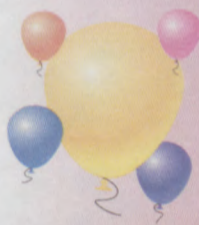


Jewish Family Service Marks Its Centennial

The JEWISH VOICE



Vol. 42, No. 10 16 Shevat, 5761 February 9, 2001 32 Pages
PUBLISHED BY THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF DELAWARE, 100 WEST 10TH ST., SUITE 301, WILMINGTON, DE 19801-1628



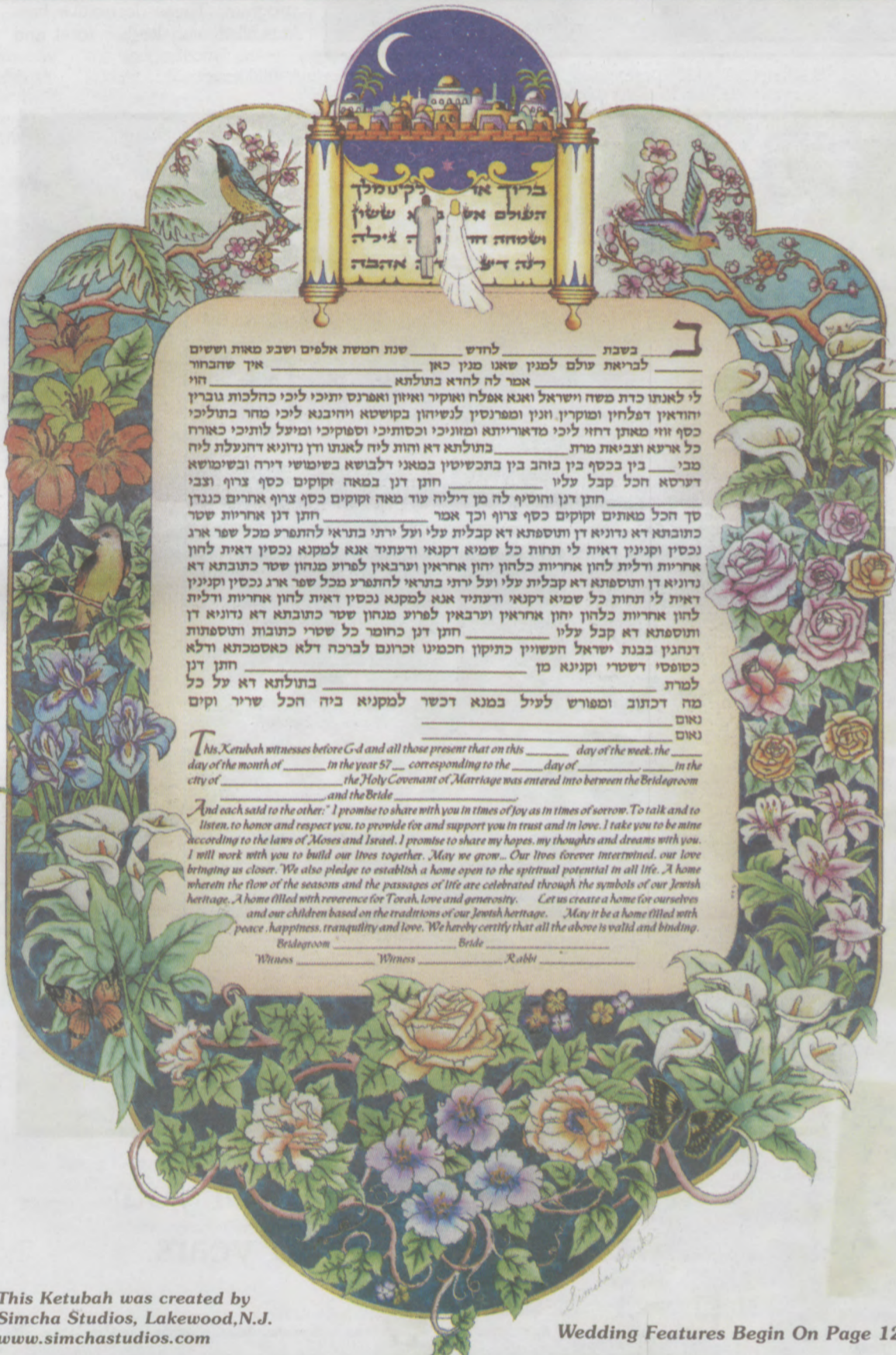
By Ilene Diamond
Special to the Jewish Voice

In the last edition of the Jewish Voice, Ilene Diamond spoke with agency executives and volunteers about the Delaware Jewish Community Center and its plans to mark a century of service to the community. In this edition, we focus on Jewish Family Service-another Federation agency celebrating an historic milestone.

Jewish Family Service has many plans for celebrating one hundred years of community service to Delaware. Executive Director Dory Zatushni believes that "it is interesting how the original mission of JFS, to improve the well being of all people, has come full circle as the agency marks its 100th anniversary."

She explained that in its infancy, JFS helped other organizations like B'nai B'rith deliver food, medicine and even assisted with loans for those in need. "Today, our Jewish Volunteer Network provides Bikur Holim (visits to the sick), runs errands for those who are housebound, provides transportation for medical appointments, visits people who may be confined to home and mentors teens," she added.

Zatushni is gratified that the Delaware Jewish community is perpetuating the Jewish values established long ago in the agency's mission statement. She



This Ketubah was created by Simcha Studios, Lakewood, N.J. www.simchastudios.com

Wedding Features Begin On Page 12

takes pride in being part of a "true collaboration where local Jewish organizations, synagogues and Federation agencies work together to enhance the spiritual, mental and physical well being of our community."

She is particularly proud that JFS is confronting the challenges of divorce and teenagers in crisis. "While the Jewish community used to shy away from these controversial issues, today's Jewish families need support and services to help them cope," said Zatushni. JFS delivers with adolescent achievement and personal enrichment programs for children from the ages of 9-14. "When this program was implemented 7 years ago there was not a huge response from the community," she continued. "Now our staff of three clinically trained social workers helps young people deal with issues like anger management, peer pressure, school adjustment, family conflict, substance abuse and dispute resolution with amazing results," Zatushni added.

Community perception of the agency has changed dramatically through the years. Once thought of as exclusively a resource for "poor people", the Jewish community now realizes that JFS exists to serve anyone in transition. "Anyone might need someone to talk things out with, even if it is just a one time occurrence," Zatushni added.

Continued on page 2

Inside The Voice

A Matter of Opinion	26	Delawareans In Israel	22	Israel Focus	23
Community Calendar	21	Editorial.....	3	Jewish Arts & Culture.....	29
Community Focus.....	10	Federation Focus	4	Washington Watch 2001.....	25

DATELINE: DELAWARE

JFS Celebrates A Century

Continued from page 1)

The agency's commitment to confidentiality, professionalism and perpetuating Jewish values have built community confidence through the years. Professional staff include a Rabbi, and all social workers hold Master Degrees and complete many hours of clinical training.

JFS' commitment to Tikkun Olam (perfecting the world) is reflected in its Mitzvah Baskets program. These decorative baskets-filled with kosher food and



JFS Counseling helps families and individuals successfully deal with issues like anger management, family conflict, substance abuse, divorce and separation.



toiletry items-can be used for centerpieces at Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, bridal showers or any celebration. "A donation for the rental of these beautiful baskets expresses the commitment of helping those in need," Zatuchni said. The agency also is able to supply Shabbat baskets and get well baskets with a prayer for the sick attached. Also planned are Shiva baskets.

Zatuchni is grateful for the support of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. "Without Federation's help some of these programs would not be in existence," she said.

In keeping with the theme of mitzvah-making, JFS' 100th April 21 anniversary celebration will be titled, "Mitzvah Magic". Co-chairs are Barbara Blumberg and Lisa Weiner. "This will be an artistic evening, since the event is being held at the Delaware Center for Contemporary Arts," said Weiner. The celebration will feature performances by various groups and a special presentation by Theater Ariel from Philadelphia. Blumberg added that participants will have an opportunity to tour the museum and enjoy the exhibits.

The event will feature a tribute to agency past presidents, a keepsake history book with opportunities for community members to honor or memorialize a friend or loved one and a video highlighting the agency's century of service which will run throughout the special evening. Both Blumberg and Weiner hope that this will be the first of many future "Mitzvah Magic" nights. Repairing the world, making a difference, connecting people to Jewish values and educating the community— just a few of the many things that Jewish Family Service and the Delaware Jewish Community Center have been doing for the last 100 years. Both agencies and Jewish Federation of Delaware plan to continue to build community, provide comfort and make dreams come true for another 100 years or more.

Ilene Diamond is a freelance writer who lives in Wilmington.



We've been preparing for your wedding for over 85 years.

For generations, the most beautiful brides and most dashing grooms have celebrated their weddings at Hotel du Pont. When you join the tradition, our wedding consultants will make sure every detail of your celebration — from the menu to the guest room accommodations — will be perfect. And at



an exceptional value, whether you plan an intimate ceremony in the elegant du Barry Room or a grand reception in the Gold Ballroom. Just call 302-594-3122 or 800-894-4528. We'll make sure your wedding day is just what you've always dreamed. After all, we've had lots of time to prepare.

Ask about our value months.



Hotel du Pont • 11th and Market Streets
Wilmington, Delaware 19801
www.hoteldupont.com

Federation Responds To Sharon's Election

Some in the international community will interpret the election of Ariel Sharon as a setback to the prospects for peace. Such a judgment is premature. We urge Chairman Yasser Arafat, Prime Minister-elect Sharon and President George W. Bush to work together to pursue a peaceful coexistence between Israel and her neighbors.

Throughout the Middle East, there have been 16 free elections. All 16 have been in Israel.

As a leading voice in the Delaware Jewish community, the Jewish Federation of Delaware congratulates not only Prime Minister-elect Sharon, but all the people of Israel, for having affirmed their freedom and democracy once again.

The North American Jewish community cares deeply about the continued security and economic growth of Israel. We look forward to reinforcing the unique partnerships that exist between our community and the people of Israel.

JFD is not a political organization and it is not our intent to shape Middle East policy. We are a significant voice because we represent so many people through our unique philanthropic activities here in Delaware, in Israel, and throughout the world. Our voice has always reflected our constituencies. It will continue to do so, and we trust it will continue to be welcomed by the people and the government of Israel.

We have a unique perspective on why Israel is important to every Jew in North America. It starts and ends with the deeply held belief that there is a collective responsibility Jews have for Jews around the world. As Jews in Delaware, we possess the same set of core values as do our Jewish counterparts in Israel. Our

approach to the peace process derives from these core values. Both Israel and the United States are nations committed to peace through strength - not just military strength, but also the ordered strength that comes from freedom and democracy.

Over the years, Israel has had prime ministers and governments with differing approaches to the challenges facing the nation. Clearly, this election signals a desire for some modification in Israel's policy direction. What has remained constant, however, is the universal yearning of the Israeli people for security and peaceful relations with their Arab neighbors. Reflecting this desire for a better future, Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon has stressed repeatedly that he intends to pursue unconditional peace negotiations with leaders of the Palestinian Authority and the Arab states.

We urge President Bush and his Administration to cooperate closely with the new Israeli government in our mutual goal to establish peace and security between Israel and its neighbors. We pledge to offer close cooperation with Prime Minister-elect Sharon's government to strengthen the already strong bonds that exist between the United States and Israel, based on both countries' common strategic interests and moral values.

For Jews, Israel lives in our hearts as our homeland. Israel, quite simply, is the place that we can always go and the Jews of the Diaspora share a collective responsibility for its well-being.

B'Shalom,

John A. Elzufon
President
Judy B. Wortman
Executive Vice President

VOICE BOX

"I will strive to strengthen and consolidate a united Jerusalem as the eternal capital of the Jewish people."

"I am aware that genuine peace requires painful compromises, on both sides - I will call on my Palestinian partners to cast off the path of violence and return to the path of dialogue - Any and every political arrangement will be based on the security of all the people of the region."

-Excerpts from Israeli Prime Minister Elect Ariel Sharon's acceptance speech on February 6, 2001



Published semimonthly, and monthly in July and August, by the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Lynn B. Edelman, **Editor**
Paula Shulak, **Cultural Arts Critic** Joel Glazier, **Community Reporter**
Irv Epstein, **Advertising Manager**
Tillie Epstein, **Ad Sales Representative** Shirley Figenshu, **Collections**
Judy Wortman, **Publisher's Representative**
Frances Klein, **Editorial Committee Chair**
Editorial Committee:
Darrell Foreman, Marion Hamermesh, Doug Hershman, Irv Hockstein, Connie Kreshtool, Ellen S. Meyer, Beth Moskow-Schnoll, Karen Venezky, Toni Young
Business Committee:
Michael Schwartz, **Chair**; Frances Klein, Jeremy Sitzer

Editorial opinions expressed in this newspaper are those of the newspaper and not those of any individual or other organization. Signed editorials and letters do not represent the view of the newspaper, but rather express the view of the writer. No material will be accepted by The Jewish Voice which is considered against the best interests of the Jewish community. The Jewish Voice does not guarantee the kashruth or the observance of Jewish law of any of its advertisers. Printed material and video tapes sold by our advertisers have not been reviewed by the Jewish Voice, nor are they endorsed in any way by The Jewish Voice.

Member of the American Jewish Press Association and Jewish Telegraphic Agency.
©2000 The Jewish Voice Printed by Dover Post Company
Periodicals postage paid for The Jewish Voice (USPS-704160) at Wilmington, Delaware.
Subscription price: \$18.00. Circulation: 3,200. Mailed to subscribers and contributors to the Jewish Federation of Delaware. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Jewish Voice, 100 W. 10th St., Wilmington, DE 19801. (302) 427-2100. The FAX number of The Jewish Voice is (302) 427-2438. E-Mail: lynn.edelman@shalomdel.org



EDITORIAL

Changes And Constants

A Ketubah, like the one that graces the cover of this special Simcha edition of the Jewish Voice, is an enduring blueprint for a loving partnership.

Written in the ancient language of our matriarchs and patriarchs, this document defines the roles and responsibilities of individuals who are committed to one another.

In 1948, Israel achieved its independence. The Jews of the Diaspora pledged their eternal commitment to the health and well-being of this emerging Jewish nation.

We married our futures to theirs - knowing that our peoples and our destinies are inextricably bound.

Throughout the 52 years of our proud partnership, we have had our fair share of disagreements. We have squabbled over political differences on both sides of the Diaspora ranging from the sovereignty of Jerusalem to reli-

gious pluralism. Our relationship has survived - indeed has thrived - despite several wars and frequent changes in leadership.

Our Ketubah was signed in indelible ink and witnessed by the souls of the 6,000,000 Jews who were exterminated during the Holocaust.

Fueled by their memory, this marriage remains vital and vibrant as it enters its golden years.

Our partnership begins 2001 with two new heads of state. We pray that President George W. Bush and Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon respect the sanctity of the bonds between our two peoples. May they work together to effect a peace that all can live with.

Shabbat Shalom

PARSHA PLACE

Week of February 10

Shabbat Shirah-B'Shalach

Exodus 13:17-17:16

The Gift: A Song of Love

By Bennett F. Miller

There were about a hundred of us standing around in a room, the same room we had been in since early morning. Only now it was evening. We had spent the day listening and learning about the significance of life. At that moment, we were about to become a chorus of voices singing a song, a song to Kimberly, a child we didn't know. What we did know was that Kimberly was terminally ill, and we were singing a song written just for her, a song of love to Kimberly. It was to be recorded and then presented to her - a special, sacred gift. At first, everyone seemed tired. After all, it had been a long day. Then we began to sing, and as we did, bodies started to sway, feet began to tap, and faces began to change. All the sadness was removed from the faces of those in the room, and instead there was true joy, a liberation of the spirit. Shabbat Shirah provides that same kind of experience. Each year in the middle of winter, we are called upon to hear the singing voices of liberation, the voices of our ancestors who stood at the shore of the sea. After generations of sadness and depression, of what seemed like a certain death of the spirit, the Israelites suddenly broke forth in song and renewed their spiritual quest for meaning and significance.

Shabbat Shirah is one of only a few Shabbatot that have a specific name. In Parashat B'shalach, it is the Shirah (the Song) that gets top billing because the rabbis recognized that song is the most liberating of all activities. Song is the medium that uplifts the soul from the mundane to the holy.

