer ethic. Award recipients represent a wide range of achievements. June Walker, National President of Hadassah, states the challenges of being a leader, "Leadership often means taking risks, being able to face criticism, developing vision and carrying through a project despite all complications."



Dr. Ellen Feingold, recipient of the National Hadassah Leadership Award, and family members who joined Ellen from places near and far—New York, New Jersey Israel, and Wilmington.

Ellen's past achievements have led to this well-deserved honor. Ellen joined the chapter in 1998 and immediately became very active. She volunteered her home for events and meetings and served as co-chair of Bigger Gifts, the largest fundraiser for the Wilmington Chapter. Ellen will begin her third term as co membership vice president with Miriam Burr. Together they have brought in a record amount of new members, new life members, and new associates for a total mem-

bership this year of 1024. Ellen has served on the Hadassah Regional Board as co-fundraising VP and is currently serving as co-membership VP. In the community, Ellen is a mentor for a child in the public schools.

Ellen graduated from Cornell University and Downstate Medical School in Brooklyn. Ellen and her family made Aliyah in 1981. While in Israel she obtained her Master's of Public Health at Hebrew University (Hadassah Campus) and her homeopathic education.

In 1997, Ellen moved to Wilmington from Israel to accept the position of pediatrician on the staff at the Alfred I DuPont Hospital for children. Upon retiring from her hospital position, she opened her private practice specializing in homeopathic medicine. She is an author of three books. In

the fall she will be teaching two courses: the first as an adjunct professor at the University of Delaware Women's Studies Program and the second at Gratz Hebrew High School.

The second recipient was Elisa Ley who received the Myrna L. Rubenstein Young Leadership Award. This award was established by the Executive Board of the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah in November 2002 in memory of Myrna Lomish Rubenstein who died in 2001. Myrna was a devoted wife, mother, and a Hadassah leader who was a long-time advocate for Hadassah's activities, projects and values. The recipient of this award has to be instrumental in helping the chapter achieve its new member or fund raising goals, motivate others to become more active in Hadassah, or has taken on the chairmanship of a significant project or an executive board position. She has to be a member of the chapter for fewer than five years or has become active within the past five years.

Elisa has become very active in our chapter within the last year. In May 2005, Elisa had a significant role on the donor committee—having her daughter take part in the fashion show, obtaining many door/raffle prizes, putting together the most beautiful baskets, and getting out the publicity. In the fall, Elisa took part in the donor/pledge dinner—entertaining us with her rendition of a teenager from the youth aliyah program and coordinating the other "actors". Most recently, Elisa has served on the Keepers of the Gate level of giving planning committee and finally, she has agreed to be co-VP for fund raising for this upcoming year.

Elisa is a graduate of Concord High School and York College. She



Harvey Rubenstein, husband of Myrna Rubenstein for whom the award is named and Elisa Ley, recipient of the 2006 Myrna Rubenstein Award

has managed three Limited stores, demonstrated cooking at Creative Cooking, and has done Catering of her own. In August 2002, Elisa and her brother, Alan, started Diamond Empress business.

In addition to being active in Hadassah and running her own business, Elisa volunteers at her children's schools. In 2004, she was given the Volunteer of the Year Award at Forwood Elementary School.

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah is very proud to recognize these two dedicated women, Dr. Ellen Feingold and Elisa Ley.

With 1,000 chapters in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, Hadassah is the largest women's Jewish and Largest Zionist organization in the United States celebrating 94 years of service rooted in health care, education, child rescue and rehabilitation.

JFS Partners with Brandywine School District

Jewish Family Services of Delaware (JFS) recently completed a volunteer work partnership with students from SITE (Skills for Independence, Transition and Employment), a program sponsored by the Brandywine School District. Students enrolled in SITE have moderate to severe disabilities and would benefit from functional life skills curricula and vocational training.



Nino (right) and Michael are SITE program volunteers.

Typically, students are assigned tasks according to each one's ability, needs, strengths and preferences. Two students from the program were chosen to work weekly in various capacities at JFS, performing light housekeeping and answering phones. Expectations of this program are for students to become as independent as possible.

Joyce Kaufmann, director of the Brandywine SITE Program, gave high marks to the collaboration. "We connected with JFS because I believed there were a variety of vocational assessment opportunities that could be developed in a non-profit arena," she said. "From this partnership, we opened up another genre of career opportunities for the program—we are now involved in B'nai B'rith House activities, such as sponsoring Bingo games and shopping for elderly residents." In addition to JFS, the SITE Program has established partnerships with Sheraton Suites, Chase Card Services, Stanley's Tavern and WJBR.

Lisa Driban, JFS Volunteer Coordinator, was instrumental in initiating this collaboration. "This program perfectly complements the core mission of JFS: To strengthen the psychological, spiritual and emotional well-being of individuals while promoting independence." She continues, "It was ideal for these students to develop life skills and build self-esteem."

Jewish Family Services of Delaware is a non-profit, social service agency, offering counseling, care management and community outreach programs to the Brandywine Valley. It was established in 1899 as the Hebrew Charity Association by a group of Jewish leaders whose mission was to improve people's lives within the community. The agency provides services to all members of the community, regardless of race, religion, orientation or financial position. For additional information about the programs and services of Jewish Family Services of Delaware, please contact Michelle Kramer-Fitzgerald, Communications Officer, at 302-478-9411, ext. 12 or info@jfs-delaware.org.

Mazel Tov to Beth Emeth Confirmants



Sixteen young men and women affirmed their commitment to Jewish life during a Confirmation Service at Beth Emeth Congregation in Wilmington. The service, which took place during the festival of Shavuot is described by Rabbi Peter Grumbacher as "...much more than a celebration; it is a moment of transformation where our young men and women publicly take their place among the adult Jewish community." Mazel Tov to: First row seated: Michael J. Sobel, Julie France, Karen Lynn McBride, Rebecca S. Spiegel, Jessica McKnight, Adam J. Caplan. Second row: Rabbi Sarah Messinger, Jeff Kreston, Ryan Snyder, Eran Israel Preble, Jacob A. Marklewitz, David Jacob Meluskey, Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher Third row: Cantor Mark E. Stanton, Matthew H. Fischel, Matthew Klein, Andrew Hutz, Jeffrey D. Stanton, Jonathan R. Shanus.

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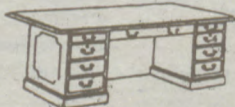
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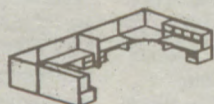
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ISRAELI PERSPECTIVES

From Ethiopian to Israeli

By Toni P. Young
Special to the Jewish Voice

The challenges of moving from a mud shack in Ethiopia to a modern apartment in Israel are extraordinary. But through the funds provided by Operation Promise as well as the support of the Government of Israel, many Ethiopian Israelis have met the challenges. During our recent mission to Ethiopia and Israel, Stuart and I were discouraged by the contrast between those who have successfully become part of the mainstream and those who are left behind, those who cannot learn Hebrew or find jobs. For those left behind, the disparity between their initial hope and the reality of their lives is heartbreaking.

Shlomo Mura was born in Woloka, Ethiopia, a tiny formerly Jewish village near Gondar. He admitted, "I had never seen a white Jew until I was fifteen." In 1983, when Shlomo was sixteen, he and some friends left their families and began walking across the Sudan to reach Israel. Shlomo was robbed, horrified by the shooting of his friend, imprisoned for ninety days, and sent to a refugee camp before he was flown to Israel during Operation Moses in 1985. Shlomo has just been elected to the Knesset as a member of the Kadima party.

A beautiful woman named Malya told us how much she enjoys law school. Malya was fortunate because her whole family arrived safely and together during Operation Moses. Her parents and older brothers were sent to an absorption center, but given her young age, Malya was sent to a special boarding school. Malya said it was hard to be separated from her family, but she understood that it was for her own good. Today Malya's future as a lawyer looks bright. For her brothers, the situation is different.

Several of the young olim who flew to Israel with us on May 25 were going directly to JAFI's Kedma program. They will receive intensive ulpan and educational enrichment to prepare them for further education or professional training.

The key to successful integration is education. Children who receive good education can become part of the Israeli mainstream and help their parents who have difficulty finding jobs.

At the Absorption Center

The first step in education is at the absorption center. Our mission visited the Lod Absorption Center, which is one of more than thirty absorption centers focusing on Ethiopian olim. The concept behind absorption centers is to give the olim "a soft landing." Ethiopian olim live at the center for two to three years. They are introduced to everything from basic appliances and home maintenance to preventative health care and employment. Olim take classes in Hebrew, Jewish Holidays and Customs, Math and How to Buy an Apartment. There's even a pre-school program. They are also encouraged to preserve their Ethiopian culture by participating in craft workshops.

Older olim have a difficult time learning Hebrew partly because many are illiterate even in their native Amharic. Today's olim benefit from the fact that there are native speakers of Amharic to teach them. There's even a computer program in Amharic for learning Hebrew.

The class on How to Buy a House was taught by Gashoo, an Israeli of Ethiopian descent. Gashoo served in the army for seven years, rising to the rank of captain, before becoming an attorney. Gashoo helps the new olim understand the basics about mortgages and the costs of gas, water and electricity. He teaches them to ask questions that will help them select a good neighborhood including questions about the school system in the neighborhood, and he offers just plain good advice like "take a family member with you when looking at an apartment." Gashoo reviews what should be included in a contract, and gives the class a list of real estate agents who can be trusted. A movie in Amharic demonstrates how to properly check an apartment.