A colleague of mine once told me that "he who sings prays twice." It's true. Those who sing do pray twice - first, to express a yearning to be free; and a second time, to celebrate the freedom that has been attained. That is why we sing the words of the "Song at the Sea" (Exodus 15) each and every time we pray. We remember our ancestors, who yearned to be free, and we celebrate their liberation and ours. Rabbi Pinchas Peli tells us that "our prayers consist mostly not of petition and supplication but of hymns and praises." The Chasidim understood this, as demonstrated by the niggunim they developed, and the great composers of our tradition understood this, as is evident in the masterful works that they created.

When reading the "Song at the Sea," every Jew should ask himself or herself: Am I a member of that chorus of Israelites who passed through the sea? Can I sing a song of liberation based on my life's experiences and accomplishments? What melody courses through my body as I undertake my life's journey and learn from my people's dramatic history?

No song has greater meaning and significance for us as Jews than this one. And no experience is a greater gift than the liberation of the soul from slavery to freedom. Celebrate this gift of Shabbat Shirah, which is a song of love from the people of Israel to our God of redemption, liberation, and freedom.

(Bennett F. Miller is the senior rabbi of Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple in New Brunswick, NJ.)

THURSDAY NOON DEADLINE

for all articles, advertisements and news for The Jewish Voice

ISSUE	FOCUS	DEADLINE
FEB. 23	CAMP	FEB. 15
PREVIEW, VACATIONS, TRAVEL PLANNING		

All submissions in person for The Jewish Voice due at JFD offices or mail:

The Jewish Voice
100 W. 10th St., Suite 301
Wilmington, DE 19801-1628
e-mail: jewishvoic@aol.com

12 NOON THURSDAY EIGHT DAYS BEFORE PUBLICATION

12 NOON THURSDAY EIGHT DAYS BEFORE PUBLICATION

Dry Bones



FEDERATION FOCUS

Pre Broadway "Gathering" A Study In Contrasts

Jewish Federation of Delaware's Chai Leaders Applaud *The Gathering*

A record number of Annual Campaign donors attended an emotional performance of *The Gathering* at The Playhouse on January 20th. Leonard and Dr. Deborah Kahn and Caryl Marcus-Stape and Jeff Stape co-chaired the endeavor. In his remarks, Buddy Berger, Esq., Co-Chair with Scott Feinman of the 2001 Annual Campaign shared, "We understand that as the next generation, we have to take responsibility for our Jewish future; for our children's future and for our community's future." In particular, he recognized those who were attending the Chai event for the first time. The endeavor was made that much more meaningful with the distribution of blue ribbons which represented three Israeli soldiers who were kidnapped in October by the Hezbollah. Following the performance, guests were joined by Arje Shaw, playwright and Hal Linden, star and members of the cast for a wonderful question and answer period. An elegant dessert reception followed. The annual Chai event represents households who contribute a minimum of \$2018 to the Annual Campaign.

by Paula Shulak

There is comedy and tragedy; contrast between joy and angst; heart rending moments followed quickly by laughable ones — but most of all in Arje Shaw's new play "The Gathering", there is truth. Shaw weaves a story of a Holocaust survivor who is riddled by guilt at having lived when so many others died. He has failed in raising his son and, therefore, concentrates on redeeming himself by schooling his grandson to hate the Nazis for what they did. In the ceremony of Bar Mitzvah, symbolically played out at a German cemetery, Gabe (Hal Linden) tries to expunge his own sins by offering Michael the chance to protest, "do something important" and be a man. In this production's premiere (held at the Playhouse Theater),

the audience was regaled by Linden's almost perfect comedic timing and excited by young Adam Rose's brilliant performance as Michael, but the actor who impressed me the most was Coleman Zeigen as Egon, a German soldier whom Gabe meets at the Bitburg cemetery soon to be visited by President Reagan (the catalyst that sets Gabe off). Here lies the crux of Shaw's brilliant thesis. In a riveting confrontation between an old Jew and the grandson of a Nazi, we learn that there is suffering on both sides.

Gabe's guilt and anger are juxtaposed against Egon's cry of frustration and we are left with a burning question of where the ultimate blame lies. Powerful rhetoric for a script which in its first act presents itself as a pleasant comedy!

I was fortunate to have the chance to talk with both the playwright and young Adam Rose after the show. Rose, who is a typical energetic 8th grader, said that he had just "fallen into acting" when he asked his brother's manager if he could try too. "It's exciting to be in this show and Hal is a very nice guy. Every time I do a show I learn more. I was born in Jerusalem but I live in N.Y. now and this will be my first Broadway opening. It's really fun!" Look for a lot from this young man! And Shaw replied to my thanking him for making

(Continued on page 20)

"We all lost, sir, have we no right to heal?" asks Egon. "I am paying for the deeds of my fathers; innocent children will be tainted for generations. My question is when does it stop?" And Gabe replies, "A stone sits on my heart. What right did I have to survive?"



← Left to right: Chai Co-Chairs Leonard & Dr. Deborah Kahn; Hal Linden; Caryl Marcus-Stape and Jeff Stape.



→ Left to right: Playwright Arje Shaw; Annual Campaign Co-Chairs Buddy Berger, Esq., Scott Feinman.



← Left to right: Standing: Connie Sugarman, Jason Sugarman, Dr. Michael Sugarman. Seated: Rachel Sugarman, Adam Rose, actor; Adam Sugarman.



→ Left to right: Wendy Berger, Dorothy Bobman, Dr. David Bobman.

ENDOWMENT FOR THE FUTURE

Mergers And Acquisitions - Of A Personal Nature



By Rachel A. Gross, Esq. Endowment Director

Buying the dress, choosing the attendants, planning the menu, discussing the ceremony, arranging seating and activities for out of town guests - all of the details that go into the wedding planning. So much time, effort and energy is spent on these important details. However, it is after the glass is crushed, the gifts are acknowledged and the couple returns from their honeymoon that the real work begins.

When a couple marries there are many adjustments and compro-

mises. Each person must adjust to being part of a new family and the values and priorities which one partner holds may differ from the other's.

In addition to deciding where to live, who gets the larger closet, whose family to spend the holidays with and which artwork to hang on the walls (not easy decisions), there are numerous other decisions that newlyweds must make. How do you view money matters? Are you a saver and your partner a spender? Will you merge your bank accounts or keep them separate? Who will pay the bills and who will research investments?

In addition to these fiscal matters, your views about philanthropy may differ. Perhaps one of the pair

is very involved with the synagogue and medical charities and the other is more attuned to Federation and social issues. Your philanthropy may be another aspect of your lives to discuss and debate. It may also present opportunities for you to learn about each other, share values, discuss family traditions and views about Tzedakah and to create your own, together.

In addition, once a couple marries, and certainly when there are children to consider, it is important that they have Wills. A Will allows you to direct how and to whom your property will be distributed, permits you to designate a guardian for minor children and gives you the opportunity to make gifts to charitable organizations.

There are "customized" planned giving options for couples and individuals of every age. Whether you are newly married, married again, old or young, there are suitable options for you at the Jewish Fund for the Future.

Once you have written the thank you notes, developed the film from the honeymoon, and hung the pictures, call Rachel A. Gross, Esq., our Endowment Director, at 427-2100 ext. 19 for a confidential, no-pressure consultation regarding philanthropy and the options available to you with the Jewish Fund for the Future.

Rachel has been married for two plus years. She takes care of the bills and her husband prepares the tax return. They still



Rachel A. Gross

haven't hung the artwork and they just chose the photos for their wedding album!

Thank You To Our Super Sunday Volunteers

Marci Aerenon, Niv Amdur, Renee Shatz Amdur, Cas Anolick, Lori Barbanel, Lynda Bell, Buddy Berger, Ellen Bernhardt, Steve Bernhardt, Ron Bierman, Seth Bloom, David Blumberg, Leah Brody, Senator Tom Carper, Jane Cutler, Gene Danneman, Miriam Edell, Lynn Edelman, Joan Ellis, John Elzufon, Glenn Engelmann, Ben Epstein, Jonathan Epstein, Rhonda Falk, Scott Feinman, Shirley Figenshu, Andrea Finestrauss, Jill Engel Flambaum, Ethan Fletcher, Norm Freeman, Marla Friedman, Judith Gendler Epstein, Faith Goldman, Debra Goodman, Felicia Goodman, Suzanne Grant, Hank Greenberg,

Phil Gross, Rachel Gross, Peter Hannaford, Gary Harad, Ann Herman, Stacy Horowitz, Arlene Johnson, Ken Kamm, Mike Kelman, Gina Kozicki, Tracy Kober, Leah Kraft, Amy Leviton, Karolin Lipman, Jack Markell, Jeff Metz, Ellen Meyer, Marlene Milunsky, Lelaine Nemser, Stuart Nemser, Leslie Newman, Linda Oster, Joel Panitz, Don Parsons, Shelley Perlmutter, Sheree Pesner, Greg Rappaport, Lydia Riley, Ruth Rosenberg, Leslie Rydel, Mike Rudolph, Mike Samuels, Robin Saran, Barbara Schoenberg, Nancy Schragger, Michael Schwartz, Pam-Sue Schwartz, Joe Santowski, Sue Shaffer, Deb Small, Caryl Marcus-

Stape, Jay Stellenberg, Linda Stellenberg, Connie Sugarman, Helene Tanny, Steve Tanny, Andrew Taub, Ed Tucker, Adam Turetzky, Moshe Vinograd, Natasha Voskresensky, Mark Wagman, Jeff Wasserman, Lisa Weiner, Arlene Wilson, Judy Wortman, Jessica Zuckerman, Ella Zukoff, Martin Zukoff, Mel Zussman.

Danielle Lipman, Pamela MacDonald, Jessica Neipris, Brian Rosen, Jennifer Rosenberg, Beryl Schragger, Alex Snyder-Mackler, Daniel Suher.



SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE SUPER SUNDAY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR ALL THEIR ADVANCE PLANNING AND HARD WORK ON FEBRUARY 4, 2001

Barbara Blumberg and Debbie Cohen, Co-Chairs. Felisha Alderson, Irv Engelson, Marla Eskin, Judy Gendler Epstein, Robyn Greenberg, Adina Mattes, Cathy Vinograd.



THANKS TO THESE COMMUNITY TEENS WHO RAISED OVER \$2,000:

Paige Alderson, Andrew Coonin, Felice Goodman, Aliza Hait,

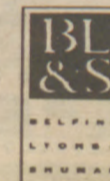
Thanks to our 2001 SUPER SUNDAY SPONSORS!

Aquarius Spring Water, Inc.

BAGELS & DONUTS



bickettoun



Boscov's Catering

Brew HaHa

Brewer's Outlet

Candy for All Occasions

CECIL VAULT & MEMORIAL CO.

Continental Jewelers

DAPA Balloons

Golden Castle Diner

Goorland & Mann, Inc.



Happy Harry's Discount Drug Store



JACOBS & CRUMPLAR, P. A.

BARRY KAYNE, D.D.S.



ELLEN S. MEYER Attorney at Law

Partyland

PLOENER'S AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS COMPANY, INC.

Schoenberg Memorial Chapel

Steven Schwartz Attorney-At-Law

ShopRite of Brandywine Commons

Singapore Koshers Vegetarian Restaurant



Take-A-Break Coffee

Tucker Anthony

TUPP SIGNS



WATERS • PELTON • OSTROFF & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Wilmington Blue Rocks

Howard Zucker, D.D.S.

Harry David Zutz Insurance Agency



Jewish Federation of Delaware

For more information about the UJA Annual Campaign, call 427-2100

ISRAEL PROGRAMS

JFD Has Grants For Israel Experiences

The Jewish Federation of Delaware has grant money available for high school students who wish to travel to Israel. These grants will give young people ages 15 through 17 an opportunity to participate in programs in Israel that are sponsored by national or international Jewish youth organizations and are

approved by the Federation.

The deadline for applying is March 15, 2001. Applications will be reviewed and approved on a first come first served basis.

Applicants must still be in high school when they return from Israel and must commit themselves to attending briefings before and after

their Israel experience. Preference will be given to applicants who have not participated in prior Israel programs.

Candidates must provide two letters of recommendation from teachers, rabbis, youth advisors, coaches, employers or supervisors. They must agree to perform community service when they return. Service options include volunteer work in local agencies, synagogues or organizations; involvement in the Federation campaign; recruitment of peers for subsequent Israel experiences; leadership roles in Jewish youth groups, public speaking to the community about Israel and/or writing newspaper articles for publication.

Only those applicants whose parents contribute to the 2001 Federation campaign will be considered.

For applications and information, call or write to Judy Wortman, executive vice president, Jewish Federation of Delaware, 100 West 10th Street, Suite 301, Wilmington, DE 19801-1628, (302) 427-2100.

MONEY AVAILABLE FOR JEWISH STUDIES

The Anna E. Finger-Ruth F. Gordon Memorial Trust is accepting requests for cash grants of up to \$1000 for the promotion of the study of Judaism and Jewish culture. The Trust, established by Louis J. Finger and Abraham J. Gordon in 1968, provides funding for studies of such subjects as Hebrew, Bible, Jewish literature, religious customs and ceremonies, theology, and Holocaust studies.

Trustees Richard A. Levine, Robert Jacobs and Steven D. Goldberg will consider financial need as a substantial, but not controlling, factor in evaluating grant requests. Preference will be given to programs or individuals affiliated with Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington. Recipients of individual

grants or scholarships will be expected to share their experiences during a future community event.

Grant distributions totaling \$2500 will be made on or before

May 1, 2001. Applicants should apply in writing to Richard A. Levine, Secretary, Board of Advisers, Anna E. Finger and Ruth

Continued on page 7

Weichert,[®]
Realtors

Make A Smart Move

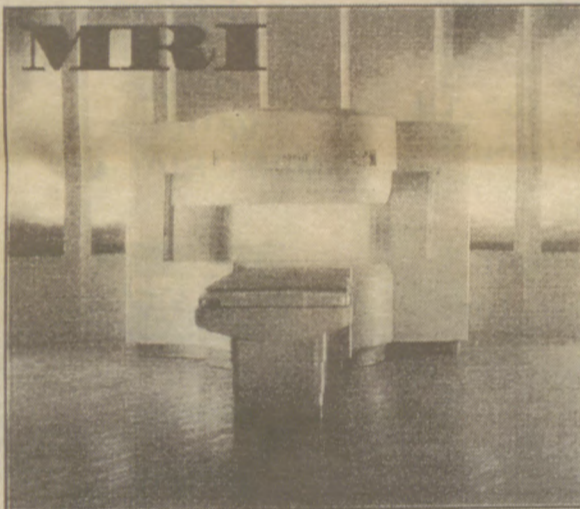
Call **BERNIE FREIMARK**
for Guaranteed Personal Satisfaction

OFFICE: (302) 478-3800
EVES: (302) 475-1069
3302 CONCORD PIKE
WILMINGTON, DE 19803



Call Bernie for a Market Analysis. Real estate values are climbing and he'll get you the best price for your home.

Open, Very Open DELAWARE OPEN



Comfort, Confidence, Compassion

Delaware Open MRI offers:

- 24-hour report turnaround time
- Radiologist always available for phone consultations
- Bright, open space
- Transportation can be provided
- Family and friends may stay in room with you during your scan
- Approved for Medicare as well as most insurance companies

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR AN APPOINTMENT,
PLEASE CALL

3211-A Concord Pike, Wilmington • (302) 479-5400

acr[®]

ACCREDITED BY
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY

G-39 Omega Drive, Newark • (302) 738-1700
<http://www.delawareopenmri.baweb.com/index.html>

7/00

Jack STAPE
REALTORS since 1950

Residential, Commercial and
Investment Expertise



Jeffrey P. Stape

Owner/Broker

(302) 656-6661 Phone
(302) 575-2700 Pager

1601 Concord Pike, Suite 52
Wilmington, DE 19803-3602

8/00

BAT MITZVAH DRESSES

Teens N[↑]Up

A one stop shop for fashion conscious teens!

Stevenson Village in Baltimore

(410)484-1125

2 min. from 695 off exit 21

Monday to Friday 11 am to 6 pm

Saturday 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday 12 Noon to 4 pm

Planning is
Everything...
We stock a full line
of dresses and suits

- Specializing in 7-14
Preteen & Junior Sizes

- Custom Sizing Available
8-12 Week Delivery

8/00

**20 Years
Experience**

CRUISE WEAR IS IN



Suits
Sportcoats
Sportswear
Shoes
Activewear
Jeans

OPEN
WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS

VISIT OUR HUSKY DEPT.