At the absorption center, we met

Chahole, a mother of three. She and her husband work to pay for their rent at the absorption center as well as to build a savings account. Her husband works at the airport; she has a job cleaning the supermarket. Their modern apartment has a kitchen, bathroom, living room and bedroom. To people whose previous home was a mud room with no indoor plumbing, this apartment must look like a palace! When we asked Chahole why she came to Israel, she answered, "Israel is the Jewish country." In response to a question about whether she was happy, she quickly said "Very happy, thank you very much for your help, but I have a brother who is still in Ethiopia." Almost everyone we met requested assistance in bringing a relative to Israel. Chahole said her biggest hope is that her children will get a good education.

Fantahun Assefa Dawit was a shepherd and a farmer's assistant in Woloka before coming to Israel. Today he's the head of the absorption center in Tzevat. He explained, "The olim leave the absorption center with a smile and confidence because they feel they have achieved something. But after they leave, they still need support and someone to take them from place to place."

Programs of ENP, JAFI and JDC

There are a multitude of programs to help educate the olim after they leave the absorption centers, but these programs cannot reach all the necessary people unless we raise more dollars. Parents and Children First (PACT) is a JDC program aimed at young children and their parents. PACT levels the playing field so that when children of Ethiopian olim enter first grade at age six, they are not already behind. PACT programs include: literacy enrichment in kindergarten, working with the parents so they can help their children, and providing liaisons who can connect parents with their children's teachers.

At the Sinai elementary school, children of diverse backgrounds sang enthusiastically in Hebrew and Amharic. We visited a special class for



Photo by Stuart Young

ten year old sabras whose parents are of Ethiopian descent. The children need extra help in English because although these children are native born Israelis, their parents speak no English and can't help them. One ten year old spoke fluent English and answered all the oral questions very quickly, but when he was given a written word to match with a picture, he looked at the word "SALAD" for a long time before he realized he was holding it upside down.

The Ethiopian National Project (ENP) is an empowerment program for thirteen to eighteen year olds. It brings teenagers together to provide academic assistance, emotional help, and leadership training. The Ethiopian youth need the support system because their parents are very often "emotionally still in Ethiopia." Part of the empowerment process is to help Ethiopians feel proud of their native heritage and preserve it. At the center, kids learn Ethiopian traditions like the "buna" coffee ceremony and ethnic dancing. ENP also offers workshops for parents. At the Youth Center in Rehovot, we had a very frank conversation with Nega about the difficulties of integration. Nega explained that fifteen

years after their arrival in Israel, many Israelis of Ethiopian descent are still called olim, but after fifteen years olim from other countries are known as Israelis. Sabras, born to Jews from Ethiopia, are not called Israelis.

"Many spider webs together can capture even the strongest lion." This Ethiopian proverb captures the gentle spirit and patience of the Ethiopian people. Whether it's the long wait for their relatives to be brought to Israel or the time it takes for their people to be accepted into Israeli society, the Ethiopian Israelis show quiet perseverance.

The challenges facing Ethiopian Israelis are clear. So is the challenge facing North American Jewry. We have an opportunity to help the 30,000 pre-army youngsters of Ethiopian descent get a proper education. If we raise sufficient funds to provide educational opportunities to all, we will help Israel successfully integrate the Ethiopian Israelis. If we do not, the probability of Israel having a black underclass is much greater. We are writing the story of Ethiopian Jewry now. Our challenge is to give generously to make sure that all Ethiopian Israelis reach their full potential. Every gift can change a life.

Aliyah! Aliyah! Aliyah!

By Connie Kreshtool
Special to the Jewish Voice

The 35th World Zionist Congress (WZC) held in Jerusalem in mid-June opened with a welcome from President Moshe Katsav to the worldwide delegation of 510 delegates and their alternates. President Katsav called for a million North American Jews and Europeans to immigrate to the State of Israel. This call was repeated by Zeev Bielsky, Chairman of the Executive of the World Zionist Organization (WZO) and of the Jewish Agency, and by Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. They also spoke on the current security problems and the war against terror and the resulting civilian deaths. Benjamin Netanyahu warned that we should remember history when we hear the President of Iran speak; "Iran is Israel's biggest threat."

Demography is a major concern for the State. In spite of the immigration of one million Jews from the former Soviet Union, albeit with low birth rates, there is still concern about maintaining a majority of

Jews in the area. This issue has become one of the major reasons that Israel has undertaken a policy of unilateralism so as to move quickly to a two-state solution and forestall a time when the Arab population outnumbers the Jewish population.

Joan Wachstein and I, delegates for ARZA, and Karen Venezky, delegate for Hadassah, were the Delawareans on the 145-member delegation from the United States. There were 190 delegates from Israel and 180 from thirty other countries. In addition there were alternates and official visitors that completed the delegations. Simultaneous translation of all proceedings and presentations papers was available in Hebrew, English, French, Spanish and Russian.

The major business of the Congress was to plan the agenda of the WZO for the next four years. This agenda included promoting aliyah, and strengthening the bond between Israel and the Jews in the Diaspora especially through educational programs and Zionist youth groups. There were many young adults among the delegations since

the Congress' rules require 25% must be between 18 and 30 years of age.

Many resolutions were submitted by all Zionist organizations for plenary action. They were assigned to eight committees to determine whether they should be forwarded to the whole body for action. These committee deliberations were the most interesting hours at the Congress. In my committee meeting there were delegates from seventeen countries so the simultaneous translations were a must. Believe it or not the proceedings went unusually smoothly with so many translators at work. The plenary approved what was the most important resolution - the restructuring of the WZO. If carried to completion it will slim down the administrative departments, develop a new partnership agreement with the Jewish Agency of Israel and provide the required level of support to carry out its activities.

There were other sessions in addition to the business meetings. One of the most interesting was the panel on education in Israel with the Minister of Education Professor

Yuli Tamir as the keynoter. She spoke about the Hebrew language and the wealth of books and the "miracle of the collective creation of a Hebrew culture in Israel." She urged the delegates to come to Israel and be partners in this endeavor.

The panel of respondents made equally meaningful comments. Professor Chanan Alexander of Haifa University said that the Zionist idea to bring Jews from all over the world to a joint place and language has exceeded all expectations in the fifty plus years of the State. Normalization was such a success that Israeli youth fail to identify themselves with other Jews and Jewish history. While Zionist education was "normalization" now it should be changed to Jewish uniqueness. This he sees as the educational challenge for Israel.

General Elazar Stern of the IDF Manpower Division presented a less optimistic picture. "If we only spoke in Hebrew Israel would not be here." From his experience with the men and women of the defense forces he said he wants those who do not know history to feel good

about Israel and to do it without religious symbols. He finds the army has to teach cadets about Judaism since the schools are not doing it.

The final panelist Dr. Ariel Feldstein of Ben Gurion University said it is time for Israelis to look at the Diaspora. Nationalism isn't what it was sixty years ago. He said there is an Israeli nation and a Jewish nation forming an ellipse not a circle. No longer should we use the Zionist idea that Diaspora Jews are living in exile. They belong to the Jewish nation. He said the ties that bind the two together are everyday dialog. In the first fifteen years of the State, Prime Minister Ben Gurion spent many hours speaking and communicating with Jews in the Diaspora. Now Israelis only preach to them about a coming catastrophe. He called for Israelis and Jews in the Diaspora to talk together.

During one of the sessions there was a slight delay in the proceedings so the Chairman invited Theodore Bikel to the lectern. Bikel was a delegate to the Congress for

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MILESTONES

In Memoriam

CHATZINOFF

Muriel Chatzinoff, born December 5, 1919, died June 23, 2006, in Long Beach, NY.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jesse Chatzinoff; and daughter, Ann Victory. She is survived by daughters, Stephanie Rose, and her husband, Donald, of Dix Hills, NY; Yvonne Johnson, and her husband, John, of Wilmington, DE; and son, Peter Chatzinoff, and his wife, Donna, of Cedarhurst, NY; grandchildren, Lauren, and her husband, Scott, Sheryl, Ross, Jessica, Derrick, Shira, Yonaton, Tamar, Ora and Tovah; and great grandchildren, Rachel and Ruthie. Other survivors include her sister, Rosalind

Caine, and her husband, Edward. She will be dearly missed.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday, June 25, in Hewlett, NY.

The family suggests donations in her memory to the Alzheimers Foundation of America, 322 8th Ave., 6th Fl., New York, NY 10001; or to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75244.

FISCHEL

Carroll Louis Fischel, age 81, of Wilmington, DE, died Friday, July 7, 2006.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, he had served as a radio gunner on a B-17

in Europe during World War II, was a 1949 graduate of the University of Delaware, retired from the automotive department of Sears in 1986 after 28 years, was an avid reader, and Phillies fan.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred; sons, Jared, Brian (Helen), and Richard; brother, Irwin; and grandchildren, Gary, Lisa, Rachel, Jason, and Matthew.

A graveside service was held on Monday, July 10, 2006, in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Rd.

The family suggests contributions to either Cong. Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802; or to your favorite charity.

HEIMAN

Sylvia Heiman, age 93, formerly of New York City, NY, died Friday, June 30, 2006. She was a Life member of Hadassah.