BOYS CONNECTION

A clothing store even a boy could like.

286 Montgomery Avenue • Bala Cynwyd, PA 610-660-9330

GETTING TO KNOW US...



**Albert
Einstein
Academy**

YOUR COMMUNITY JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

A monthly series - this month we meet with
Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt,
Head of School, Albert Einstein Academy

Q: Tell Us About AEA.

Rabbi B: AEA was founded in 1970 by a group of parents interested in creating a

Community Jewish Day School. We have approximately 110 students attending our school with classes for children in

pre-kindergarten through 6th grade.

Q: Where is AEA located?

Rabbi B: We are located on the campus of the Delaware Jewish Community Center, right off of Route 202, 3 miles from the PA border. Aside from our classrooms, Library and Computer Lab, we have full use of the JCC campus including its indoor pool, gym, tennis courts, auditorium, and playgrounds.

Q: What is the school like?

Rabbi B: AEA prides itself in being a wonderfully well-rounded school. Our students thrive because of the small classes and low student-teacher ratios. We foster an

atmosphere where academic excellence is the norm-within a loving caring environment. We want our children to succeed in our broad world as Americans and at the same time be proud to be Jews-to understand and love what is different about being Jewish while also understanding and respecting other cultures.

Q: How religious is AEA?

Rabbi B: We are a community Jewish Day school, so we strive to create an environment where everyone feels positive and comfortable about being Jewish. We teach the Jewish tradition in a non-judgmental manner. We are pluralistic - our students come

from all sorts of religious backgrounds.

Q: How expensive is AEA?

Rabbi B: Our board is committed to providing a private Jewish day school education for any family that wants one. You may be surprised to hear that 30% of our families receive some form of tuition aid.

Q: Where do the students come from?

Rabbi B: Approximately 50% of our students come from the Northern Wilmington area. Another 20% come from southern New Castle County and 30% come from South-eastern Pennsylvania. We have from 4 different locations.

Grants Available

Continued from page 6

Gordon Memorial Trust, c/o Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, P.O. Box 391, Wilmington, DE 19899-0391. Application deadline is March 31, 2001.

**FAIRMAN FELLOWSHIPS
AWARDS TWO
SCHOLARSHIPS**

Executives of nonprofit organizations in Delaware and the Brandywine Valley are eligible to apply for the third annual Fairman Fellowships, which are being funded through the Endsley P. Fairman Fund at the Delaware Community Foundation. The fund honors the memory of Mr. Fairman, who

served as Executive Secretary of the Longwood, Welfare and Marmot Foundations.

The Fairman Fellowship Program offers nonprofit executives the opportunity to acquire concrete business skills and a broad, strategic view of general management in the nonprofit sector. Each scholarship will provide tuition, room, board and travel expenses for one of the intensive, six-day residential nonprofit management courses in July 2001. Applicants must specify whether they are applying to the Harvard or University of Delaware program.

Application forms are available at

the Delaware Community Foundation and may be obtained by calling 302/571-8004. The deadline for submitting applications is February 28. The two Fairman Fellows will be notified by March 30.

Support Jewish Life in Delaware

through a gift to the

2001 Federation annual campaign



BERGER BROS INC.
Since 1919

**OFFICE FURNITURE
-OFFICE SYSTEMS**

Market at Third Sts., Wilm., DE
Hours 8:00 to 5:30 Sat. 6:30 to 12 noon

Call (302) 655-7166

Partial Listing of Items We Carry—For Home or Office

- DESKS
- ROLL TOP-DESKS
- CHAIRS
- FILES & INSULATED FILES
- SAFES
- LOCKERS
- FOLDING CHAIRS
- TABLES
- (SALE OR RENTAL)
- OFFICE SUPPLIES
- LEATHER FURNITURE
- CONFERENCE TABLES
- COMPUTER TABLES
- RECEPTION SEATING
- DRAFTING EQUIPMENT
- LAMPS
- BUSINESS MACHINES
- BOOKCASES
- STORAGE CABINETS
- STEEL SHELVING
- PANELS, ACOUSTICAL
- ATTACHE CASES

BOTWINICK'S
Jenkintown, PA

The Legend Continues...
Celebrating Our 86th Year
Making Bar & Bat Mitzvahs Memorable

Clothing For:

- Girls 4-16
- Teens 6-20
- Juniors 3-15
- Boys 4-22
- Mens 36-44

The Metropol
479 Old York Road
Jenkintown, PA
215-884-9762

EVERYTHING
You Need
To Stay **RIGHT AT HOME!**
NURSES AIDES, HOMEMAKERS
and **SITTERS**

Bath Visits, Personal Care and Transportation Appointments

Call
THE HEALTH CARE PLACE
PHONE (302) 888-1334
FAX (302) 888-1566

FEATURED LISTINGS

Judy Levy Eileen Schwartz

123 Augustine Cutoff \$399,900
This wonderful stone & cedar home has a great floor plan & lots of space. The 2-story foyer leads to a rear hall with butler's pantry & a gracious living room. The kitchen is a chef's delight with a Viking range & granite counters. There are 4/5 bedrooms. This home is professionally landscaped.

Rachel Levy Abrams Philip Epstein

401 Owl's Nest Road \$899,900
Stately brick Georgian home on 2 acres in the heart of Greenville. 5 bedrooms, 3 baths & 2 powder rooms. The mouldings, built-ins & the exceptional craftsmanship of this home make it a very special place. It has a very private rear yard accessed from a lovely sunroom. There is a 5-car garage & an in-ground pool, all in pristine condition. Available February 2001.

LS & A LEVY, SCHWARTZ & ASSOCIATES
The Team for All Seasons in Delaware Real Estate

Phone 429-7379 **Patterson Schwartz**

Office: (302) 429-7379 • E-mail: levyschwartz@aol.com • Web: www.levyschwartz.com

The Music Makers

Edna
Organist/Pianist
for wedding ceremonies
Call
325-1532 or 325-3584

The Perfect Mix



EDDIE DAVIS ORCHESTRA

SUPERB VOCALS,
DYNAMIC HORNS,
HOT RHYTHM SECTION
BALA EXECUTIVE COMMONS
11 BALA AVENUE
BALA CYNWYD, PA 19004
610-664-8553

Sid Miller ORCHESTRA



Performed at 2001
Presidential Inaugural Ball

CALL (215)389-7750
11 BALA AVE., BALA CYNWYD, PA 19904
E-Mail: smorchestra@earthblink.net

the bruce fagan band
1-800-FAGAN-11
www.faganmusic.com

JUMP-START YOUR PARTY
swingin' big band • classic rock'n'roll
plus power singles/duos
interactive deejays & dancers

Authorized Ticket Agency
For The Delaware Valley

B & B
tickettown

Tickets available to special events at...
THE SPECTRUM, FIRST UNION CENTER, CAMDEN E CENTER,
PHILADELPHIA THEATERS, EAGLES, FLYERS, PHILLIES, 76ers
322 NINTH ST. PLAZA • WILMINGTON, DE 19801
TELEPHONE: (302) 656-9797 OR (610) 459-3283
TERRY SKLAR



Caryl Marcus-Stape

A PERFECT PARTY

by Caryl

Specializing in Corporate, Private & Non-Profit Events

(302) 478-8835 - office
(302) 478-8836 - fax
By Appointment only

Your Party.
His Passion.

Eddie Bruce
THE MAN. THE MUSIC.

Weddings. Parties. Bar Mitzvahs.
215.663.2400

A Most Uncommonly Entertaining Dance Band

Classical to Contemporary,
Big Band to Broadway,
Motown to Top 40 and more...
The Right Touch for All Occasions.

Janis Nowlan ORCHESTRA
610-296-2626

Elegant! Energetic! Exciting!

Plan for the Best of Times!



Mr. B caters events that are large, small, lavish, or simple.

- Any occasion
- Weddings
 - B'Nai Mitzvot
 - Office Events
 - Home Entertaining
 - Sit-down Dinners with Butlered Appetizers

And the Portions... "Generous, of Course"

Kosher available



Let us cater your next party or event.
Call (302) 224-9213

Mr. B Catering is a division of Take-A-Break, Inc.

THE PLAYHOUSE THEATRE

presents

The Swinging 60's Musical!

"THE POP SOUNDS OF THE LATE 1960'S LIVE AGAIN! PROMISES, PROMISES COULD BRING BACK MINISKIRTS, IF NOT WHITE GO-GO BOOTS...GROOVY!" - ASSOCIATED PRESS



BOOK BY Neil Simon MUSIC BY Burt Bacharach LYRICS BY Hal David

FEATURING THE HIT SONGS

"I'LL NEVER FALL IN LOVE AGAIN"

AND

"KNOWING WHEN TO LEAVE"

BASED ON THE SCREENPLAY "THE APARTMENT" BY BILLY WILDER AND I.A.L. DIAMOND

February 23 - March 4, 2001

Call (302) 656-4401 or (800) 338-0881

Purchase online at

www.playhousetheatre.com



Caryl Marcus-Stape



(302) 478-8835 - office
(302) 478-8836 - fax
By Appointment only

Specializing in Corporate, Private & Non-Profit Events

DAVID ZEIDMAN ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

from the most elegant to casual affairs... over 18 years experience as DJ/EMCEE at Bar / Bat Mitzvahs, Weddings, Corporate/Social Galas, Camps, Children's Parties

Personalized Service Packages include:
DJ/EMCEEs • PRIZES & PROPS • DANCERS • LIGHTING EFFECTS • VIDEOTAPING • MAGICIANS • CLOWNS • POLAROIDs WITH CUT-OUT

CELEBRITIES • FACE PAINTERS • BALLOONS • JUGGLERS • CARICATURISTS • PSYCHICS • KARAOKE • SPORTS GAMES • COSTUMED CHARACTERS • and much more...

COMPLETE EVENT SOURCE
610-527-2833
FAX: 610-527-2875
emcdaz@aol.com

High Energy MCs with Experience & Class



presents The Party Patrol

- Sophisticated Party Motivators
- Awesome Party Favors
- Nightclub Light Show
- Games
- The Game Show
- Lighted Dance Stage

856-985-7008

856-985-1415 fax
e-mail: bigaldj@aol.com
www.bigaldj.com

Let's create the perfect combination of sophistication and funk.

An Exotic Evening Of Traditional Moroccan Cuisine & Entertainment

NIGHTLY DINNERS MOROCCAN STYLE

Moroccan Salad Platter
Combinations Of Cucumber, Tomato, Sweet Pepper Salad, Carrot Salad & Eggplant Salad, or Harira (Lentil Soup)

Bastilla
Filo Dough Stuffed With Chicken, Eggs, Cinnamon, Sugar & Almonds

Chicken With Lemon & Olives, or Chicken With Hot Sauce & Cumin, or Rabbit With Prunes

Beef Or Lamb Shish Kabob, or Lamb With Honey & Almonds

Couscous
Semolina With Vegetables, Raisins & Chick Peas

FRESH FRUIT

BAKLAVA (Mint Tea Included)

7-COURSE DINNER
REG. PRICE \$20 PER PERSON
Alcoholic Beverages Not Included

FOR THE VEGETARIAN

Moroccan Salad Platter
Combination Of Cucumber, Tomato, Sweet Pepper Salad, Carrot Salad & Eggplant Salad, or Harira (Lentil Soup)

Bastilla
Filo Dough Stuffed With Eggs, Cinnamon, Sugar & Almonds

Spinach Pie
Light Pastry Stuffed with Spinach, Onions and Spices

Grape Leaves
Tender Leaves Stuffed with Rice, Parsley and Onions

Seafood, Moroccan Style, or Lentils with Cracked Wheat

Casablanca Moroccan Restaurant

4010 DUPONT HIGHWAY
NEW CASTLE • 652-5344

Reservations Suggested
Open Daily 5:30PM-1:30AM
All Major Credit Cards Accepted

Special Accommodations for Weddings, Rehearsal Dinners, Bar & Bat Mitzvah, Receptions

COMING SOON OUR ALI BABA MIDDLE-EAST RESTAURANT TO MAIN ST. IN NEWARK, DE

LAFAYETTE HILL STUDIOS PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO

- MITZVAHS • WEDDINGS • MONTAGUES •
- LARGE SCREEN PROJECTIONS •
- LIVE CAMERA FEED OF PARTY •

THE STUDIO OF CHOICE

651 GERMANTOWN PIKE LAFAYETTE HILL, PA 19444
610-828-1142 • FAX: 610-828-0527
Toll Free: (800) 531-2341
EMAIL: sid@lafayette.com

"TREAT YOURSELF TO A VIDEO AS SPECIAL AS YOUR AFFAIR"

COMMUNITY FOCUS

JCC Holds Basket Bash

The Jewish Community Center will hold its first-ever Basket Bash on Saturday, February 24 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Delaware JCC on Garden of Eden Road in North Wilmington. Step back in time to the 1940s and enjoy big band music, a martini bar, food and fun.

More than 100 themed baskets will be auctioned off during the

evening in celebration of the JCC's 100th anniversary. All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit JCC programs and services.

Admission tickets are \$50 for patrons, \$25 per person in advance and \$35 per person at the door. Tickets are available at the JCC Front Desk or from Committee members. Lisa Driban and Rachel Harad are Basket Bash

Committee co-chairs.

For additional information, please call Susan Gentry at (302) 478-5660, ext 242.

LOCAL TEENS TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sixteen students from the Delaware Jewish Community Center traveled to the nation's capital from January 19 to 22 to participate in a special inauguration *Panim El Panim: High School in Washington*. This seminar provides Jewish teens from across the country with knowledge and skills needed for community involvement and leadership.

The students spoke with homeless men and women in a session coordinated with the National Coalition for the Homeless. They later debated how to apply Jewish values to difficult public policy dilemmas.

On Saturday, the students celebrated Shabbat while witnessing the inauguration of President George W. Bush from the lawn in front of the north steps of the

Capitol Building.

While in Washington, D.C., the students toured the United States Holocaust Museum, explored the U.S.-Israel relationship and discussed poverty around the world.

Rabbi Sid Schwartz, president and founder of the Washington Institute of Jewish Leadership and Values spoke about "Jews in the Political Process". He addressed the high rate of Jewish involvement in the political process and cautioned students of the need to temper Jewish political influence with a raised awareness of Jewish values.

"I learned how to view politics through a Jewish lens. I strengthened my leadership skills and learned the importance of developing sound arguments-especially in political discussions," said David Penneys of Wilmington.

Community Teen Coordinator Robyn Greenberg led the Wilmington area student delegation which also included: Paula Bernhardt, Elana Caplan, Amanda Denmark, Amanda Doroshaw,

Samantha Facciolo, Dean Godowsky, Liza Lewis, Daniel McVicker, Beth Morse, Penneys and his sister, Laura Jane Penneys, Jessica Schultz, Alexander Snyder-Mackler, Ezra Temko, Ron Wallach and Annia Yampolsky.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT AT BETH EMETH

Congregation Beth Emeth is continuing its Community Bereavement Support Group which is facilitated by Jewish Family Service of Delaware. The next group of eight sessions will begin on Thursday, March 1, 7:30 p.m. in the synagogue lounge. Everyone is welcome. Sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month. For additional information, please call the Beth Emeth office at 764-2393 or contact Robin Karol-Eng, 478-5411.

(Continued on page 20)





Professional Event Planning


- Intimate Gatherings for
- Rehearsal Dinners
- Parties
- Dinner Meetings

We offer personalized menus & gourmet buffets

994-9200
3421 Kirkwood Highway
Wilmington
Convenient access from I-95

Early Bird Breakfast

Monday thru Friday
6 am 'til 11:00 am



- 2 Eggs, Toast, Homefries **\$1.69**
- 2 Eggs, Toast, Homefries, Choice of sausage or bacon strips **\$2.29**
- A-TEAM**
2 Hot Cakes, 2 Eggs, 2 Sausages and 2 Bacon Strips **\$3.69**

ARNER'S 215 N. DuPont Highway
Next to Wilmington Airport
New Castle, DE
(302) 322-3279



ASIAN PALACE RESTAURANT

HOME STYLE ORIENTAL CUISINE
DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS
INDEPENDENCE MALL
ROUTE 202
1601 CONCORD PIKE
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
CLOSED MONDAY • OPEN SUNDAY 5 PM-9 PM
SATURDAY 5 PM-9:30 PM • TUES.-FRI. 11:30 AM-9:30 PM
(302) 778-1488

A great marriage of two cultures together in one restaurant



Tira Misu

ROMAN JEWISH CUISINE
PRIVATE ROOM
FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Dinner served daily **PIANO BAR** Friday and Saturday
528 S. 5th Street • Philadelphia • 215 925 3335



The Golden Castle

Diner & Restaurant
Authentic Jersey Style Diner

OPEN 24 HOURS!