Pre-deceased by her husband, Bernard P. Heiman, she is survived by her children, Henry and Tina Heiman of Wilmington, DE and Bette Heiman of New York City, NY; and grandchildren, Natalie and Richard Roisman of Arlington, VA and Aileen Heiman of Philadelphia, PA.

A graveside service was held on Sunday, July 2, 2006, in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Rd.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to either Hadassah, c/o Eva Weissman, 9 Devon Ct., Wilmington, DE 19810; or Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, 1299 Church Rd., Wyncote, PA 19095.

ZEID

Albert A. Zeid, died July 7, 2006. He was the husband of Lillian Zeid, nee Becker; step-father of the late Alan Schultz; grandfather of Meredith Weiss and her husband, Hayim; and father-in-law of Barbara Bell. Arrangements were coordinated by Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks funeral home.

NACHAS NOOK

Wilmington teen to participate in 1st Annual JCC Maccabi Artsfest

Anna Asher, daughter of Michele and Samuel H. Asher of Wilmington, will participate in the inaugural JCC Maccabi ArtsFest organized by JCC Association, the continental network for the JCC Movement and sponsored by The Coca Cola Company®. This week-long summer program for boys and girls ages 13 through 16, is modeled after the successful JCC Maccabi Games, which currently attract 6,000 Jewish athletes from around the world.

Highlights of the ArtsFest program, scheduled from Sunday, August 20th through Friday, August 25th at the JCC of Greater Baltimore, will include:

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Community service project with Baltimore's Department of Social Services Foster Care Division and Gala finale Art Festival, open to the public.

Anna will be joined by some 200 Jewish teens from across the United States, the Ukraine and Israel. There is still time to become part of this brand-new arts initiative. For additional information, please call Ivy Harlev, associate



Anna Asher

executive director of the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center, at 302-478-5660.

Lipschultz receives award



Alan Lipschultz

Alan Lipschultz, director of clinical engineering for Christiana Care Health System, has received the 2006 Clinical/Biomedical Engineering Achievement Award from the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation.

He entered this field in 1973, having established the clinical engineering program at Waterbury Hospital in Connecticut.

Lipschultz is recognized for his expertise in this field.

He has served on the Association's board of directors, as co-chairman of its Standards Board and as a member of the editorial board of the Association's journal, Biomedical Instrumentation and Technology.

Mazel Tov to the new Bar Mitzvah!

David Fridovich-Keil celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on June 10, 2006 at Shearith Israel in Atlanta, Georgia.

David is the son of Dr. Mark Keil and Dr. Judith Fridovich-Keil; his sister, Sara, also participated in the service.

David's grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Fridovich of Durham, N.C. and Judge and Mrs. Charles K. Keil of Wilmington, Delaware.

Family and friends from near and far attended, including two cousins from New Zealand.

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Considering Becoming a Jew By Choice?— Once again the rabbis of the community are offering "Introduction to Judaism" classes for those considering choosing Judaism. These classes begin with an orientation session on **Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 at Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark, Delaware**, at which time Rabbis Michael Beals of Beth Shalom, Peter Grumbacher of Beth Emeth, and David Kaplan of Beth El will explain the curriculum and requirements of this program which has been an integral part of the Jewish community for over two decades.

Classes include, but are not limited to, Basic Beliefs, Comparative Religion, Liturgy and History and run from after the Holydays into the spring. Graduates receive a "diploma" indicating their completion of the program. If they choose to continue towards conversion they pursue private instruction with their sponsoring rabbi. Everyone registering for the program must have a sponsoring rabbi so it is suggested that interested persons contact one of the rabbis before the orientation; so, too, if there are any questions about the Introduction to Judaism classes in general.

Planning to Celebrate a Simcha?— Harry's Savoy Ballroom welcomes all to participate in their Mitzvah Expo, Sunday, October 29th from noon to 4 p.m. Vendors from all venues will showcase everything necessary to plan an affair to remember.

Complimentary food and beverage will be served. Call Marge Gilbert at 302-475-3000 to make your reservation.

You are invited to a special Aliyah House Sale—Sharon, Michael and Joseph Rosenblatt are preparing to make aliyah to Israel pm September 4th. In preparation for their move, the family plans a house sale on August 13th from 9 am until about 3 pm. Cash only please. If you have questions or need more information, please call at 762-0910.

Lincoln University to host Jewish Literature Series—Lincoln University's LANGSTON HUGHES MEMORIAL LIBRARY will host a free and open-to-the public five-part reading and discussion series exploring the theme of Between Two Worlds: Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming. This is part of a program called "Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature - Identity and Imagination," which was developed by Nextbook and the American Library Association (ALA) to explore Jewish literature and culture through scholar-led discussions of contemporary and classic books on a common theme. The Langston Hughes Memorial Library is one of over 150 libraries nationwide receiving grants to host a series in this program. Local support for the series is provided by the Oxford Public Library, the Avon-Grove Public Library, and the Chester County Office of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

The first program will explore *Lost in Translation* by Eva Hoffman and will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2006 at 3 PM. For details or to register, please contact Special Collections Librarian Susan Pevar (phone: 610-932-8300, ext. 3266 or email spevar@lincoln.edu).

Additional books will be discussed one Sunday afternoon per month at the library, skipping December. Dr. Emilie Passow, Associate Professor, Dept. of English and Philosophy, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, will lead a discussion of the book at each session. Dr. Passow's background in teaching and lecturing on Jewish literature and Jewish studies is extensive, and she

has led discussions on these same books previously at the Delaware County Library System.

The complete schedule follows:

Sunday, September 17, 2006 (3 PM): *Lost in Translation* by Eva Hoffman

Sunday, October 22, 2006 (3 PM): *Mr. Sammler's Planet* by Saul Bellow

Sunday, November 19, 2006 (3 PM): *Out of Egypt* by André Aciman
Sunday, January 21, 2007 (3 PM): *The Centaur in the Garden* by Moacyr Scliar

Sunday, February 25, 2007 (3 PM): *Kaaterskill Falls* by Allegra Goodman

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The Charles Bronfman Prize 2007 Announces Call For Nominations—The Charles Bronfman Prize has announced the launch of its international quest for nominations of visionary young humanitarians for the 2007 award. Nominations for the 2007 Prize will be accepted between August 1 and October 31, 2006.

Those who wish to nominate qualified candidates are encouraged to complete the forms found at www.TheCharlesBronfmanPrize.com.

The Charles Bronfman Prize celebrates the vision and talent of an individual or team – under 50 years of age – whose humanitarian work has contributed significantly to the betterment of the world. The achievements of Prize recipients exemplify the Jewish values and regard for humanity that provide inspiration to the next generations. The Prize awards the recipient \$100,000 and will next be announced in the spring of 2007.

The Prize is a humanitarian award created and funded by his children — Ellen Bronfman Hauptman and Andrew Hauptman together with Stephen Bronfman and Claudine Blondin Bronfman — in honor of their father.

Two remarkable young visionaries have received the Prize since its inception. In 2004, the inaugural

Prize was awarded to Jay Feinberg (now 38), a Leukemia survivor who founded and is the Executive Director of Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation.

Dr. Alon Tal was named the 2005 recipient of The Charles Bronfman Prize. Tal founded the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies in 1996, recruiting students from throughout the Middle East to pursue graduate degrees in environmental studies. His book, *Speaking of Earth: Environmental Speeches that Moved the World*, was recently published by Rutgers University Press.

Nomination forms may be found at www.TheCharlesBronfmanPrize.com. For further information about the Prize, please contact Jill Collier Indyk, Executive Director, by email at info@TheCharlesBronfmanPrize.com or by calling 212-931-0127.

Longwood Gardens Presents the Sounds of Summer—As part of its Centennial Celebration, Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA presents a summer series of evening concerts. On Tuesday, August 8th, The Cottars will perform Celtic music. On Friday, August 11th, David Davis and the Warrior River Boys present traditional bluegrass. Broadway music will be performed by The Kennett Symphony of Chester County on Saturday, August 12th. All performances begin at

7:30 p.m. For further information, visit www.longwoodgardens.org or call 610-388-1000.

SEASIDE SLATES AUGUST EVENTS

1. Seaside Jewish Community will hold Friday night Shabbat services on August 4, 2006 at 7:30pm at the synagogue on Holland Glade Rd. in Rehoboth Beach. Also, Tisha B'Av will be observed. For more information, please call 302-226-8977.

2. On the evening of August 19th from 7:00pm to 10:00pm, the congregation will observe "Havdalah on the Beach" at Cape Henlopen State Park. At the Large Beach Pavilion, we will have two large grills set up for families to grill their dinners. Seaside will provide drinks and desserts. At sunset, we will "cross the dunes to the beach" and have a Havdallah Service. For more information, please call 302-226-8977.

3. On Thursday, August 24th, Seaside will have an Adult Education/Discussion Group night starting at 7:30pm. We are asking everyone to bring something of their "Jewish Memorabilia" for an adult "Show and Tell" program. It might be an object, a picture, a personal memory that has a strong Jewish connection for you and are willing to tell us about it.

For more information, please call 302-226-8977.