Breakfast served at all times!
Specials starting at \$1.89
Lunch Special starting at \$3.99
Dinner Special starting at \$7.95
Early Bird Special 3-5:30 P.M. Starting at \$6.25

20% OFF LUNCH OR DINNER
11AM to 11 PM with this coupon - Mon. to Fri. only
not valid with other offers or on holidays
does not include alcoholic beverages
coupon expires 2-23-2001

2722 Concord Pike (formerly Kenny Rogers Roaster) 478-7701

**You think ESTHER cooked?
-- NO WAY!
She was a Queen! Aren't you?**

MENU: Challah; Rotisserie Chicken; Garden Salad, choice of: sweet noodle kugel or parsley potatoes; and HAMANTASHEN.

Serves 4-5 for only \$20.00. JUST HEAT AND SERVE!
Prepared by the Kosher Deli at Brandywine Shop Rite.
Pick up on **FRIDAY, March 9** between 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM at Brandywine Shop Rite or Chestnut Hill Plaza Shop Rite.

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS Sunday, March 4.

Send check to: Mardian Berman
1307 Oberlin Rd., Wilmington, DE 19801
Make Checks Payable to Hadassah.

Questions? - Call Mardian 478-4395



SPEECH-LANGUAGE THERAPY

The Speech Clinic, Inc. is now in its 15th year of serving the community. Services are provided to children and adults; after school and evening hours are offered for your convenience.

During the 2001 school year, we will again be sending therapists right to participating private schools.

THE SPEECH CLINIC, INC.
Building Better Communication Skills

5147 West Woodmill Dr., Suite 21
Wilmington, DE 19808 • (302) 999-0702

PAYROLL EXPRESS

A Complete Payroll Service

Compare our prices and services...

Local processing • Personalized Service & Support
Windows Software • Y2K Compliant

Quick Answers to Your Questions • Confidential
For Service, Solutions, Satisfaction...

Contact Rollyn Trueblood
(302) 239-9788



Issue: February 23
Camp Preview
Vacations &
Travel Planning
Deadline: February 15

LANTANA
GOLD & DIAMOND CENTER

Our Regular Prices beat the
Mall's Prices by 30%-40%!

**Take an EXTRA
30% OFF
for Valentine Gifts**



Lantana Square
212 Lantana Drive
(302) 235-5585 • (302) 235-5584

Delaware's
BEST OF BROADWAY

Presents
World Premiere of the New Musical Revue



THE 1936 RADIO SHOW

Original Stage Play by Greer Firestone

Starring:

George Gershwin, Ethel Merman, Al Jolson, Fred & Adele Astaire,
Jimmy Durante, Pops Whiteman, Anne Wiggins Brown, & Don Wilson

The Baby Grand

The Edith and Alexander Giacco Building

Wilmington Delaware

February 23 - April 8, 2001

Curtain: Evenings 8PM Sunday 2PM

Tickets on sale now at \$25.00

Call (302) 652-5577 or

(800) 37-GRAND

Visit us at: de-bestofbroadway.com

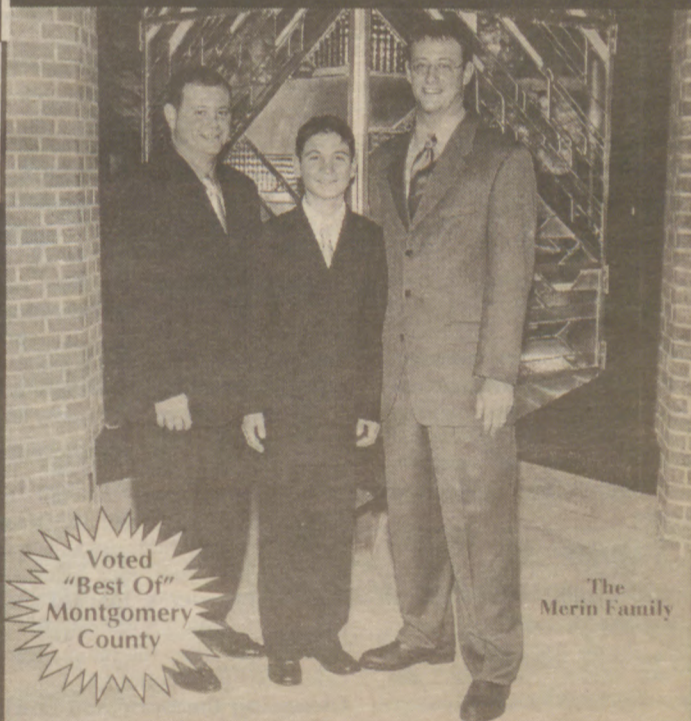
The MENS STORE

atop

The BOYS STORE

A Family Tradition...
For All Occasions

- Dress Clothing
- Sportswear
- Shoes
- Tuxedo Sales & Rentals



Voted "Best Of" Montgomery County

The Merin Family

Red Lion Road & Huntingdon Pike • Huntingdon Valley, PA
Hours: M, T, Th, F, Sa 10-5, W 10-9, Sun 12-4 • Parking in Rear
215-914-2060

www.themensandboysstore.com

Mens & Boys
Sizes 4-48

IT'S A CELEBRATION

Wedding Customs: Old, New, and Renovated

by Marlena Thompson
Veils Have Biblical Roots

According to Jewish law, getting married is an exceedingly simple affair: The bride accepts something worth more than a dime (in today's currency) from the groom, the groom utters words of acquisition and consecration, these two actions are witnessed, and voila, the happy couple is married. All the rest, i.e., the white gown, the veil, the portable chuppah (wedding canopy), etc., are but customs which have grown up around Jewish weddings through the ages. This is not to diminish their importance, for customs add measureless beauty and meaning to life-cycle milestones. Today, in fact, some of the most ancient practices are currently being rediscovered and "renovated" by couples seeking to blend tradition with a modern outlook on marriage.

One of the most enduring wedding customs, the wearing of the veil, has its origins in the Bible. Upon seeing her husband-to-be, Isaac, for the first time, Rebecca "took her veil and covered herself." (Gen. 25:65) Another veiling custom, *Badekin* (the veiling of the bride by the groom just before the wedding), also has biblical roots. Those familiar with the story of Jacob and his two wives, Leah and Rachel, will remember how Jacob's father in law, Laban, tricked Jacob into marrying Leah instead of his beloved Rachel by veiling Leah heavily before the wedding. By placing the veil over the bride's face himself, a Jewish groom makes sure he doesn't repeat Jacob's mistake. (A more poetic interpretation of *badekin* is that by covering the bride's face, the groom shows that he values her for more than mere external beauty.)

But despite its fascinating history and continued popularity, the veil is not a requirement. Some modern women reject it because of its similarity to the *pardah* (the requisite face covering worn by married Middle Eastern women), an emblem of modesty to some and of oppression to others.

With This Ring...

A lawful Jewish marriage requires an act of *kinyan* (that the bride be given — and that she accept — something of nominal value from the groom). In ancient times, coins were typically given. (They are still used by many Sephardic and Oriental Jews). Since the 7th century C.E., rings replaced coins in most of Europe as the "gift of choice." Some commentators suggest that the preference for rings is attributable to their circular form, which symbolizes endless love between a husband and wife. Others see the circle as representing a link to the past and a commitment to the future. But for whatever reason, in North America today it is almost universally the custom to give a ring as the object of exchange.

According to Jewish law, the ring must belong to the groom, be of solid metal, and be free of gems. (The inclusion of precious stones in ring values, which, presumed the rabbis, could cause a bride to reconsider.) An interesting custom in post-Renaissance Europe was the

use of communal rings—large, ornate objets d'art decorated either with representations of the Jerusalem New Temple or a local synagogue. Such rings were objects of pride to the entire community and were lent to couples for their bridal celebrations.

The double ring ceremony popular today is a relatively recent custom, and one which raises some objections amongst traditional Jews. Some think that an exchange of rings invalidates *kinyan* (the formal acquisition of a thing of value by the bride). However, Conservative, Reform, and Reconstructionist rabbis find no legal objection to the double-ring ceremony. A modern trend is to inscribe biblical or other significant Hebrew phrases on the ring. Up until fairly recently a common inscription was, *Eshet Chayil Ateret Ba'alah* (A Woman Of Valor Is Her Husband's Crown). These days, it is more usual to inscribe the gender neutral, *Ani L'Dodi V'L' Dodi Li* (I Belong To My Beloved And My Beloved Belongs To Me).

White is not the only option

The white bridal dress is so intrinsic to modern weddings—including Jewish weddings—that it is common to assume this attire to be universal, which it is not. In fact, Oriental and Sephardic brides have traditionally worn brightly colored dresses set off with veils made of streaming gold coins. In fact, many Jewish brides of Moroccan and Yemenite descent still marry in this type of garb, especially in Israel.

In ancient Greece, both bride and groom wore white garments adorned with garlands. The classic bridal costume for Iraqi Jewish brides included silver bells and golden nose rings.

The white bridal gown became customary amongst Ashkenazic Jews who followed the example of their Christian neighbors, although white was not the preferred color amongst all Christians. In France of the Middle Ages and beyond, brides rarely wore white, electing blue or rose because white was the color of mourning. Ironically, while the white gown has come to symbolize bridal virginity in Christian culture, in the Jewish tradition the gown denotes something quite different—that no matter how sexually active a bride may have been before marriage, the wedding purifies her. White is worn as a symbol of the purity conferred upon her by the wedding.

Tallit keep grooms honorable?

In many Orthodox communities, a bride gives a tallit (prayer shawl) to the groom which he wears only from the day he is married, despite being a Bar Mitzvah for years. According to some Jewish mystics, the tallit is associated with sexual temptation, which, for a man, is more of an issue after marriage than at the traditional age of becoming a Bar Mitzvah. The biblical command to wear the fringes of the tallit states: "...you shall look at them and not be tempted to follow your heart and eyes." Thus, for a married man, the tallit now functions as a reminder to keep his mind off forbidden sexual situations.

Cleansing the body and spirit

We know that the mikvah (ritual bath) is a very ancient institution

because vestiges of one were found in the remains of the destroyed Jewish fortress at Masada. In fact, the Christian ritual of baptism is based on mikvah immersion. In Jewish tradition, the institution of the mikvah is not custom but law.

The only unmarried woman expected to go to the mikvah is the bride, just prior her wedding. However, because of the association of the mikvah with the so-called "impurity" of menstruating women, many women have shunned it, considering it to be a relic of an archaic, patriarchal age. Very recently, however, the mikvah has been making a comeback as a

and blessings prior to her immersion. A picnic, made even more memorable with singing and dancing, often follows.

Another ancient custom that has lately been transformed is the ketubah (marriage contract). The earliest formulation was written by Shimon ben Shetach, head of the ancient rabbinical court at the end of the first century C.E. Spelling out a husband's obligations to his wife, the ketubah was a radical document in its day because it provided women with legal status and rights in marriage. Up until recently, the text for ketubot has remained virtually unchanged. But

written in Aramaic, modern documents are usually drafted in both Hebrew and English. Having a ketubah professionally calligraphed and made even more special with customized decorations has also become popular.

The chuppah (canopy) under which the bride and groom stand during the ceremony symbolizes a marriage chamber. The bride leaves her father's house and enters her husband's home as a married woman. The Book of Joel (2:16) states: "Let the bridegroom go forth from his chamber and the bride out of her pavilion" (*chuppah*). In Eastern Europe during the 16th century, the portable canopy held up by four poles came into use. In some communities, it was traditional for the bride and groom to marry beneath a tallit, often a family heirloom. An especially poignant custom involving the chuppah was popular at one time in Israel: A cedar tree was planted on the occasion of a child's birth. When the child married, the branches and leaves from the tree were then used in the construction of the chuppah. Today, although most synagogues own a stationary chuppah they will lend upon request, some creative couples are choosing to make their own.

Since there are no legal requirements as to a chuppah's shape or dimensions, couples have created chuppahs and new chuppah traditions that expressed their unique personalities. Some women hold chuppah parties—a gathering that resembles old fashioned "quiltings" in that friends of the bride create individual squares that are later sewn together. Or, other women who have friends less adept with a needle and thread have their friends decorate a piece of cloth with special sayings and personal well wishes, using fabric pens and paints. And some couples are returning to the custom of marrying beneath a tallit that has special family significance.

Although wedding customs may be cherished simply because of the history and tradition they represent, ultimately what keeps them alive is their relevance in a changing world. Ancient wedding customs imbued with a modern spirit provide couples with both a link to the past and a hand in shaping the future they will be sharing.

(Marlena Thompson is a freelance journalist and book reviewer. Her poetry series for children, *Let's Discover God* was published by Behrman House in 1998.)

WHEN WEDDING BELLS RING...



Boyd's Flowers knows you want everything just right!

Call now for your free consultation with one of our wedding specialists

BOYD'S FLOWERS
Famous for Fine Flowers
421-2900

2013 Pennsylvania Avenue
824 Market Street

Member FTD

Major Credit Cards

symbol of spiritual purification. In fact, there has been a revival of the Sephardic custom of turning the pre-wedding visit to the mikvah into a celebration. It is not unusual these days for a prospective bride to visit the mikvah with women friends who strew flower petals in her path as she emerges from the water and regale her with wine, sweets, and song. Other future brides gather with their female friends and relatives on the shores of a river or lake and recite poems

many couples who consider the traditional ketubah to be out of touch with contemporary views on relationships are creating new ones. Whereas the original ketubot were about a man's obligations to his wife, modern versions of the document are typically egalitarian. Many ketubot now include parallel declarations of commitment made by both bride and groom with a joint declaration of faith in God and a connection to the Jewish people. Whereas the original ketubot were



**Did you know that
SIMCHA Advertising
is included in every
issue of The Jewish Voice?**

**Call us at
427-2100 x24**



IT'S A CELEBRATION

Lessons From Both Sides Of The Chuppah

By Sharon Forman

Times of transition can be not only exciting, but also fraught with tension and fear. These boundary or liminal moments in our lives—graduation, marriage, the death of a loved one, the birth of a new baby—stir up all of the insecurities and feelings of vulnerability lurking within our fragile souls. Changes are challenging, as they open the door for commotion and tumult to disrupt our sense of order.

I should know—I'm a rabbi who's stood with many couples under the chuppah. And now I'm about to be the bride.

As a rabbi, I know that Judaism, like all religions, has created rituals to assist us through the dimly lit tunnels of life changes, and help us face these transitions with a sense of honor and confidence that we will indeed come out whole on the other side. When roles are clearly delineated, everyone knows what they are supposed to do, and how they are expected to behave. Tensions are mitigated, as participants in life cycle ceremonies play out their specific roles, and we are hopefully closer to a time of universal harmony and well being.

The customs associated with marriage help create a strong sense of order on the wedding day. The chuppah itself, the marriage canopy, is a wonderful ritual symbol of that transition from one side of the tunnel to the other. We enter the space of the chuppah as two single people, having been escorted there by our parents. But we leave the space of the chuppah together, as a newly formed family, and we escort each other out.

All very clear, beautiful and meaningful.

But what about the time leading up to that day? Now that I am preparing to stand on the other side of the chuppah as the bride instead of the rabbi, I see that the time between the engagement and the wedding is something else entirely. I thought I already knew a lot about weddings and how to prepare for them. But no classes about weddings, no experience as a bridesmaid in friends' weddings, not even performing weddings for other couples have prepared me for the flurry of preparations, both psychological and material, that are necessary in order to reach that moment when I stand under the chuppah as the bride.