Temple Beth El to host October Party Fair

Planning a special celebration? Let Temple Beth El of Newark, DE make your party planning a success. The synagogue will host a Party Fair, Sunday, October 22nd from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Vendors will encompass the broad spectrum of life-cycle celebrations including births and birthdays, bar/bat mitzvahs, sweet 16s, graduations, weddings and anniversaries. Talk with disc jockeys, bands, florists, caterers, representatives of banquet facilities, photographers, videographers and party planners and view gift ideas and invitation styles.

Special party planning sessions and demonstrations are scheduled from Noon to 2 p.m. Admission is free. Please call 302-366-8330 for more information.

Aliyah!

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the Meretz Party (left-wing secular). I think most people expected him to sing. No — he launched right into a political speech by listing all the problems of Israeli society: lack of equal rights, separation of church and state, high incidence of poverty among children, issue of non-Jews in Israel and the integration of the Orthodox into society. At this point the Mizrahi (religious Zionists) delegates started to boo but Bikel continued. He said that Zionism was conceived as a noble enterprise but when the dream was tested to reality flaws appeared. He urged

Israelis to rethink their policies. He pointed out that the policy of unilateralism rests on the assumption of failure and dismisses the possibility of negotiation and the policy of fences for security may lead to some security but not to peace.

In addition to all the plenary sessions there were the caucuses where the various groups, known as factions, assemble to decide how they will respond to the issues coming up for a vote. I was part of the ARZENU faction (worldwide Progressive movement) that included delegates from the United

States, Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Germany, Netherlands, South Africa, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Former Soviet Union and Israel. If nothing else the Congress experience teaches that WE ARE ONE.

A highlight of the 35th World Zionist Congress was the field trip that gave delegates the opportunity to visit Israel's towns and immigration and education facilities. The account of my visit to the settlements beyond the Green Line will be in the next issue of the Jewish Voice

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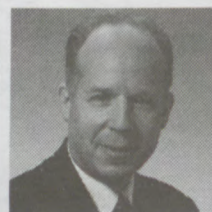
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Welcome to our Community

History of Jewish Delaware

By Toni Young

Although there were Jews in Delaware from the seventeenth century days of Dutch settlement, Judaism did not flourish in early Delaware, and by 1840, it appears to have been nonexistent. Not until 1879, when the Moses Montefiore Mutual Aid Society was organized, did Delaware have a permanent Jewish institution. Therefore, Delaware became the last of the original thirteen states to have an organized, Jewish community and worship services for the High Holidays. In 1879, Wilmington had a Jewish population of less than 100 people, and most of the new immigrants engaged in retail businesses. A small number of Jewish retailers lived in Dover, Smyrna and Milford.

Between 1880 and 1920, the Jewish population of Wilmington grew tremendously as East European immigrants found their way here. By the early 1920s, Wilmington's Jews numbered more than 4,000 people.

The influx of struggling immigrants, primarily merchants and peddlers, spurred the formation of many service organizations. Between 1899 and 1902, three of today's primary institutions were founded to offer assistance to the new arrivals. The Hebrew Charity Association, today's Jewish Family Service was founded in 1899; The Young Men's Hebrew Association, today's JCC, in 1901; and the Bichor Cholem Society, today's Kutz Home, in 1902.

The immigrants also established several synagogues to meet their differing religious expectations. Three of the early synagogues survived: Adas Kodesch, founded in 1885; Chesed Shel Emeth, founded in 1901, merged with Adas Kodesch in 1957; and Beth Emeth, founded in 1906.

Although Wilmington had the largest concentration of Jews in the state, Jews continued to live in Kent and Sussex counties. By the early twentieth century, Dover, Lewes, Smyrna, Felton, Laurel, Georgetown, Millsboro, and

Seaford had some Jewish retailers, peddlers, canners, distillers or hotelkeepers. The first Jewish farmers arrived in Viola in 1897 and 1900. With support from the Jewish Agriculture Society, 25 Jewish families settled on Delaware farms between 1912 and 1929. Jewish immigrants also entered farm-related businesses - livestock, poultry, and farm supplies.

No Jewish organization existed downstate until 1916, when the short-lived Jewish Farmers Association was established. Religious services were held informally, in individual homes, until 1939 when the Jewish Congregation of Lower Delaware, today's Congregation Beth Shalom, was incorporated.

As the Wilmington Jewish community grew, it became increasingly fragmented. A fourth synagogue, Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom, was formed in 1922. By 1929, there were more than twenty Jewish organizations, often working at cross purposes. Attempts to

unite the community were unsuccessful until 1935 when the Jewish Federation was established as a representative body of Wilmington's Jewry. In the following decades, the Federation's role was expanded statewide.

A few Jews attended the University of Delaware before the turn of the century, but Jews do not appear to have settled in Newark until early in the twentieth century. The Newark Jewish Community, today's Temple Beth El, was formed in 1954.

Throughout the twentieth century, the majority of Jews continued to live in Wilmington. Between 1929 and 1945 the Wilmington Jewish community increased 60 percent, to 6,156 people. Only an estimated 80 Jewish families lived in Lower Delaware in 1945. By 1974, the Jewish population of Delaware was 9000 with 96 percent in Northern Delaware. However by 1995, a dramatic shift had taken place. A new population study estimated the state's Jewish population at 13,500 people with 51% in

Wilmington, 32% in the Newark-Hockessin area, and 16% in Southern Delaware.

In this brief introduction, it is not possible to name all the people who have distinguished themselves in the 125 years of active Jewish life in Delaware. Suffice it to say that Jews have held high positions and made significant contributions in numerous fields, including law, business, government, medicine, finance, teaching, farming, and journalism.

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware continues to collect and preserve information on Delaware Jews. The archives of the JHSD are available to all who wish to know more about the rich Jewish heritage in Delaware.

(This introduction is based on information from *Becoming American, Remaining Jewish: The Story of Wilmington, Delaware's First Jewish Community* by Toni Young, unpublished work by Charles Salkin, and the 1995 *Jewish Population Study of Delaware* by Ukeles Associates, Inc.)

Welcome from Bob Pincus



Robert B. Pincus
JFD President

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff and the constituent agencies of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, I welcome you to the First State and its

vibrant Jewish community. More than 13,500 Jews of diverse backgrounds and interests make their home here and the Jewish Federation of Delaware stands ready to help them connect to a comprehensive network of programs and services that help build Jewish identity.

The mission of the Jewish Federation of Delaware is to mobilize the Jewish community to address issues, meet local and global Jewish needs and build an agenda for the future. JFD invites individuals to come together as a community coalition committed to *tikkun olam*-repair of the world-and work with us to enhance the quality of Jewish life here in Delaware, in Israel and around the world.

To carry out this mission and vision, the Jewish Federation raises funds for the needs of Jews locally and globally through the Federation

Annual Campaign-plans for our community's immediate and long-range needs and serves as a spokesperson on Jewish issues for the community at large. We do all this in coordination with other Jewish agencies, organizations and synagogues.

Locally, there are six agencies that receive Federation funds. Albert Einstein Academy is the Brandywine Valley's only Jewish day school, serving students from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. Delaware Gratz gives young people the opportunity to continue their Jewish studies beyond their bar or bat mitzvahs. Jewish students at the University of Delaware can connect with their heritage and one another through the Kristol Center for Jewish Life (Hillel). Our elderly receive comprehensive, compassionate care at the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home-a modern,

kosher, skilled nursing facility. Individuals and families in need of counseling and support can find it at Jewish Family Services of Delaware. The Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center provides a broad range of recreational, social, camping and child care programs to the community. Thanks to the generosity of hundreds of donors to our Community Capital Campaign, we have expanded the facilities of our beneficiary agencies. In May, we celebrated the grand re-opening of the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center. Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School and Jewish Family Services marked their grand openings earlier in the year. Please support our agencies, take advantage of these wonderful new facilities and get involved. Help us

grow our community. Our Jewish community is clearly "a place to be somebody".

This publication contains invaluable information about Federation, its agencies, area synagogues and other Jewish organizations that welcome your involvement and input. I urge you to make the Jewish connection to benefit yourself, your family and your fellow Jews locally and globally.

Join us in renewing our historic commitment to social justice, human rights advocacy, education and *tzedakah*. Together, we will mobilize our community to address issues, meet needs and build an agenda for the future.

Find out more about the Jewish Federation of Delaware by calling 302-427-2100 or visit us on the web at www.shalomdelaware.org.

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Often people ask what the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD) is all about and what can they do to assist in the work of the Society. The JHSD was established in 1974 and was incorporated the following year. Our purpose is to collect, preserve and share those materials that tell the story of the Delaware Jewish Community. The Society's collections encompass information on the history, activities and the people who have lived in and affected Jewish life in our state. These collections, which make up our Archives, contain over 350 linear feet of materials relating to syna-

gogues and temples, Jewish organizations, Jewish owned businesses, Jewish families, and Jewish individuals. The JHSD Archives are located at 505 Market Street in downtown Wilmington. It is within the building of the Historical Society of Delaware Library.

The JHSD, however, is more than old records, photographs and collectibles. Our organization serves as a resource center for information on the preservation and conservation of documents and photographs. It is a place where individuals and families can place various items that reflect upon the history and life of a family through the generations. Perhaps we have materials relating to your family on file!

The Archives are "Community" resource, reflecting "Your History." Our most time-consuming function is to "process & preserve" the materials that become part of the collection. Items are processed and cataloged and housed in acid-free archival folders and boxes.

This ensures that the items are protected and that they are available for future generations. Materials in the collection are open to individuals and organizations interested in research, genealogy, or those who just love learning about Delaware's Jewish history.

Not only does the JHSD maintain the Archives and serve as a resource center but it also presents lectures, produces displays and publishes a newsletter and various booklets and pamphlets as well as videos.

We need your assistance and support! Why not consider joining our organization, making a financial contribution, or donating items for our collections. Membership forms are available on line at www.jhdsdelaware.org, at the Jewish Community Center, or by mail. Call the Society at (302) 655-6232. Join us today! You'll be glad you did! By preserving and understanding our past, we help ensure a strong and healthy future.

Message from Marion Hamermesh



Marion Hamermesh
Editorial Committee

Shalom Delaware!

I am honored to greet you on behalf of the editorial committee of the Jewish Voice. Whether you are new to our community or have been here for a while, we hope that you

find this special issue of the Jewish Voice to be a helpful resource throughout the year.

The goal of The Jewish Voice is to provide the Delaware Jewish Community with local, national and international news and opinions that you might not see elsewhere. This annual Shalom Delaware insert is your guide to the agencies, congregations and some of the events in this community.

We hope that you see yourself as a vital part of this publication. There's plenty for you to do - read the articles and features; submit news, reviews and accounts of personal experiences; send letters to the editor both in praise and as critique; provide financial support; and patronize our advertisers. Your participation will ensure that the Voice continues to serve the needs of the Jewish Community of Delaware.

Welcome to our community!

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The Jewish Community Center (JCC), is a non-profit membership organization which provides the Delaware Valley with diverse and extensive services. The Center provides its members and the entire community with a central place in which, individuals, families, groups or organizations can best express their interests and have their social, educational, cultural, fitness and recreational needs met.

The Center offers educational programs, (including a nationally accredited preschool and child care program), holiday celebrations, cultural and arts programming. In addition, members can enjoy a state-of-the-art Fitness Center as well as an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium and racquetball facilities. Outdoors, a thirty-acre Family Campus adjacent to the JCC building, offers a wide array of services.

The Jewish Community Center is partly funded by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the United Way of Delaware and is affiliated with JCCA (Jewish Community Centers Association of America).

The Children's Center
Diana McWilliams, Director

It takes a community to raise a child. Children thrive when they are treated with respect and given opportunities to grow emotionally, socially and intellectually through curriculum filled with age-appropriate experiences.

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Joe Consiglio, Camp Program Director

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- Teen Travel Camp

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD)

YJAD provides opportunities to meet and socialize with other Jewish singles and young

professionals in a social environment focusing on a connection with our community. YJAD generates, organizes and implements programs and services for its members providing leadership opportunities within the group and the community as well.

Program Components:

- Social Mixers
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- Jewish Education
- Restaurant Samplers
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Adult Services

Provides opportunities for active participation in various Jewish educational, cultural, social and recreational activities for self-enrichment.

Program Components:

- Classes, Programs, Lectures and Forums
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Recreational Services

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Program Components

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- Transportation Service
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- Candlelight Dinners/Birthday Celebrations
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- Overnight Trips
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- Holiday Celebrations and Trips
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Program Components:

- Jewish Holiday Celebrations
- Jewish Book Month
- Community Picnic and Annual Meeting
- Adult Socials

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- Evaluation/Fitness Assessments
- One-On-One Personal Training
- Exercise Routines and Programs
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- Teen Exercise Classes
- Senior Exercise Classes

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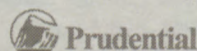


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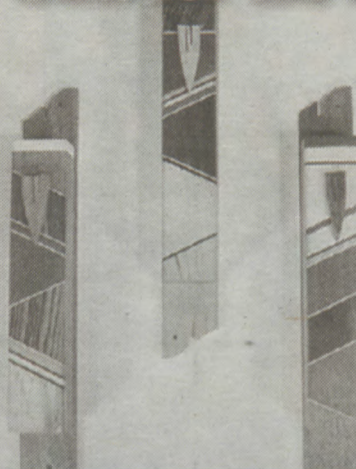
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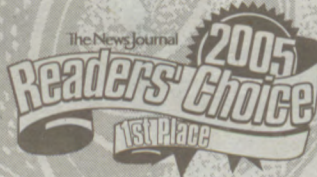
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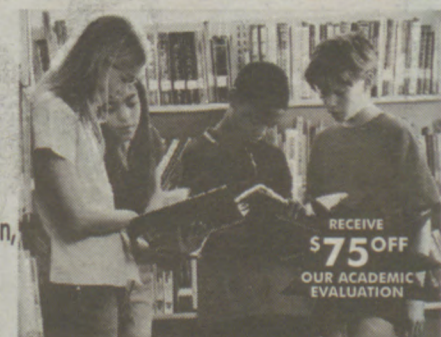
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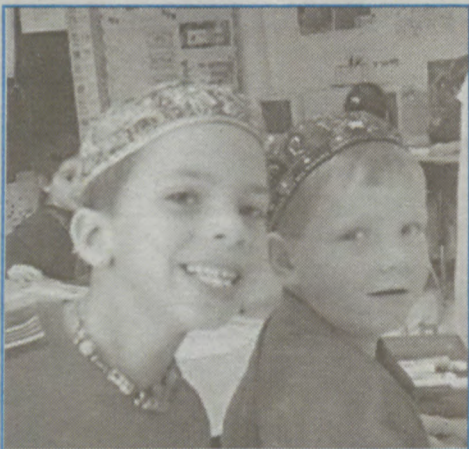
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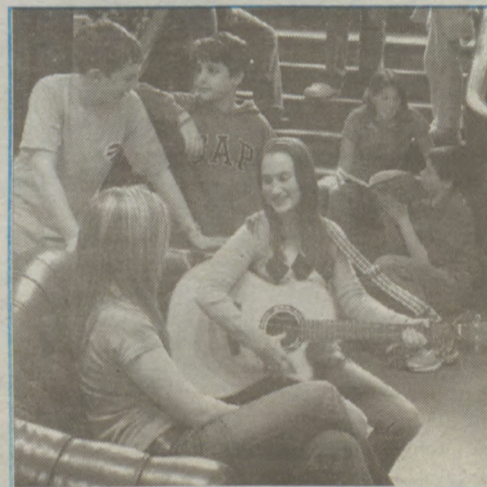
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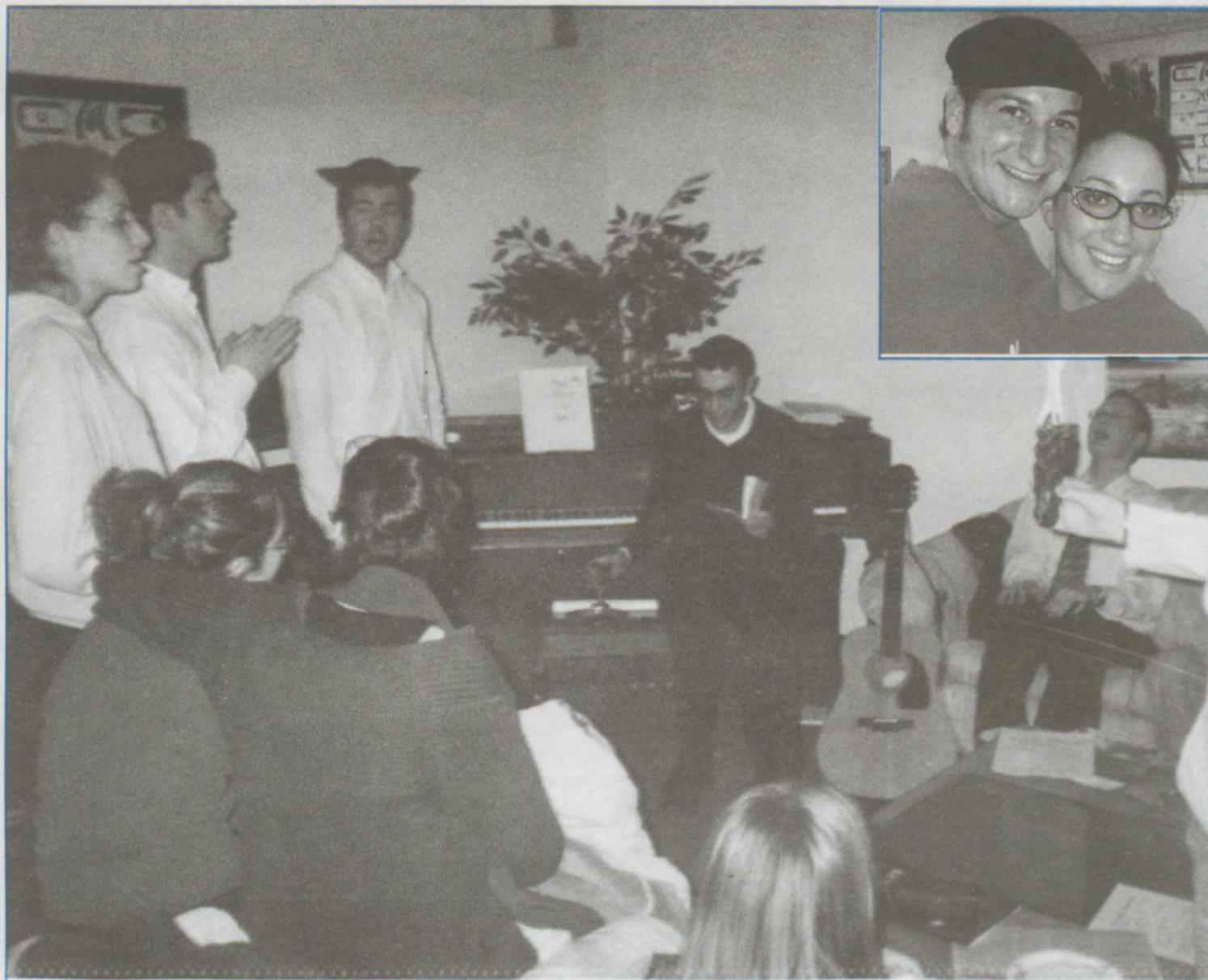
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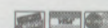
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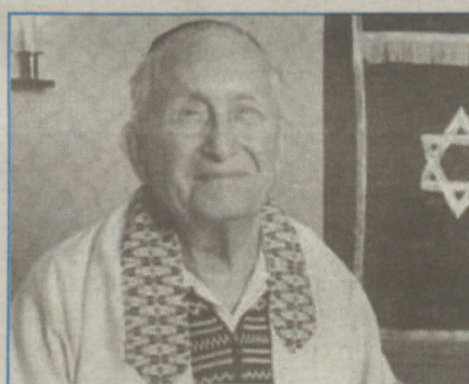
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The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home is a skilled nursing facility providing 24-hour nursing care, certified by both Medicaid and Medicare. It is very much a home to 90 residents. Activities are many and varied, individualized and provide needed socialization.