After I decided that marrying my fiancé would be the most wonderful and wise choice of my life, I naively believed that the process of decision making would become exponentially simplified. Not so. Who knew that deciding whether or not to put a "u" in the word "favor" on an RSVP card, or whether or not to have greens in bouquets would dredge up so many powerful emotions from future in-laws, parents, and friends? All of the many decisions (whether or not you like dots or flowers on your silverware, whether or not you want titles before the names of the bride and groom on the invitations, whether or not you want that extra piece of tissue paper slipped into your invitation) serve as an ink blot for brides and grooms and their family members to act out their feelings about the imminent changes in the family status.

Working through all of the deci-

sions: babies or no babies at the reception; whether or not to register for gifts, and if so what kinds of gifts to register for; how many bridesmaids and groomsmen to have and what role they should play; how to integrate blended families without feeling like you've been inside a blender; who should give toasts; whose rabbi or cantor should perform the wedding; these and other questions stir up anxieties about the day, and more general feelings about relationships. Parents may worry that family loyalties are shifting. Siblings may be concerned that they will no longer

be favorite confidantes. Married friends advise that you should replicate their perfect wedding down to every last detail. Friends who are not married may feel left out and conflicted or even resentful. Even when people are genuinely pleased with your choice of a partner, there are many other feelings about marriage and commitment that get sucked into the swirling vortex of wedding planning.

Most concerns that initially appear to deal with wedding details (such as the choice of entrees or dyed-to-match shoes) on closer examination are much bigger than

the wedding itself and relate to the guest's own needs and concerns. When I work with other couples preparing them for their wedding, I always tell them to step back momentarily from all of the tumult in preparations and remember that indeed the most important decision has already been made, the choice of a life-long partner and helpmate. The rest is commentary. This is a reassuring exercise that helps put everything else in perspective.

Now if I can just get myself to remember that lesson!

The act of getting married is called Nesuin, being lifted or carried up. After having planned so much of my wedding, I am looking forward to the opportunity to reach the elevated and sanctified space of the chuppah, the wedding canopy. Each decision along the way, no matter how irritating or seemingly trivial, has helped strengthen the bond with my fiancé, and has ultimately assisted us in determining what values we find important. As we stand together under the chuppah and the spheres of intimacy change, as we circle one another in our own sanctified space as a couple, I am confident that we will be lifted up to a realm above the din of all the pre-wedding decisions, where the sounds now resonating are the voice of the bride and the voice of the groom, the voice of happiness and the voice of rejoicing.

(Rabbi Sharon Forman, who was ordained in 1994, is the Director of the Religious School at Temple Shaaray Tefila in Manhattan. She recently got married and survived the experience.)



For Flowers That Will Add More Than Color To Your Wedding

Our consultants are available to meet with you to discuss that distinctive Penny Hill look for your wedding. For flowers and arrangements that are exceptional, call Penny Hill for an appointment.

The Taylors of Penny Hill FLOWER SHOP where every penny buys more beauty and pleasure

800-204-5627

Fax: (302) 655-6966

2123 Concord Pike, Fairfax Shop. Ctr. 655-5591

Retail Or Resale? Delaware Brides Have Options

By Lynn Edelman, Editor

Savvy shoppers throughout the state of Delaware know the location of a unique bridal boutique. Tucked away in the lower level of the Resale Boutique on Philadelphia Pike in Wilmington is a treasure trove of new and nearly new wedding gowns, mother of the bride, bridesmaid and flower girl dresses plus all the accessories to outfit an entire bridal party in style.

Meryl Pottock, a Wilmington native, took over the operation of the Boutique from her mother, Cynthia Kauffman when she retired in 1990.

Pottock, a Bat Mitzvah and confirmand of Adas Kodesch, found consignment management "a perfect fit" for her personal sense of style and her desire to help customers find fashionable merchandise at affordable prices. She knows, from personal experience, how important it is for working families to find quality merchandise at affordable prices.

"At one point in my life, I was a single parent and had to make every penny count when buying clothes for my daughter and myself," Pottock explained.

The addition of wedding outfits to the Boutique's inventory of clothing came by accident. A local bridal shop went out of business and the owner gave Pottock mer-



chandise to be consigned. As bridal store chains swallowed up the smaller independent stores, Pottock's small shop began to burgeon.

The timing of the Boutique's expansion into wedding wear was particularly opportune for Pottock who was planning a second trip down the aisle. The "something borrowed" on her wedding day was a dress from the very first shipment of bridal clothes.

Many of the gowns are designer labels, worth hundreds even thousands of dollars. Some have been left in the closets of women who have broken their engagements yet cannot return their gowns. Others

come to the shop directly from the dry cleaners, fresh and ready for another special day.


Pottock terms bridal consignments a "win-win" situation. The consigner recovers some of her hard-earned money when her gown is sold. The thrifty bride-to-be gets a beautiful dress for a fraction of the cost and can spend the difference on the wedding reception or honeymoon.

Three hundred gowns are currently in stock. Try one on Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Resale Boutique is located at 818 Philadelphia Pike in Wilmington.


Our Simcha Advertisers

Page 2	DuPont Hotel
Page 12	Boyd's Flowers
Page 12	Penny Hill Florists
Page 14	Three Little Bakers
Page 15	Elissa Morris Photographer
Page 15	DuPont Country Club
Page 15	The Planning Factory
Page 16	Village Green
Page 16	Crystal Ballroom
Page 16	Al John Video
Page 16	Fulton Paper & Party
Page 16	Del Haven Jewelers
Page 16	Living Letters
Page 17	Enchanted Owl
Page 17	Levinson Studios
Page 17	Resale Boutique
Page 17	Sprint
Page 18	Bare Essentials
Page 18	B&B Tickettown
Page 18	Minster's Jewelers
Page 18	Riverview Inn
Page 18	OK Video
Page 18	Dapa Balloons
Page 19	Le Papillon
Page 19	Honey Kamali
Page 19	Jerusalem Israeli Gift Shop
Page 19	The Kitchen Sink
Page 19	Bridal Super Store
Page 19	Kreston Liquor
Page 19	Cannon's Cakes

**Our Hearts To You
and Yours**



**The Taste
of Tradition**



Select chocolate gifts that friends and loved ones can enjoy. Our selection is wide including sugar-free candy. Our chocolates have a common ingredient - a century of pride and craftsmanship. *We ship anywhere in the USA.


800 Market Str.
302-652-5252
Weekdays 8:30am-5pm

www.govatoschocolates.com

Talleyville Center
302-478-5324
Mon-Sat 10am-5:30pm

ATLANTIC CITY

Once again, Ron & Esther & The Greenman Family
proudly present



Passover 2001

11 Days/10 Nights at the Boardwalk
Friday, April 6 - Monday, April 16, 2001


- Three Full, Abundant & Wonderful Glatt Kosher Meals Per Day
- Lectures • Dining in our Exquisite Crystal Ballroom
- Synagogue on Premises
- Daily Tea Times and Kiddushes
- Shabbat Elevator • Resident Mashgiach on Premises
- In-House Entertainment • Free Indoor Parking
- Heated Indoor Pool & Jacuzzi

Plus! We'll make arrangements for you to enjoy golf, tennis, casino shows, family outings, and kids activities!


Ⓢ Under Orthodox Union Supervision
Glatt Kosher • Cholov Yisroel

**Call Esther Toll Free
1-888-ESTHER B
(1-888-378-4372) or
1-718-377-1170**

Hotel Direct: 1-800-330-8091




Boardwalk Block Of Chelsea Avenue Atlantic City, NJ



*The Three Little Bakers®
Proudly Present...*

**SHOW
BOAT**




Thru April 22, 2001

*Come Relive All The Passion and Romance
on the Mississippi River!*

**CALL ABOUT OUR
VALENTINE'S DAY
SHOW BOAT SPECIAL!**

*Unforgettable
Wedding
Celebrations*



*Celebrity Room
Encore Room*

*Seating up to
220*

Call for details

**Three Little Bakers®
Country Club
and Dinner Theatre**

3540 Foxcroft Drive,
Wilmington, Delaware 19808
www.TLBINC.com
302-368-1616 800-368-3303

Plan for that SPECIAL DAY...

For that Once-in-a-Lifetime Moment



ELISA KOMINS MORRIS
PHOTOGRAPHER
(302) 654-7404

Charlotte Fischer's
INVITATION LINE
Now Available Exclusively at

PFI
PLANNING FACTORY
INTERNATIONAL

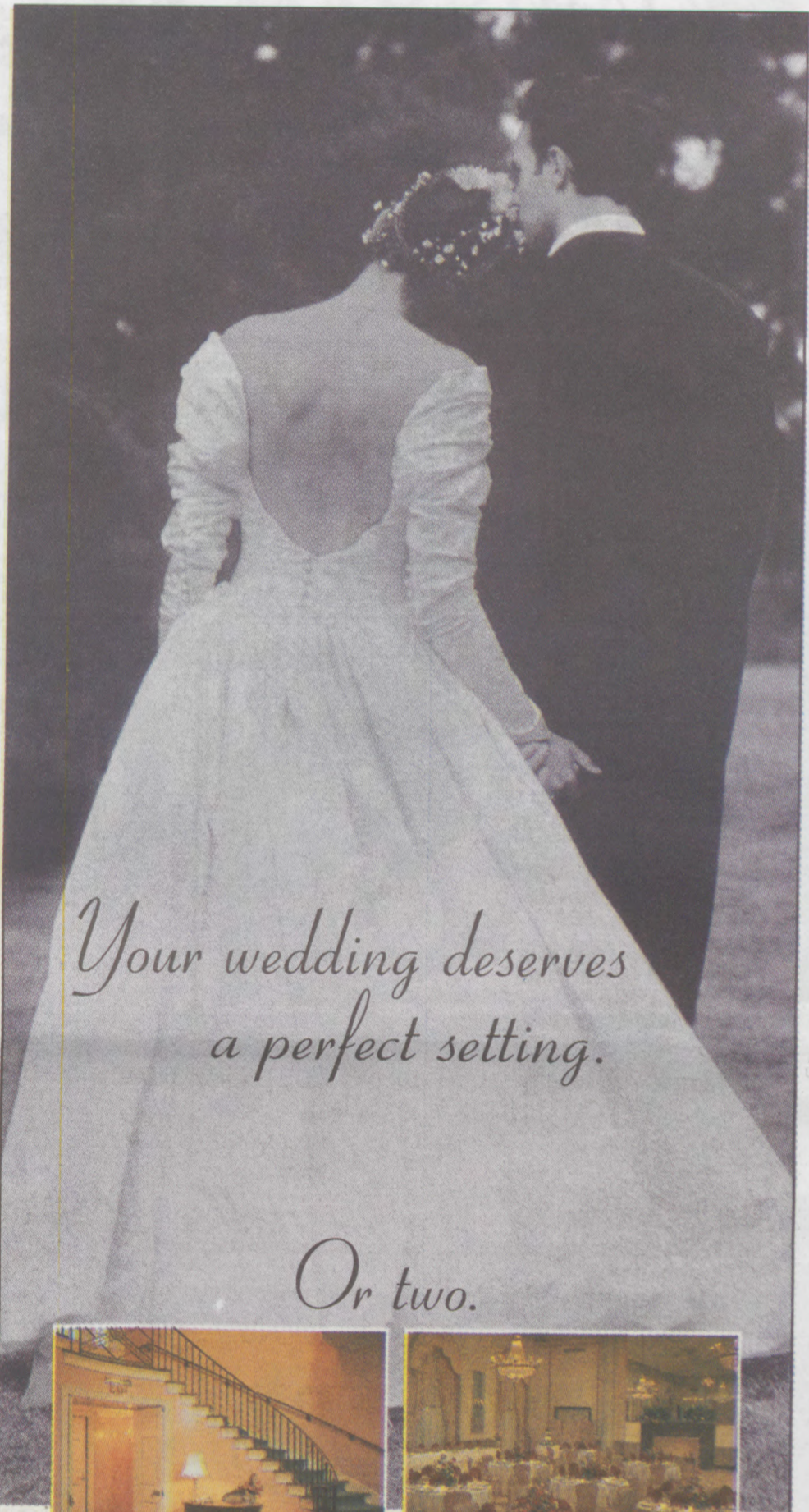
(302) 656-8400

- WIDE SELECTION OF INVITATIONS
- DESIGNER LINENS
- "Amazing Cakes"
(Luscious Theme Creations)
- COMPLETE EVENT PLANNING AND DECOR



1501 N. Broom St., Wilmington
Advance Appointment Requested

Endorsed by *Charlotte Fischer*



Your wedding deserves a perfect setting.

Or two.



Whether you choose the intimate charm of Brantwyn or the spacious elegance of The DuPont Country Club, you can count on excellence in every detail, from setting to cuisine. As well as personalized planning to make everything perfect. We also offer a 20% discount on January, February and March weddings, and Saturday afternoon weddings in December. To learn more or to arrange a visit, call 302-654-4435.

DuPont
Country Club
& **Brantwyn**

Rockland Road • Wilmington, Delaware 19880 • www.dupont.com/club

Wedding Creations



Experience Creativity & Reliability At an Unbeatable Value

Village Green Flower Shop

Since 1975

764-5498
At Lea Blvd. & Miller Rd.
8:30-5 PM, Mon.-Sat.



Crystal Ballroom

CRYSTAL BALLROOM

Three beautiful ballrooms to accommodate up to 300 people. The Crystal Wedding includes: five-hour wedding reception, top-drawer open bar, champagne toast for all, buffet or seated dinner including hors d'oeuvres, china and silver table settings, candelabra for the head table, wedding cake, and color-coordinated table linens. Affordable elegance for an event long remembered.

Crystal Ballroom, 738 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, DE 19809.
(302) 764-7240



Aljohn Video Productions



CELEBRATING OUR 16TH YEAR OF WEDDING VIDEOGRAPHY

- Quality without premium price
- Call now to arrange a time to view our wedding videography without obligation
- BAR & BAT MITZVAH VIDEOS ARE OUR SPECIALTY

302-453-8844
510 Shue Drive • Newark, DE 19713

Del Haven Jewelers Inc.

The Jewelry Experts

Fine Jewelry, Diamond Earrings, Wedding Bands, Wraps, Custom Made Bands, Jewelers on Premises

"If you can dream it -- we can make it"

409 Peoples Plaza Glasgow, DE (302) 834-8500	222 Delaware Ave. Wilmington, DE (302) 571-0474	50 East Main St. Newark, DE (302) 266-8100
--	---	--

The Elegance You Deserve At Prices You'll Love



Fulton Paper and Party

Est. 1875

DELAWARE'S LARGEST SELECTION

Wedding Invitations & More

Fulton Paper carries a large selection of discount wedding supplies

- Invitations by Carlson Craft, Regency, Classic, Birchcraft Studios
- Bridal & Shower Accessories
- Cake Toppers, Garters
- Wedding Specialist on Premises
- Wedding Favors • and Much More

Serving the Delaware Region For 125 Years

Fulton Paper & Party 1006 W. 27th Street Wilmington DE 19802 Phone: 302-594-0400 Fax: 302-594-0644	Fulton Paper of Newark 334 Suburban Plaza Newark, DE 19711 Phone: 302-368-1440 Fax: 302-368-2277
---	---

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

RIVA & BILL BROWN

Ketubahs

ORTHODOX • CONSERVATIVE • REFORM
ALTERNATIVE • RECONSTRUCTIONIST

Invitations

ENVELOPE ADDRESSING
ORIGINAL DESIGNS AND GRAPHICS
TABLE CARDS • SEATING CHARTS

Watercolors

TOUR OUR GALLERY • OR •
COMMISSION A CUSTOM PAINTING
PORTRAITS • LANDSCAPES • STILL LIFE

Living Letters Studio

1328 Washington Street • Wilm., DE
656-2777 1-800-653-8992

EAT, DRINK and BE MARRIED

The Enchanted Owl



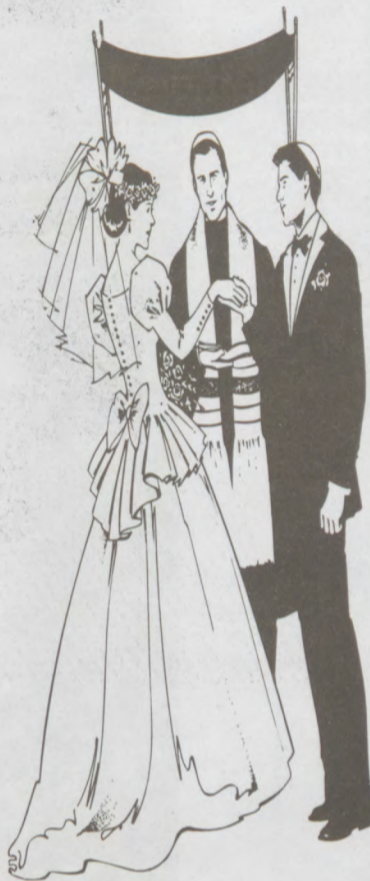
Bridal Registry

ELEGANT TABLE SETTINGS

China • Crystal • Silver

- | | | |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Lunt | Mikasa | Pfaltzgraff |
| Reed & Barton | Waterford | Louisville-Stoneware |
| Gorham | Portmeirion | Katherine Houston |
| Christofle | Baldwin | Limoge boxes |
| Towle | Dansk | Buccellati |
| Kirke-Stieff | Haviland Limoges | Spode |
| Wilton | Royal Crown Derby | Pimpernel |
| Nambe | Royal Doulton | Denby |
| Lenox | Ralph Lauren | Battersea boxes |
| Chase | Wedgwood | Simon Pearce |
| Herend | Orrefors | Essex |
| Faberge | Royal Worcester | Mottahedeh |
| Eglomise | Villeroy & Boch | Pickard |
| Noritake | | Raynaud |
| Quimper | | |

All Bridesmaids and Ushers gifts purchased during 2001 will be discounted 20%
Two Greenville Crossing, 4001 Kennett Pike, Greenville, DE
(302) 652-2233



The Resale Boutique

SINCE 1968

Delaware's Best Kept Secret
Shop the Oldest, Finest and most
Discriminating Consignment Shop
Don't Pay Retail,

Checkout The Resale Boutique First
Our Selection of New & Almost New
Gowns Includes Major Designers

818 Philadelphia Pike
Wilmington, DE 19809 • 302-764-3646
Tues.-Fri. 10-5 • Sat. 10-4



*A Wedding
in your Future?*

We can help make your wedding day perfect, beginning with wedding invitations!