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Activities Mall, including a Beauty Shop, a new Rehabilitation Department, an Independent Activities Room and a Special Programs Room. Thanks to the Federation Community Capital Campaign, the Home's kitchen and laundry have been renovated and a new elevator and loading dock have been added.

The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Inc. is a non-profit agency, which receives funds from the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the United Way of Delaware and contributions from the community. In the early 1900s, a home caring for the Jewish elderly was the dream of a group of Jewish women, the Bichor Cholem Society, who raised funds to make this dream a reality. This tradition exists to this day, and includes Sabbath observance, Jewish holiday services, and delicious and plentiful kosher food. Today, the Kutz Home cares for men and women of many faiths requiring nursing care.

The Rehabilitation Department provides physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy as needed. The Home's Medical Director is on call around-the-clock. A podiatrist visits bi-monthly, and the Home's psychiatric consultant advises staff on the

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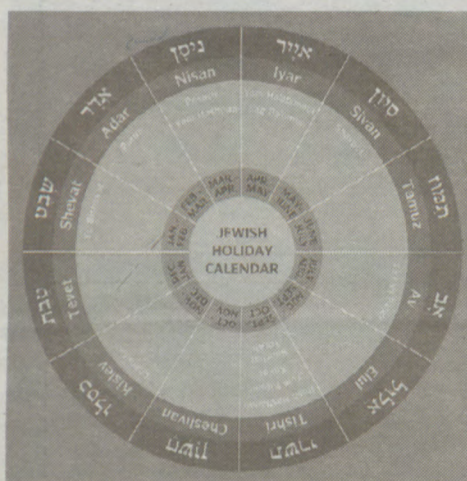
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Celebrating our Jewish Holidays

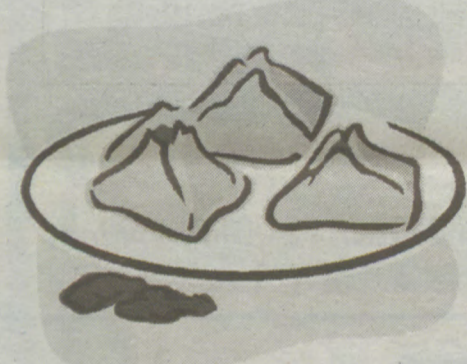


Jewish Holiday Festivals

The Jewish calendar is full of festivals and special days, either commemorating a major event in Jewish history or celebrating a certain time of year (such as Jewish New Year).

Festival days are known as Yom Tovim and many of these days are marked by Jews refraining from working - however, unlike the Sabbath cooking (for the day ahead only) and carrying items outside of the home are both permitted. Except where stated, all of the following festivals are guided by these laws.

The main festivals are as follows:



Purim (Festival of Lots) March 4

This one-day festival takes place four weeks before Passover and usually falls in February or early March. It recalls the story of Esther, a Queen who foiled a plot by one of her advisors, Haman, to kill all the Jews. As well as the story being read in synagogue in a book called the Megillah, it is a day for parties and celebrations, and fancy dress is traditional. Pastries called Hamantaschen are also eaten - these are triangular (the same shape as Haman's hat) and filled with poppy seeds, jam or fruit.

Normal work and activities are permitted on Purim.

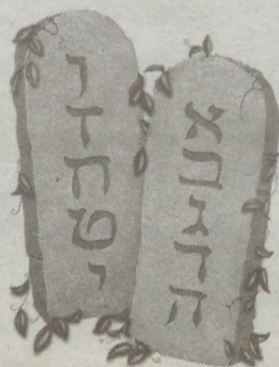


Pesach (Passover) April 3-10

This takes place around March/April time, and commemorates Moses freeing the Israelites from their enslavement under the Pharaoh in Egypt. The festival lasts for eight days and during that time no 'leavened' food (i.e. food containing wheat or any type of grain) may be consumed (including bread, cereals, whisky and beer) - Jews who come from the Middle East, known as Sephardi

Jews, will eat rice and pulses, but European Jews won't. The reason for eating no leavened food is to remember when the Israelites had to leave Egypt in a hurry and did not have time to prepare proper food for themselves - their bread did not rise in time and so was considered 'unleavened' and tasted more like crackers. This is symbolized on Pesach by eating Matzah - unleavened bread.

On the first two nights, a service known as a Seder (order) is held at home - this tells the story of the Passover and the Jewish exodus from Egypt, chronicled in a book called the Haggadah. The service is traditionally a relaxed affair - it is customary for those attending to lean to their left to show that they are no longer bound by the restrictions of slavery imposed by the Pharaoh of Egypt and may sit however they please. Four cups of wine are also drunk during the service, and a celebratory meal is eaten.



Shavuot (Pentecost) May 23-24

Shavuot takes place seven weeks after Passover and commemorates Moses being given the Ten Commandments by God following the Exodus from Egypt. The festival lasts for two days and requires relatively little advance preparation compared to some of the other Yom Tovim; however, it is traditional to eat dairy products, as when the Jews were awaiting the arrival of their commandments and were unsure as to what their dietary laws would be, they ate only dairy products and vegetables, to avoid eating the meat of any animals which might be forbidden. Cheesecake is a particular favorite at this time of year, and many people steer clear of meat altogether. The synagogue is decorated with flowers for the festival's duration in celebration of the giving of the commandments.

There are few other customs associated with the festival, although some Jews often stay up all night on the first night to study the Bible.



Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) September 23-24

The Jewish New Year takes place around September/October, and is considered one of the most important and serious holidays (or High Holy Days) in the Jewish calendar. As well as being a time for

celebration it is also a time for reflection and repentance for sins committed in the previous year. In synagogue, people pray to God to forgive them for their wrongdoings and to give them a good year - during the service a Shofar, or ram's horn, is blown, to alert congregants to the seriousness of the festival and the fact that God is deciding their fates for the coming year - which will be sealed on the Day Of Atonement ten days later. This period is known as The Ten Days Of Repentance and is traditionally a solemn time.

However, Rosh Hashanah is also a time for celebration - other traditions include eating apples dipped in honey in the hope that this will lead to a sweet year.



Yom Kippur (Day Of Atonement) October 2

The Ten Days Of Repentance end with Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day Of Atonement, which is the day on which the fates of all Jews are sealed for the coming year. This High Holy Day is the most solemn and serious day in the Jewish calendar, which involves praying for forgiveness for sins and afflicting oneself as punishment for those committed in the past year. Jews fast (refraining from any food or drink) for 25 hours from sundown on the previous evening until sundown the next night, and are not allowed to work, bathe or wear leather shoes. The fast begins with a special evening service known as Kol Nidre (All Vows), and synagogue services last for the whole of the following day until the Fast ends.

Although it is a solemn day, Yom Kippur is also thought of as a happy day because it is the time for Jews to cleanse themselves of wrongdoings and reach a spiritual high. Fasting is not only done as a means of affliction but also because nothing is supposed to detract congregants from their prayers on the day. However, children below Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah age, pregnant women and diabetics are discouraged from fasting, as is anybody whose health is likely to be seriously affected by the 25-hour abstinence.

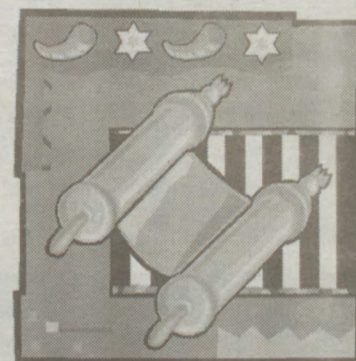
Succot (Tabernacles) October 7-13

This festival begins five days after the end of Yom Kippur and commemorates the booths the Israelites constructed in the wilderness and lived in after their exodus from Egypt. During the eight-day festival, Jews are supposed to live in a similar booth known as a Succah (dwelling) - the walls are made of wood and the ceiling of greenery to leave the stars visible. In countries such as Israel where the climate permits, many people sleep in the Succah, but elsewhere it is used mainly for meals only.

In synagogue, each congregant says a blessing over four different species of plants - a palm branch (lulav), citron (esrog), myrtle branch and willow twig - which are

representative of the four different types of Jewish person.

The middle four days of the festival are regular working days - although the fourth of these, Hoshana Rabba (Save Us), is treated as one final chance to purge the soul of sins committed in the previous year. The eighth day of the festival is called The Eighth Day Of Solemn Assembly (Shemini Atzeret), when a prayer for rain is said during the synagogue service.



Simchat Torah (Rejoicing Of The Law) October 15

Following immediately on from Succot is Simchat Torah, which celebrates the end of the reading of the Torah, in synagogue - and the fact that it can now be read from the beginning again. This is one of the happiest festivals in the Jewish calendar - it is celebrated by making seven circuits of the synagogue which are punctuated with dancing and singing of traditional Hebrew songs.

Children are given flags to hold on the circuits, and many synagogues hold parties after the service.



Chanukah (Festival of Lights) December 16-23

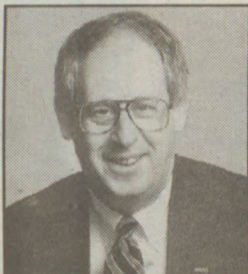
Another eight-day festival, which takes place in December. The story of Chanukah hails back to a period in history when, Jews were forbidden to follow their faith and many were forcibly converted or killed for not converting. Eventually a band of Jews called the Maccabees gathered an army and revolted against the Greeks and won the battle, although their temple and way of life was all but destroyed. This band of men sought to clean up the temple and restore the faith, but in order to light the temple the special seven-branch candelabra (Menorah) was needed, and only enough oil could be found to keep it alight for one day. However, a miracle occurred and the Menorah continued to remain alight for seven days on only one day's supply of oil until new oil could be made to keep the light going.

Traditions of Chanukah include lighting candles on a Menorah every night for eight nights in the home, eating food cooked in oil (doughnuts, potato pancakes etc.), giving presents, holding parties and celebrations, and playing games with a dreidel, a traditional spinning top.

As with Purim, normal work and activities are permitted on Chanukah.

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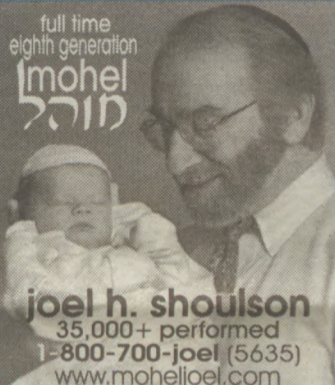
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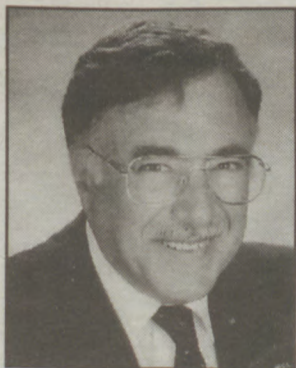
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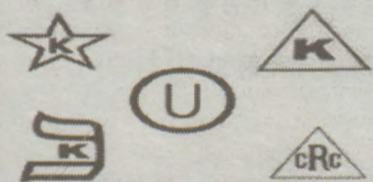
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The Va'ad HaKashruth of Delaware, an independent community organization, serves the needs of kosher certification for Delaware's Jewish Community. The Va'ad facilitates and promotes the high Orthodox standards of kashruth by supervising and certifying several local establishments, caterers and institutions. Current officers of the Va'ad are listed above. If you have questions or suggestions about kashruth in Delaware, or would be willing to become involved in the work of the Va'ad, please contact the Chairperson or the Rav Hamachshir at (302) 762-2705.

Delaware Va'ad HaKashruth stickers are color coded. Red for meat; Green for pareve; Blue for dairy.

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When one buys fish at a supermarket, one assumes that the fish that you see is what one would expect. However, things are not always what they seem. For example, there are 16 species of fish sold under the name "Jackfish." There are 47 species of fish sold as "Sea Robin." How would one know whether the fish being sold is Kosher? Did you know that there are 22 species of fish that are sold in supermarkets and fish stores as "flounder?" Did you know that two of them are NOT Kosher? This is why most major kosher supervising agencies frown on publishing Kosher fish lists.

Obviously care must be taken when buying fresh whole or filleted fish because of the possibility of substitution of non-Kosher fish. Many are also fearful of contamination by remnants of non-Kosher fish from knives and cutting boards. For these reasons, the cutting of fish must be supervised by a reliable Kosher supervising agency that will make sure that the fish that you are getting is Kosher and has the required fins and scales.

For those who keep Kosher here in Delaware, obtaining Kosher fresh fish has been very difficult forcing many to go to Philadelphia or Baltimore in order to obtain kosher fresh fish. Now, however, Dawson's Sea Food, Inc., supervised by the Va'ad of Delaware, will be offering Kosher fresh fish to the Jewish community. Dawson's, a fourth generation seafood wholesale business that was established in 1925,

serves various markets including restaurants, nursing homes and hospitals in Delaware and Pennsylvania. They purchase fish globally on a daily basis and will be offering several kosher species each week dependent on the season and availability.

Fish should be pre-ordered by calling Dawson's Tuesday through Thursday morning. Cutting will take place on Thursday mornings and can either be picked up at Dawson's or at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, (302) 762-2705, by prior arrangements. Cash or check only. Dawson's is located at 821 N. Madison Street in Wilmington. Their phone number is (302) 658-4238 or contact jeanieharper@aol.com. Hours of operation are Tuesday and Wednesday, 6:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M., Thursday, 6:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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2) Boscov's A La Carte Caterers, 4500 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606, Phone: (610) 370-3718; Boscov's A La Carte Caterers in Concord Mall, Wilmington DE 19810, Steve Bonner, Phone: 478-6800 Ext. 3718; E-mail: sbonner@boscov's.com

3) Greenwald Caterers, 40 E. 8th Street,

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4) Bernard & Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803, Phone: 478-5660

NOTE: Anytime Kosher food is prepared at the J.C.C. and taken to private homes, clubs, etc. - it is considered "Kosher take out" - but is no longer under the certification of the Delaware Va'ad.

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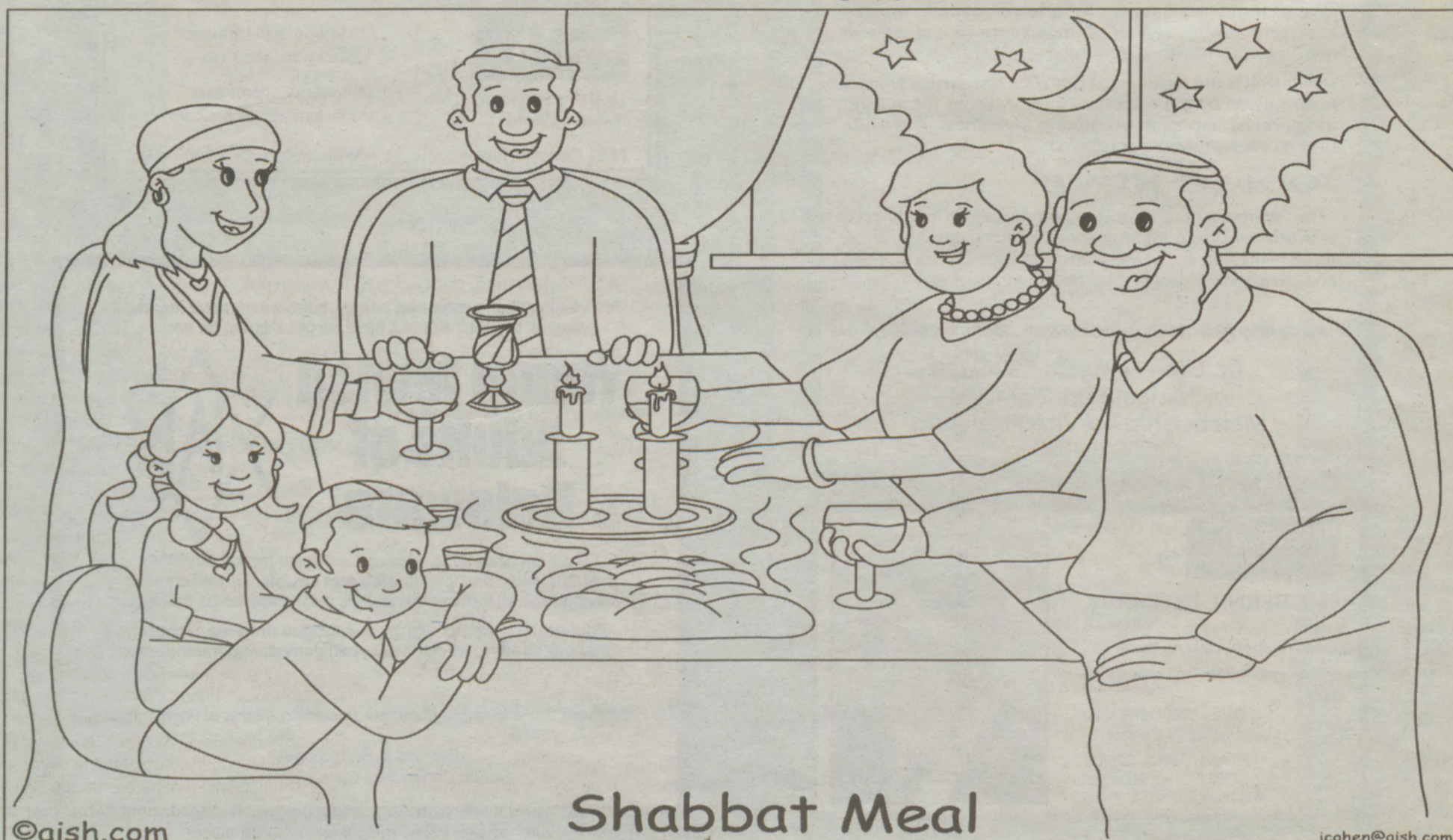
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Despite its Biblical association with milk and honey, Israel lacks a long-standing culinary heritage. Only a few years ago, Israelis even doubted the existence of their own authentic cuisine.