We invite you to visit our store and see the complete selection of Invitations and Accessories!




QUALITY PRINTING, INC.
Talleville Center • 3609 Silverside Rd.
Wilmington, DE 19810
302-478-0720 • FAX 302 478-2840
e-mail : sprint@sprintqp.com



Levinson Studios

Delaware Valley's Premiere Photography Studio

Come Visit Us and See What Develops

421 N. 7th Street, No. 606
Philadelphia, PA 19123
215.925.5651
levinsonstudio@aol.com



*Underneath the perfect
Wedding Gown...
Wear the Perfect Lingerie*

- ◆ We fit all sizes... Petite to Queen
- ◆ Foundations, Bustiers, and Body Shapers
- ◆ Peignoir sets for Brides and Special Occasions
- ◆ Bridal Hosiery



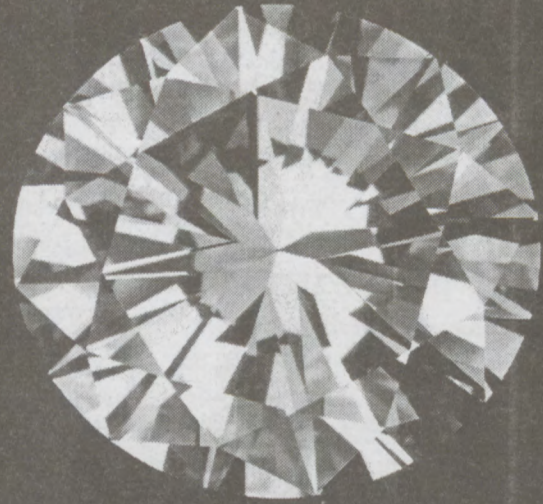
1312 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington DE 19809 **302-792-BARE (2273)**
Mon. 12-5:30 • Tues.-Sat. 10-5:30 • Wed. 10-8 • Other eves. by appt.

Authorized Ticket Agency
For The Delaware Valley

**B & B
tickettown**

Tickets available to special events at...
THE SPECTRUM, FIRST UNION CENTER, CAMDEN E CENTER,
PHILADELPHIA THEATERS, EAGLES, FLYERS, PHILLIES, 76ers
322 NINTH ST. PLAZA • WILMINGTON, DE 19801
TELEPHONE: (302) 656-9797 OR (610) 459-3283
TERRY SKLAR

How do you know what
price to pay?



**Minster's Diamond
Brokerage Services**

*You don't buy a diamond for us.
We buy a diamond for you.
Right size. Right Quality. Right Price.*

Minster's

913 N. Market Street
Wilmington, DE 19801
302-428-6060

Jewelers Since 1895

**J.G. COOK'S
Riverview Inn**

*A Little Piece of Heaven, Hidden Away
Where the Sunsets are FREE!*



**A Waterfront view from every room!
A perfect location to plan your
Special Occasion. Complete with a
Waterside Gazebo available
for Wedding Ceremonies.
Gift Certificates Available.**

Accommodations to 250.

**Featuring Daily Lunch
and Dinner Specials**



Located just
2 min from the
Delaware Memorial
Bridge

**60 Main Street
Pennsville NJ**

(856) 678-3700



On your special day,
you call the shots



...and we make sure to get them!

Discreet wedding and bar/bat mitvah
video documentation

Call Sue Oldenburg to arrange an appointment to view
an event we have done at your service/reception sites!*

O.K. VIDEO

406 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington
(302) 762-2333

*Whenever possible



**DAPA
BALLOONS**

"Creations - Not Just Decorations"

**Balloons Create Colorful Fantasy
and Unforgettable Excitement -**

Transform your Wedding, Bar/Bat Mitzvah into a Themed
Celebration & bring Decor to Life with a Rainbow of Colors and
a wide range of styles and sizes. We'll work with you for the
Perfect Expression.

When Choosing Dapa Balloons you can expect the highest
standard of Skill & Professionalism, and trust in proven expert-
ise for all your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Decor needs.

Everything we Design is Tailor Made Especially for you and
sets the stage for a Lifetime of Memories.

Call us today to schedule your Personal Consultation. Or Visit
our website www.dapaballoons.com

(302) 328-7758

fax (302) 328-6014



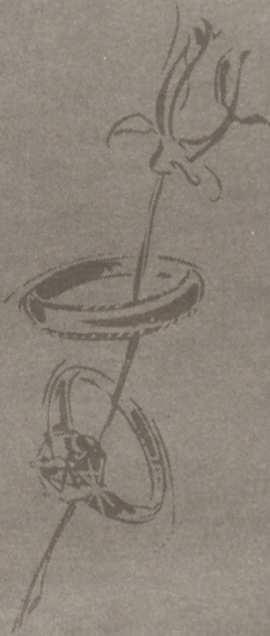
le Papillon

Exquisite Lingerie

Gift Certificates Complimentary Wrapping

4001 Kennett Pike Greenville Crossing Two Greenville, Delaware 19807

(302) 656-3348



Honey Kamali BOUTIQUE

Exciting and memorable moments are created at Honey's!

Mother of the Bride & Groom Attendant & Guest

Couture Design Available Personalized Service

Alterations Department Sizes 2-22



401 KENNETT PIKE GREENVILLE, DE Mon.-Sat. 10 am-5 pm (302) 654-4058

Mazel Tov on your Bar or Bat Mitzvah!

We offer you the Largest Selection of Talleim • Tefillin • Kippahs
All personalized & customized

UNIQUE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS including FINE, IMPORTED JEWELRY

JERUSALEM ISRAELI GIFT SHOP

7818 Castor Avenue • Philadelphia • (215) 342-1452

CAKE ORNAMENTS

for the most beautiful cakes (over 500 in stock)

- BRIDE & GROOM • BELLS • DOVES • GLASS BLOWN
- CERAMIC COUPLES • MUSIC BOX • WEDDING CAKE BAGS • COMPLETE SELECTION OF CAKE DECORATING SUPPLIES • JORDAN ALMONDS • PARTY MINTS



20% off any wedding supply purchase

Cannon's

Cake Decorating & Candy Making Supplies
2638 Kirkwood Hwy., Newark, Del.
Meadowood II Shopping Center (Rear) • 738-6008

The Kitchen Sink Does Have Everything.

Bridal Registry • Wedding Invitations & Announcements
Extensive Collection for your Kitchen • Bed/Bath & Linens
Cooking Classes • China • Crystal • Sterling • Lamps • Furniture

everything but **The Kitchen Sink**

425 Hockessin Corner, Hockessin, DE 19707
302-239-7066

MTWP 9-30-5; Thurs 9-30-7; Sat 10-5; Sun 12-4
www.thekitchensink.com

BRIDAL PARTY CITY

Bridal SUPER STORE
for Weddings & Showers

50% OFF Every Tableware Pattern in the store

30% OFF Personalized Wedding Invitations & Announcements. All leading books.

25% OFF Entire Stock of Bridal Accessories

WILMINGTON
2101 Kirkwood Hwy.
302-999-1117
OPEN 7 DAYS & 5 NIGHTS

- Personalized Service Since 1933
- Party Planning
- Bridal Registry
- Wedding & Party Favors

Register your favorite beverages and let your friends help you build your wine cellar. Your gift will be beautifully wrapped for FREE at Delaware's Most Complete Liquor Store.
Voted #1 Best Place to Buy Wine - Delaware Today

KRESTON LIQUOR MART

904 Concord Avenue 652-3792
(Concord Ave. & Broom St) Major Credit Cards Accepted Mon thru Sat 9-9

COMMUNITY FOCUS

Local Happenings (continued from page 10)



Storyteller Peninnah Schram

HILLEL HOSTS FAMED JEWISH STORYTELLER

Spend an unforgettable Shabbat/Purim with renowned Jewish storyteller Peninnah Schram. The entire community is invited to come for Shabbat services on March 9, 5:30 p.m. at the Abe and Pearl Kristol Hillel Student Center at the University of Delaware, stay for dinner and be dazzled by the many talents of this noted storyteller, author, teacher and recording artist. Schram currently serves as Associate Professor of Speech and Drama at

Stern College of Yeshiva University.

Schram travels across the United States and other nations performing legends, parables and folktales from Biblical, Talmudic, Midrashic, Hasidic, Yiddish, Sephardic and Israeli sources.

Cost for the entire evening is \$10 per person for dinner and the speaker; \$5 per person for the speaker alone; free for students, faculty and children under the age of \$18. Checks should be made payable to the University of Delaware Hillel. Please call Aileen

DeFroda at Hillel, 453-0479 to make your reservations. Deadline for reservations is February 28, 2001.

PURIM CARNIVAL AT ADAS KODESCH

Purim fun will be enjoyed by all at the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 4, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Prizes and games galore plus tuna subs and pizza to nosh there or to go. Take a chance on a raffle which benefits the AKSE Talmud Torah program. For further information, please call AKSE at 762-3618.

"Facing The Reality" - Save The Date

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2001 will be the date for an Education Day entitled "Facing the Reality—Intermarriage in the Jewish Community".

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Egon Mayer, sociologist and director of the Jewish Outreach Institute. The program, to be held at the University of Delaware, will begin at 12:30 p.m. with Dr. Mayer's address and will include

seven interactive sessions such as "Challenges Faced by Interfaith Couples" and "Holidays—More Than Just a December Dilemma". The event will conclude at 4:30 p.m. This Education Day is sponsored and convened by the Northern Seaboard Region of Hadassah and is co-sponsored by Hillel at the University of Delaware, the Jewish Community Center,

Jewish Family Service, Jewish Federation of Delaware, Temple Beth El, Congregation Beth Emeth, Congregation Beth Shalom and Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. The event is open to the entire community. More details will follow in future editions of the Jewish Voice.

For additional information, please call Lelaine Nemser at (302) 984-1762.

K
THE KUTZ HOME

Caring for our elders with the reverence they deserve

- Medicare and Medicaid certified
- 24-hour skilled nursing care
- Physical rehabilitation services
- Beauty parlor
- Kosher meals and snacks
- Sabbath and holiday services

Please call Shella Mensch at (302) 764-7000

The Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, Inc.
704 River Road • Wilmington, DE 19809

Albert Einstein Academy Students Participate In National Geographic Geography Bee

Do you know what the greenhouse effect is? Are you familiar with the Okefenokee Swamp? These are just some of the questions Albert Einstein Academy students considered when they participated in the National Geographic Geography Bee. After challenging preliminary, final and championship rounds, Jeffrey Wagman was the school winner. His winning question was "What is the name of Asia's largest desert, which lies mostly in Mongolia? (Gobi Desert). Daniel Metz was second runner up and Sarah Alexander came in third place. Congratulations to these and all of the participants in the Geography Bee.

Albert Einstein Academy is the academically excellent Jewish Day School in the Brandywine Valley serving students from Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade in New Castle County, Delaware and Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania. Albert Einstein Academy is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and is a constituent of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. For more information about Albert Einstein contact Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Head of School, at (302) 478-5026.



Left to right: Daniel Metz, Jeffrey Wagman, Sarah Alexander.


Pre-Broadway "Gathering" (Continued from page 4)

Wilmington a try out town again by saying that "the Playhouse is a wonderful stage and we were lucky to be able to present our first performance here." A victim of the war himself, he came to the US when he was only 8. His is a talent that blossomed late (Gathering is his second play) but I am sure we will hear more from him as well.

My one minor criticism would be that the second act could stand a bit of tightening in its first quarter, and the performance by Sam Guncler as Gabe's son would profit from a bit less posturing, but on the whole this is a magnificent play and a very worthwhile production.

The universality of its myriad themes (responsibility for allowing evil to exist, the chasm between father and son, the death of God for those who suffer etc.) are reason enough for its success, but the perceptive acting and give and take among the cast (especially Linden, Rose, Zeigen and Deirdre Lovejoy as the convert daughter-in-law) place the show in an above average category. It is a very ethnic script and I wondered if the non Jewish viewer would be lost in the intricacies of the religious and lingual specifics of the first act particularly. But I was reassured by two acquaintances with whom I

chatted that they may not have understood every nuance (one had to ask what kreplach is) but that the message of the play was evident and it was a tremendously rewarding experience. By the time you read this, The Gathering will be on its way to two more tryout towns and then in April this show directed by Rebecca Taylor will open on Broadway. It is my guess (and hope) that it will be well received. Any show that can move from comedy to confrontation in the flick of an eyelid and leave the audience with the feeling of "Wow" ought to make it big in the Big Apple.

BAYSHORE 
WE WILL WOW YOU!

Ford
Windstar
4 Door



SERVICE 7 DAYS A WEEK
TIL MIDNIGHT ON WEEKDAYS

Ask Sandye or
Jerry Turnauer
for personal service



Ford Expedition

SALES: Mon.-Fri. 7:30am-9pm Sat. 7:30am-5pm

ROUTE 13 & I-495 NEW CASTLE, DE

(302) 656-3160 • (800) 241-6644

<http://www.bayshore-ford.com>

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL GUIDE

PHILIP BERGER



Weichert "Presidents Club"

**Weichert,
Realtors**

*Providing Professional
Quality Real Estate
service to all of New Castle
County since 1969.*

3302 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803
Off: 302-478-3800 Res: 302-764-8384



Barbara Levy

Licensed Broker in DE, PA, MD

"A satisfied client is
my #1 priority"

Phone: (302) 529-2626
(302) 475-6786

Certified Residential Specialist

Accredited Buyer Representation

EMAIL:

blevey@psre.com

WEB PAGE:

BarbaraLevy.Realtor.com



WSFSbank

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB

Diane Berger

Residential Mortgage Loan Officer

838 Market Street • Wilmington, Delaware 19801 • (302) 571-6843
(800) 356-8945 • Fax (302) 573-3279 • Pager (302) 984-5544
Home (302) 764-8384 • www.wsfsbank.com

**Alisa
DESIGNS**



*Elegant cable bracelets in
18k gold and sterling silver.
Handcrafted in Italy, a diverse
selection of exciting new
designs is now available
with semi-precious
gemstones and diamonds.
from Alisa Designs*

**House of Watches
and FINE JEWELRY**

(302) 654-7751
1330 Washington St.
Wilmington, DE 19801

(302) 478-3098
2505-B Concord Pike
Wilmington, DE 19803

**Income Tax and Accounting Services
... Personal, Business and Corporate**

JOEL E. PANITZ, CPA

2405 Newton Road
Wilmington, DE 19810

(302) 478-4726



mohel

מורה

joel h. shoulson

I just performed
"adam's" bris
I also performed
his father's
my father served his
grandfather and
great grandfather.

let our proven tradition be yours!
1-800-700-JOEL (5635)
print & video information available

Mohel

מורה

*Traditional rite of circumcision
entrusted to the hands
of a pediatric surgeon*

1-888-BRIS-DOC

LAURENCE A. SOMERS, M.D.