Today, most people agree that there is a distinctive Israeli cuisine, though like many aspects of the society, it is uniquely multifaceted. It reflects the various communities in the country and their diverse geographical and cultural origins.

The Israeli kitchen is home to the multitude of foods and recipes which have accompanied the Jewish people's return to the "Land of Milk and Honey."

Historically, the Jewish holidays are accompanied by customary dishes linked to the traditions and stories of each festival. The recipes for special dishes, such as blintzes (eaten on Shavuot) and latkes (eaten on Hanukah), have been passed down from generation to generation, and are now part of Israeli cuisine.

In the years since Israel achieved independence, new culinary traditions have crystallized. There is the practice of picnicking in the countryside, where the usual menu consists of shishlik, kebab (an Eastern version of American hamburger), or steak. First courses in these outdoor meals are invariably tehina and hummus, foods stemming from our Arab neighbors which have been incorporated into the Israeli bill-of-fare.

A second custom is the large Israeli breakfast. It is composed of salads, a variety of cheeses, olives, distinctive Israeli bread, juice and coffee. The loaded-down tables which characterize Israeli hospitality have their basis in Jewish antiquity. The Bible relates the story of the three angels who visited the tent of the patriarch Abraham and his wife Sarah and were treated to a lavish meal.

The order and content of meals in Israel differs from that of the United States. The principal meal of the day is generally served in Israel at noontime, when the children return home from school. Very few families follow the American pattern and have their large meal in the evening.

The evening meal is usually a light one consisting generally of dairy products, salads and eggs. There are a number of Jewish dietary laws stemming from the Bible which are integral to Israel's culinary heritage.

According to these laws (Kashrut), only certain types of meat and fish may be eaten. Pork and rabbit, for example, are excluded, as are shellfish. In addition, dairy dishes must be cooked and eaten separately from meat dishes. Foods such as fish, eggs, fruits and vegetables ("pareve" foods) may be eaten with either meat or milk. Two sets of dishes, for milk and meat meals, are used, stored and cleaned separately.

No cooking is permitted on the Sabbath, the day of rest, except for food prepared in advance that can simmer for a long time under a low flame. The traditional cholent, a robust stew, and kugel, a vegetable and noodle pudding, are two such examples.

The following is a sampling of dishes served in the homes of Israel's varied ethnic population. You will find that there is no single Israeli cuisine in the sense that there is a French or Italian cuisine. Native Israeli cooking depends on the land of origin of the cook. Nonetheless, Israel has developed an authentic food culture which offers a wealth of colorful, rich, and delicious choices. The quantities given in the recipes are all intended for four to six persons, unless otherwise indicated.

MOUSSAKA

Moussaka is an authentic Greek dish. With time, it found its way to Israel via Turkey. It is a specialty of many Greek-style restaurants which abound in Israel's cities. Each ethnic community tends to improvise and cover the moussaka in its own favorite way, topping it with cheese, gravy, etc. This is the standard Israeli version.

- 1 lb. ground lamb
- 4 eggs, slightly beaten
- 3 chopped onions
- 2 tbs. flour
- 2 cups water or vegetable stock
- 1/2 cup tomato paste mixed with 1/4 cup water
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed or cut into small pieces
- 1 tbs. corn starch
- 2 tbs. oil
- 1 tsp. salt

Cut eggplants (unpeeled) into rings. Sprinkle with salt and let stand for one hour. Wash under water and dry. Saut onions in one tbs. oil until soft. Add garlic and meat and fry until lightly browned. Remove from heat and add tomato paste/water mixture. Set aside.

Sprinkle flour on eggplant slices and fry in one tbs. oil until brown. Layer fried eggplant slices in a casserole dish with meat mixture. Repeat layering until full. Bake for 40 minutes. Mix corn starch in stock/water, add eggs and pour on top of meat mixture. Return to oven and bake at 325 deg F (170 deg C) until gravy begins to be absorbed. Serve hot.



TARATO (Yogurt Soup)

Tarato comes from Bulgaria. The Jews of Bulgaria, like those of Holland, Greece, Turkey, and Italy, are descended from Jews expelled from Spain and Portugal in the 15th century. This cold soup is particularly suitable for hot summer nights in Israel. Yogurt, the main ingredient, has been a popular food in Israel for many years.

- 3 cups plain yogurt
- 3 cups water
- crushed nuts
- dash of salt
- 2 tbs. olive oil
- 1 tbs. vinegar
- 2 cucumbers (diced or cut into small pieces)

Mix all ingredients except nuts. Sprinkle with nuts and cool in refrigerator for 2-3 hours before serving.



EGGPLANT (Turkish Style)

This is a typical Israeli recipe for eggplant. A popular Arab proverb in the Middle East claims: "A woman who does not know how to prepare eggplant 101 different ways is not yet prepared for marriage."

- 1 medium eggplant
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
- chopped mint to taste
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- 1/4 cup cooked rice
- 3 tbs. oil
- 3 tbs. white wine
- juice of 1 lemon

Cut eggplant in half, scoop out pulp, cube and fry with onion. Add tomatoes and rice, salt, pepper, cinnamon and mint. Fill in shells and steam in a covered pot adding a little oil. Add wine and lemon juice. Cool and serve.



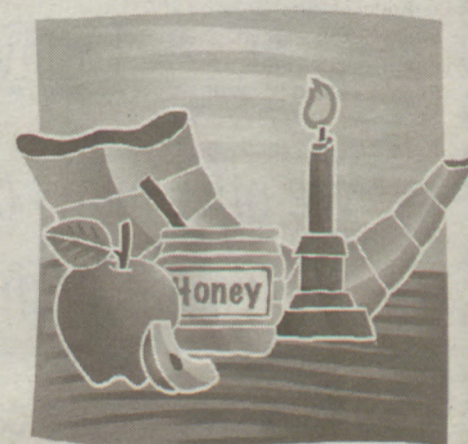
AVOCADO SALAD

Judging by its popularity, you would think that the avocado has been grown in Israel for many years. In fact, until recently, they were not grown in Israel at all. Today, the

avocado is an Israeli favorite and avocado fields dot the countryside.

- 1 medium avocado
- 1 minced onion
- lemon juice to taste
- 2 hard boiled eggs
- salt, pepper, paprika to taste

Cut avocado in half, scoop out fruit. Add chopped eggs, onion, seasonings and lemon juice. Serve on lettuce.



BAKLAVA (Honey and Nut Pastry)

Baklava is a delicacy found throughout the Arab world. The Jews who came to Israel from Arab countries continue to prepare and enjoy the taste of baklava. This sweet pastry is sold in both Jewish and Arab markets, and comes in a multitude of varieties.

Pastry

- 1 lb. phyllo pastry sheets
- 1/2 cup chopped almonds
- 1-1/2 cups melted sweet butter
- Dash of ground clove
- 5 tbs. sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 cups walnuts, pistachio nuts or hazelnuts, roughly chopped

Syrup

- 2 cups water
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup honey
- 3 slices orange & lemon rind
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 3 cloves
- 1 tsp. lemon juice

Pastry: Place sheets of phyllo pastry in a 13x9x2 inch pan, brushing every other sheet evenly with butter. When ten or twelve sheets are in place, combine walnuts, sugar, cinnamon, and clove, and spread 1/3 of this mixture over the sheet. Place another five or six buttered sheets of phyllo on top of nut mixture. Repeat this process two more times, alternating nut mixture with five or six sheets of buttered phyllo. Preheat oven to 350 deg F (180 deg C). With a sharp knife, cut baklava into diamond-shaped pieces. Heat remaining butter (there should be about 1/2 cup) until hot and light brown. Pour evenly over the baklava. Sprinkle a few drops of cold water on top and bake for 30 minutes. Reduce the temperature to 300 deg F (150 deg C) and continue to bake for one hour.

Syrup: In a saucepan combine water, sugar, honey, lemon juice, orange and lemon rind, cinnamon stick and cloves. Heat mixture until a drop forms when placed into a cup of cold water, then simmer for an additional 20 minutes. Strain. When the baklava is baked, pour syrup over it. Makes 30-36 pieces.

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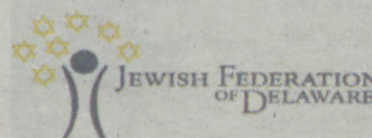


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