**New
Castle
Farmers
Market**

Come out for a day of family
fun and shopping bargains
**DON'T MISS
DELAWARE'S
BIGGEST & BEST
FARMERS MARKET
& FLEA MARKET**

Voted Best of Delaware
FRI. & SAT. 10 A.M.-10 P.M.
SUNDAY 10 A.M.-6 P.M.
Rt. 13 (across from Wilmington Airport)
New Castle, DE 328-4101

(302) 998-2060

**KELMAN CHIROPRACTIC
CENTER, P.A.**



MICHAEL P. KELMAN, D.C.
3722 Old Capitol Trail
Wilmington, Delaware 19808

Family Practice of Chiropractic

**Fabulous Lighting at
Fabulous Prices!**

**Brite-Lite
DESIGN
CENTER**

An Exciting New Partnership with

colonial electric supply

Commercial & Residential Lighting, Design Services AND the
Area's Newest Source for Competitive Electrical Supplies...

ALL in one Electrical Superstore!

Call Daniel Mattes,
Delaware's ONLY Certified Lighting Consultant
218 S. Maryland Ave., Wilmington
Tel: 302-998-9993

**LOVE TO
SHOP?**

Turn your sense of fashion into an entrepreneurial opportunity. Represent an exclusive New York designer collection. Flexible hours. Sell via home trunk show.

1-800-658-7015

**DELAWARE'S LARGEST
INDEPENDENTLY OWNED INSURANCE BROKERAGE**



Harry David Zutz Insurance, Inc.

- Business and Personal Insurance **(302) 658-8000**
- Health Insurance
- Life/Disability and Other Benefits Coverages
- Specialists in Unusual Risks

300 Delaware Avenue
16th Floor
Wilmington, DE 19801
Fax: (302) 658-8015

www.zutzgroup.com

PLI Professional Liability
Insurance, Inc.

an affiliate of Harry David Zutz Insurance, Inc.

Branch Office:
#1 Seething Lane
London EC3N 4 NH,
England
Phone: 171-962-2003

Malpractice and other comprehensive coverages for professionals of all disciplines

CONTINUED EXCELLENCE SINCE 1940

DELAWAREANS IN ISRAEL

The Tour: Hillel At University Of Delaware Goes To Israel!

By Renee Shatz-Amdur

Hillel's Birthright Israel trip this year was probably the most challenging experience for the 16 University of Delaware students who were brave enough to step onto the plane. On January 7, 2001 these students went to Israel for the first time. They went for many reasons; to find out who they are Jewishly, to see the pictures in their Hebrew School books come to life, to fulfill a lifelong dream.

As for me, this was my sixth time in Israel and my second time as a Madricha for the Birthright Israel tour. I thought this would be a similar experience as last year as we were going to the same places and talking with many of the same people. However, I was mistaken. It was an incredible eye-opening experience that fulfilled me on both a personal and professional level.

Let me begin by telling you about some of the students that I went with. Some were never Bar/Bat Mitzvahed. Others only knew that they were Jewish because they were forced to go to Hebrew School, but stopped attending after their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. A few students came from a strong Judaic background. Yet, on this trip, it was as if they were all starting at the same place. The group gelled together rather quickly and everyone was anxious to learn all they could about the Holy land - their homeland.

We began in Tel Aviv, probably the one place that I wouldn't have started the journey. While there we visited many "touristy" sights. We went to the Diaspora Museum at Tel Aviv University, downtown where all the good shopping is, to the infamous beach along the Mediterranean sea, and of course we spent time in Jaffa. However it wasn't until we went to Rosh Ha'Ayin's elementary school that everyone realized exactly how special Israel is. We spent the better part of the day playing, dancing and reading with 4-6th graders. Every college student had at least two Israeli students to hang around with.

It was amazing to me to see our students interact with these children. One of my students came to me and asked if giving American currency to these children would be a meaningful gift. Needless to say, the children loved it and were very excited to receive such a present. During the last part of our day with

the elementary school kids we taught them how to play baseball. Everytime a UD student was up to bat, the Israeli children chanted their names and cheered them on. Our Birthright Israel students felt very welcomed and loved. These precious hours we spent at Rosh Ha'Ayin were most meaningful for our students. They connected with the natives and felt very much at home.

The next adventure was Masada and the Dead Sea. Although we woke up at 3:45 am for this part of the trip, the students were excited and raring to go! Climbing Masada not only made people realize exactly how out of shape they are (myself included!), but it allowed the students to connect with their ancestors and the journey they had made centuries ago. As we watched the sunrise, some of us looked behind us in the direction of our homes and saw the moon that our family and friends were seeing back home. Many of us cried when we realized that we were in our homeland and, with the moon behind us, realized that we could connect Israel with home.

Jerusalem was our next stop. Our four days there included Shabbat. The Birthright Israel staff wanted to be sure to make this Shabbat special. For many of the UD students, this would be their very first Shabbat experience. As I helped the students say the blessing over the candles, wine and Challah, I realized why I became a Jewish communal professional. It's for moments like this. The opportunity I had to enrich a student's life with Judaism is one of the most important jobs any person could have. I feel fortunate that I can reach these students right before they go out into the real world. We are all fortunate that this is the case.

At the Southern Wall, Alyssa Kessler had a very poignant experience. She was given the Hebrew name of Ariella. Unlike many Jewish girls, Alyssa was not named in synagogue as a baby. Can you imagine how special it was to be named in one of the holiest places in the world? She will cherish this moment forever.

The last leg of the tour was in the Golan Heights. We took a jeep ride and rode bicycles in an area that has been a major part of the peace process. We also went to Safed...a place that means the world to me. I told the students the story of how the sunset in Safed

changed my life and made me decide to go into the Jewish communal field. I asked them to take a few minutes from their free time and watch the sunset.

While the students were shopping, I began to walk through the streets of Safed. Finally I came to an open area and realized that I was at the exact same spot watching the exact same sunset that I had just spoken to the students about. My career had come full circle. When I saw that Safed sunset 13 years ago, I decided that I had to be in a situation where I could bring others to Israel to share a similar experience. I had accomplished my goal and felt tremendous strength and pride. After a while, I went back to where the students were supposed to meet and I overheard someone say, "There is Renee's sunset." They took pictures to capture the moment. I cried along with some of my students. At that moment I knew that they "got it."

During our final night in Israel, we all came together for a closing discussion. I asked the students "What do you think you will do with this newfound knowledge?" Many answered that they wanted to take Hebrew courses and learn the language. A few students said that they made a pact with each other to share one Shabbat a month. A couple said they wanted to take Jewish studies courses. Another student said that he will think long and hard before dating someone not Jewish. The students all agreed that they want to come back to Israel within the next two years. They felt a connection and they want to keep it alive.

I realized with this closing discussion that the trip was a success. The Birthright Israel tour has achieved its goal of connecting students to Judaism. Follow-up is crucial to cement that connection.

As for my goals? Well, the test is now about to begin. Will the students be true to their word? Will Judaism continue to be of importance in their lives? I look forward to finding out the answers to these questions.

As for now, Hillel, Birthright Israel and Taglit have a lot to be proud of. Kol HaKavod to all who have made this happen for these precious students... otherwise known as the future of the Jewish people.

(Renee Shatz-Amdur is the executive director - Hillel Student Center at University of Delaware.)



Massada Sunrise



Delaware students teach the children an American song. Left to right: Lauren Brohawn, Jason Weinberg, Rebecca Reidel, Adam Freilich.



Hillel students on the "Haas Promenade" in Jerusalem. Left to right: Robyn Raye, Jeremy Lese, Deb Solomon, Rebecca Reidel, Jamie Hilsenrath, Adam Freilich.



Todah Rabah to all community volunteers who made Super Sunday a resounding success.

Thanks to you, we reached 1030 households in support of the 2001 Jewish Federation of Delaware Annual Campaign

WASHINGTON WATCH

Advocates For 'Iran 10' Worry About Bush Policy

By Michael J. Jordan, JTA

As the Bush administration settles in, several signs suggest it will pursue a policy toward Iran that resembles U.S. policy toward China, in which commercial interests outweigh human rights concerns.

This could deal a blow to U.S. Jews lobbying on behalf of 10 Iranian Jews imprisoned — wrongly, it is widely believed — for spying for Israel.

It also doesn't bode well for the other 25,000 Jews remaining in Iran. A trickle continues to emigrate each year, discouraged by the treatment of Jews in Iran's Islamic republic and by the prospects of future reform.

Indeed, the Clinton administration made initial overtures to Iran last spring — lifting a ban on the import of pistachios, carpets and caviar — and voiced its support for the country's fledgling reform movement.

Yet Tehran appears to be repaying the gesture by turning even more hard-line: A fresh crackdown on critics of the regime has landed a number of students, journalists and dissident clerics in jail.

It's unclear if this signals a death knell for reform efforts, or if it could spark a violent backlash from opponents of the regime.

Despite the crackdown, recent U.S. news reports say Washington is weighing the possibility of lifting or downscaling sanctions against Iran.

American companies are banned from doing business in Iran because of its place on the State Department's annual list of spon-

sors of terrorism. In addition, a 1996 law calls for punitive trade measures against foreign companies and countries that invest in Iran's energy sector.

One common argument against sanctions is that they are ineffective against Iran but harm American business. While American oil and energy concerns can't invest in Iran, competitors — from France and Russia, for example — conduct business there freely.

In his mid-January confirmation hearings, Secretary of State Colin Powell said relations with Iran would be reassessed.

"We have important differences on matters of policy," Powell said, "but these differences need not preclude greater interaction, whether in more normal commerce or increased dialogue."

At the same time, the State Department is said to have put out feelers to various special interests — including Jewish advocates for the "Iran 10" — to gauge their reaction if sanctions are ended.

"They say the carrot-and-stick approach hasn't worked with Iran, so why deny American business in the process?" said Pooya Dayanim, spokesman for the Los Angeles-based Council of Iranian American Jewish Organizations. Dayanim is one of those the State Department contacted.

"They believe that once there's more interaction, with businessmen going back and forth, it could ease the tension between the two countries and the fate of Iranian Jews," he said.

A State Department official declined to respond.

Another leading advocate for the jailed Jews confirmed that the idea of engaging Iran is being circulated.

"I don't know who's been contacted, but the idea has been floated, indirectly," said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Not all agree that the sanctions regime has been ineffective.

While economic sanctions indeed have failed in some world trouble spots, "it is clear that sanctions against Iran have worked," said Sam Kermanian, secretary-general of the American Iranian Jewish Federation of Los Angeles.

"At least some reform is attributable to the fact that at some point, some Iranians realized that the government cannot stay hostile to the world and pursue violent policies, and at the same time expect the rest of the world to fall in line and extend them credit and investments," Kermanian said.

"Lifting sanctions now would be seen as support for the hard-liners," he added.

In any case, prospects for a reprieve for the Iran 10 have dimmed. They were sentenced in September to terms ranging from two to nine years, allegedly for spying for Israel.

Their court appeal appears to have been rejected last week, though there has not yet been any official confirmation.

Advocates say the Iran 10 have been made into scapegoats to divert Iranians' attention away from pressing social and political concerns toward a fabricated threat.

The families of the Iran 10 have indicated that their jailed relatives have given up hope of receiving justice through the courts and are ready to accept their fate, Dayanim said.

Their last chance may be an appeal for clemency to Iran's Supreme Ruler, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

"They say, 'When the Supreme Ruler decides to let us free, that's when we'll be free,'" Dayanim said.

In the meantime, Jews continue to emigrate from Iran at the rate of 300 to 400 a year, gradually bringing to a close the 2,700-year Jewish presence in Iran. Emigration reached its peak in the mid-1980s, when as many as 4,000 Jews left each year.

A recent batch of immigrants — leaving legally through Vienna, which generally is a temporary stop en route to the United States — included the family of one of the Iran 10.

Dayanim and his colleagues were disturbed to learn that relatives of a second prisoner recently were forced off a plane headed to Vienna, and their passports were confiscated.

Several observers suggested it is still too early to speculate on Bush administration policy toward Iran, and said it is understandable that a new administration would review its predecessor's policies.

However, big business presumably will find a sympathetic ear in the White House. Both President Bush and Vice President Cheney are former oil executives, and Cheney, as head of oil services giant Halliburton, lobbied the

Clinton administration to lift sanctions on Iran.

Iran is reported to be OPEC's second largest producer of oil after Saudi Arabia, generating some 3.7 million barrels per day.

On the other hand, observers say, a split Congress may find it difficult to ignore Iran's nuclearization program, its production of biological and chemical weapons and its sponsorship of terrorism.

The Conference of Presidents has several meetings scheduled with administration officials in coming weeks.

Iran "will certainly be on our agenda," Hoenlein said, "and I assume it will be on theirs."

The mantra of "trying to strengthen the hand of moderates — this is a fiction," Hoenlein said. "There are many conclusive signs that indicate no moderation."

Rather, revolution may be on the horizon.

"The facade of" Iranian President Mohammed "Khatami as a reformer has fallen off," Dayanim said.

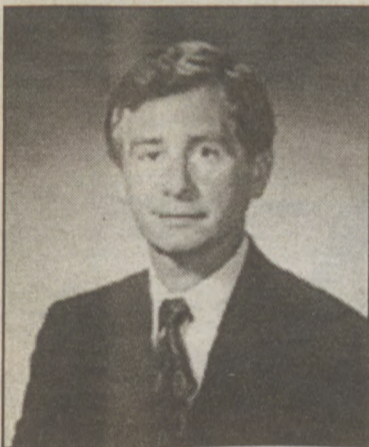
"The students, as the heart of the reformist movement, are becoming more militant and openly critical of the system under which they live," he said.

"Fifty thousand students recently wrote to the government, saying, 'Change, or else.'"

Lifting the U.S. sanctions, Dayanim added, would be "a monumental mistake. If they hold back a year or two, I think the government" in Iran "will change."

What's not clear is how many Iranian Jews will be around to see it.

Goldsmith Praised As Innovator



Stephen Goldsmith

By Matthew E. Berger JTA

For eight years, Stephen Goldsmith piloted the city of Indianapolis through a renaissance of social reform, spearheaded by a link between private charitable services and government resources known as the Front Porch Alliance.

Although it was a small program dollar-wise, the alliance gained Goldsmith a reputation as a politician who could "think outside the box."

Now he has been brought in to do the same thing on a national scale.

Goldsmith, the Jewish Republican who served two terms as mayor of Indianapolis, was named recently as an adviser to

President Bush on faith-based initiatives, a controversial program that would give federal funds to religious organizations engaged in charitable programs, such as homeless shelters and drug treatment centers.

He also will serve on the board of the Corporation for National Service, which oversees AmeriCorps, and is believed to have a shot to head that federal agency one day.

Goldsmith steps into this role after serving for the last year as the Bush campaign's domestic policy adviser. He is respected within the Jewish community, and even opponents of the faith-based initiative programs applauded his appointment.

Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, called it a "wise decision."

"He brings an understanding of the hopes and the fears, the aspirations and the concerns of the Jewish community," Saperstein said.

Goldsmith and John Dilulio, the University of Pennsylvania professor who will head the program, are praised for their openness to differing views, but Saperstein said he is concerned that Goldsmith's presence may be seen as Jewish endorsement of the initiatives.

"The fact that a prominent person who is Jewish is attached to

this gives political cover for people to do things that are not in the best interest of the Jewish community," Saperstein said.

But Nathan Diament, director of the Orthodox Union's Institute for Public Affairs, said both sides of the Jewish community have made their positions clear on this issue, and the hiring of Goldsmith and Dilulio, a devout Catholic, show the program is not geared solely to the religious right.

"For those who think that this was going to be some White House office for evangelical Christians, they are going to have a hard time making that argument," Diament said.

As Indianapolis mayor, Goldsmith gained national attention for giving aid to secular and religious institutions for community and charitable projects. Among them, he helped churches adopt and maintain local parks and helped fund religious groups that set up drug treatment centers.

The small-scale program known as the Front Porch Alliance showcased Goldsmith's genuine interest in finding new solutions to the city's ills, said E.J. Dionne, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who has written about Goldsmith in columns for The Washington Post.

"My experience is that Stephen Goldsmith is many liberals' favorite conservative," Dionne said. "Not

because they agree with him on everything, but because they view a real sense of commitment and integrity in him."

Robert Schmuhl, a professor of American studies at the University of Notre Dame, said Goldsmith was a true innovator in Indianapolis.

"He's certainly recognized as someone who was willing to think about new initiatives and how those initiatives might function in today's public-private relationship," he said.

"He was perceived as someone who would look beyond the traditional role of government and the way government operates in the community."

Goldsmith gained respect in the state's capitol for his pilot program but his philosophy did not resonate statewide, and he lost a close race

for governor in 1996 to Ed O'Bannon.

Schmuhl said some of the local media hinted that the state was not ready to accept a Jew in the governor's mansion. Dionne said it was Goldsmith's humility, which prevented him from taking credit for the city's improvements.

But Dionne also said it may have been another characteristic that is unusual in politics — the ability to reflect on one's failures. Goldsmith talked openly about projects that didn't work, and he paid the price.

Rep. Mark Souder (R-Ind.) said Goldsmith's ability to focus on social service issues, instead of the economic issues favored by many GOP leaders, separated him from the pack.

"It made him a trendy mayor for the Republicans," Souder said.



February 23 Issue
Camp Preview
Vacations &
Travel Planning
Deadline:
February 15

A MATTER OF OPINION

Terror Takes Its Toll

By Nechemia Meyers

Children in the school buses of Judea and Samaria have lately taken to sitting with their legs curled up underneath them. While not very comfortable, the kids hope that it will help them avoid the fate of the three siblings in a Gaza Strip settlement whose legs were blown off when their bus fell victim to a terrorist bomb.

This is only one of the consequences of the daily battle for survival now being waged by the Jewish settlers on the other side of the Green Line says Miriam Shapira, a clinical psychologist who is in charge of the Center for Dealing with Emergency Situations of the Shomron Regional Council.

"The killing of the Kahane couple, and the wounding of their children," she goes on, "also had a profound psychological effect. Parents now tend to avoid traveling together in the same vehicle so that at least one of them will survive should they be attacked. And some kids have even gone so far as to tell their father and mother: 'we don't want to be shipped off to grandma if both of you are killed.'"

Shapira and her colleagues do their best to alleviate psychological tensions among parents and children alike. "The adults," she explains, "are encouraged to talk about them, while the kids often find it easier to express their anxieties in drawings or drama. But more important than anything else,

we help people draw upon their own internal resources—spiritual, emotional and intellectual—in order to carry on as normally as possible in an abnormal situation."

The violence also creates severe organizational problems in the school system. Quite apart from the vehicles that are attacked, many others are held up when suspicious objects—that might be bombs—are discovered along the roadside. This means that the kids on a school bus may be held up for anything from fifteen minutes to several hours. So measures must be taken to reassure their worried parents and to keep them occupied while they are waiting by the side of the road.

There are also occasions when

teachers from one community can't get to a regional school in another one, which creates scheduling problems. A possible solution might be to have local educational institutions in every settlement, but this isn't possible because most of them are relatively small.

The effect of the tension is felt not only over the Green Line, but inside it as well, according to Cissie Green Jacobson, who teaches at a boarding school for religious girls in Tzafariya, near Ben-Gurion Airport. "Two of the girls are the daughters of Sara Lisha, a teacher from Neve Tsuf who was murdered while traveling to a school in another community. The bereaved Lisha sisters are carrying on, but they are still traumatized by what happened,

as are, to a lesser extent, their classmates.

"Some of the other students from Judea and Samaria tell me that while they have become used to the shooting that goes on all the time, they are still frightened, and so are certain adults in their settlements. 'My aunt,' one said, 'barely escaped with her life from a drive-by attack. And since then she keeps talking about what would have happened to her seven children had she not survived.'"

The aunt's anxieties will only end when there is a return to normalcy, and that is nowhere in sight.

(Nechemia Meyers, a syndicated columnist based in Israel, has historic roots in the Wilmington Jewish community.)

Why Do Jews Like Bill Clinton?

By Marty Zukoff

Many Jews say they are going to miss Bill Clinton because they believe that, among American presidents, he was the best friend Israel ever had. Most Israelis evidently feel the same way about him. According to a poll, 72% of Israelis like Clinton. Yet if confronted with the standard question in American political campaigns, do you feel more secure and confident about the future than you did eight years ago, an overwhelming majority of Israelis would answer in the negative. Like other special friends of Bill, it is not clear that Israel has been well-served by the relationship. For the first time, Israeli Jews, 67%, according to an October poll, are expressing doubts about Israel's continued existence.

Clinton's final present, the Clinton Plan, which was accepted by Prime Minister Barak, would leave Israel defenseless. Chief of Staff Shaul Mofaz told the Knesset Foreign Relations and Defense Committee that the plan would render Israel far more vulnerable to terrorists, destabilize Jordan (and with it Israel's entire eastern flank) and threaten dozens of Jerusalem neighborhoods with the fate of Gilo.

Clinton did not initiate the Oslo process; nor did he single-handedly sustain it. Internal Israeli weakness and messianic delusions fueled that process. But he pressured successive Israeli governments into an ongoing stream of concessions without receiving the one thing that could justify the process: Arafat's commitment to peaceful co-existence and a willingness to prepare his own people for compromise.

Israeli protests of Palestine Authority violations of the Oslo Accords were consistently ignored. So it was, for instance, when Israel protested the doubling and then quadrupling of the Palestinian police forces allowed under Oslo into a full-fledged army. When the Netanyahu government vociferously insisted on enforcement of PA undertakings, it was treated as an obstacle to peace by the White House.

Clinton took pains to sugarcoat Arafat's image as a peacemaker. A 1995 Government Accounting Office study of PA finances was classified and never saw the light of day. After the House International Relations Committee screened film clips of Arafat calling for jihad against Israel in September 1995,

Clinton personally intervened with all the major news organizations so that the event was unreported. Half a year later, he falsely certified before the whole world that the PLO Covenant calling for Israel's destruction had been revoked, when all Arafat had done was refer the matter to a committee. In his last weeks in office, Clinton announced that Arafat had accepted the contours of his blueprint, even as Palestinian negotiators were explicitly rejecting both its premises and its provisions.

Far from acting forcefully to encourage a revision of Palestinian textbooks and an end to incitement against Jews and Israel in the PA media, the US brokered the 1999 Sharm agreements in which clauses concerning PA incitement were eliminated. The joint American-Israeli-Palestinian task force created under the Wye Agreements to monitor PA incitement ceased meeting in January of this year because of US Ambassador Martin Indyk's lack of interest.

Jonathan Pollard, a U.S. Navy intelligence analyst, was sentenced in to life in prison for spying for Israel. He pleaded guilty to one count of giving classified information to one

of America's closest allies. Pollard agreed to cooperate on condition he would not receive a life sentence. He was never charged with treason. The government violated this plea bargain. He has served far longer than anyone else convicted of spying for an ally. Senator Charles Shumer, after reviewing Pollard's CIA file, said, "Nothing I saw warrants the harsh and unprecedented sentence he received." Clinton ignored pleas calling for his release from the all of the major Jewish organizations, Senators, Congressmen, the President of the American Bar Association, rabbis representing all segments of Judaism and three Prime Ministers of Israel. Clinton did not fulfill his promise to Netanyahu to release Pollard if he signed the Wye agreement.

"Our best friend ever," placed the interests of American arms manufacturers above Israel's security needs. The strenuous Defense Department opposition to the Phalcon sale, three years after first being informed of the deal, was a catastrophic blow to Israel's defense industry. Clinton repeatedly pressured Israel into granting America a veto over Israeli military sales, and required much of

American military aid to be spent on American goods, even where superior Israeli products were available. At a time when America is transferring the same advanced technology to Egypt and Saudi Arabia, a viable local defense industry is crucial to Israel's ability to maintain a qualitative edge. That viability has been seriously damaged by US policy.

In 1995, Congress overwhelmingly passed a law mandating that the American embassy be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem no later than May 1999. Bill Clinton refused claiming that the peace process would be harmed if the embassy were moved, even though the land where it would be located is in West Jerusalem. The Palestinians have strong feelings about East Jerusalem, not West Jerusalem. The effect of his refusal has been to de-legitimize Israel's right to assert Jerusalem as its capital and to encourage Palestinian claims to the holiest city of the Jewish people.

Should Bill Clinton rank as a great friend of American Jews and the State of Israel? I think the evidence clearly proves otherwise.

Marty Zukoff resides in Wilmington

The Human Genome

by E. E. Jaffe

Nowadays we frequently read or hear about the deciphering of the human genome. Recently former President Clinton, with two key scientists standing next to him, announced that a large part of genome has been deciphered. One, Dr. Francis Collins, represented the National Institute of Health and the Human Genome Project and the other, Dr. Craig Venter, comes from the private industry's firm Celera Genomics. Both stated that they have preliminarily deciphered most of the genome, the so-called "Book of Life."

This complicated code tells cells what to do and where and when to do it. It signals what proteins are to be produced that the body needs for proper functioning, to fight disease, produce emotions, and even human instincts. In other words it decides everything. What is it all about?

In 1962 Francis Crick, James Watson and Maurice Wilkins were awarded the Nobel Prize in physiology and medicine for elucidating the structure of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid). They have shown that the chemical compounds that make up DNA are arranged in the so-called alpha helix, resembling a winding staircase. The chains or strands of molecules on each side of a double helix are made up of only four molecules, frequently identified in the press as A, G, C and T. These letters stand for the chemical compounds adenine, guanine, cytosine and thymine, the four nitrogen containing bases. These molecules are basic as opposed to being acidic. These four, and only four molecules, make up the chains in an extremely complex manner and are held together by intermolecular bonds between the strands. On one side of the staircase type arrangement these four components are strung

together in a specific pattern and on the other side are arranged their complements. Adenine bonds only with thymine and guanine only with cytosine. So that if there is an A on one side of the staircase there is a T on the other. These constitute the entire alphabet of the "Book of Life". The genome is the total array of these molecules in the human body that is unique for every individual. The precise sequence of these bases, which follow one another, is what scientists were trying to determine. In the human body there are 3 billion pairs of these bases. They are arranged in strands or blocks such as, for example, AAATTCG etc. which are identified as genes. There are about 80,000 genes, which in turn are packed into 23 chromosomes.

Although the two groups of scientists have taken two different approaches in solving the problem, this is only the first but very

important step toward understanding of the total genome. It is known that by changing a tiny fraction in this sequence of bases a human changes into an ape, and a change of less than 1% of the base pairs changes one human into another. Miscoding of only a few bases can spell the difference between excellent health and illness and possibly death. It has become apparent that a specific sequence of these bases can be identified for each human disease. If restoration of the correct sequence can be accomplished, good health could be restored to an ailing population.

Newly developed genetic tests can and some will soon be able to establish whether an individual is predisposed to heart disease, cancer or Alzheimer disease, etc. If the risk is high for heart disease, for example, doctors can prescribe cholesterol lowering or other medications that are known to improve

chances for preventing this disease. Across the board genetic testing should be in full swing within about 10 years. Current genetic testing already can detect risk factors for Parkinson's disease, cystic fibrosis, breast cancer, among other disorders. Diseases like leukemia and breast cancer are already treated with specific new drugs that precisely target the faulty genes or cancer cells without affecting healthy cells.

The total genome will be known with a high degree of precision in two to three years. But with the present knowledge there are about 50 gene-based drugs for treatment of disorders for which the faulty sequence is already known. The ultimate aim is to administer these drugs to people before they are struck by a specific disease, whose risk factors have been established by genetic tests. In the future more genes will

(Continued on page 30)

JEWISH PERSPECTIVES

Blue Ribbon Campaign Initiated With Help Of Community Teens

By Rhonda Falk

The Jewish Federation of Delaware has joined the United Jewish Communities, the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs in launching a blue ribbon campaign to promote public awareness of Israel's struggle for peace and the Delaware community's solidarity with the people of Israel.

Thanks to many area Jewish teens, the blue ribbons have already been distributed to participants at the Federation's Chai event. Students from the Youth Leadership Class of Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School as well as participants from the Panim El Panim Program participated in a mitzvah project to make the ribbons. Robyn Greenberg, Community Teen Services Director and Gratz Youth Leadership teacher

facilitated the project.

Community members are urged to wear the blue ribbon as a constant reminder of the three young Israeli soldiers who were abducted by the Hezbollah on October 7, 2000 and who are still missing - Benny Avraham, Adi Avitan and Omar Souad. International relief efforts have been denied. In addition, it is equally important to remember Israeli soldiers Zachary Baumel, Zvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz who have been missing since a 1982 tank battle between a Syrian army unit and the Israel Defense Forces in Lebanon and Airman Ron Arad who disappeared in 1986 after bailing out of his plane over Lebanon. Wearing the blue ribbon is a reminder that the Israeli government has offered a reasonable road to peace, that the Israeli people want the violence to end and that the Delaware

Jewish community is unwavering in its support of these efforts.

Action recommendations include writing to the International Committee of the Red Cross encouraging efforts to arrange a visit with the recently abducted soldiers: Dr. Bernadine Healy, President of the American Red Cross, 431 18th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006; sending letters of support to the families of the soldiers: Yaron Zeidman, Consul for Information, Consulate of Israel, 800 Second Avenue, New York, New York, 10017; reciting special MiShebei-rach prayers; writing letters to President Bush; Sending letters to member of Congress urging their attention to this matter of important humanitarian concern; wearing a blue ribbon. If you would like a blue ribbon, please call the Jewish Federation, 427-2100, Ext. 10.



Left to right: Panim el Panim participants Dean Godowsky, Laura Jane Penneys



Left to right: Gratz students Brie Mamberg, Jen Kaplan, Lara Goldstein, Eric Hoover, and Brian Rosen



Left to right: Gratz students Beryl Schragger, Ilene Bloom, Jason Hoover, Ben Zussman, Robyn Greenberg, teacher for the Youth Leadership Class

Jewish Pluralism Battle Heats Up

By Julie Wiener, JTA

Breaking a months-long lull in the struggle for Jewish religious pluralism, an Orthodox leader has accused Conservative Judaism of being a "lie."

In a lengthy feature article in the February-March issue of Moment magazine, Rabbi Avi Shafran, spokesman for the fervently Orthodox Agudath Israel of America, writes that the Conservative movement is a "failure."

Not surprisingly, the article has caused something of a stir, spawning 20 letters to Moment within a few days of its appearance.

It also is spurring criticism from Conservative leaders, who say they are particularly disturbed that it comes despite a concerted Conservative effort to avoid confrontations with the Orthodox in Israel by agreeing not to hold mixed prayer services at the Western Wall, among other steps.

In "The Conservative Lie," Shafran accuses Conservative Judaism of being intellectually dishonest in its claim to be governed by halachah, or Jewish law.

The movement's halachic rulings always result in "new permissions," Shafran writes, and its claim of adherence to Jewish law is "a figurative fig leaf, strategically positioned to prevent the exposure of the Conservative movement as nothing more than a timid version of Reform."

Conservative Judaism is also "superfluous," Shafran writes. In his view, Orthodox Judaism offers a viable alternative for the halachically inclined, while Reform Judaism is an "attractive and logical option" for Jews who "regrettably have no interest in halachah."

Conservative leaders criticized Shafran's arguments.

"It's important for Conservative Jews as well as the rest of the world to understand that Rabbi Shafran is not the defining authority of what is halachic," said Rabbi Jerome Epstein, executive vice president of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Few Conservative Jews will find Shafran's brand of Judaism appealing, Epstein said, and "to make them feel as if what they're doing is not credible, appropriate or authentic — which it is — is only counterproductive."

Epstein also contended that by rec-

ognizing multiple interpretations of Jewish law, "Conservative Judaism, in a real sense, is more authentic than The brand of Judaism" Shafran is "trying to force onto people."

Epstein also took issue with the idea that Conservative rulings are always more lenient than Orthodox ones. For example, the decision to allow women to be counted in a minyan and lead prayer services also calls on them to assume the obligations required of men.

In addition, Conservative rulings about domestic violence and kosher slaughter create new requirements that go beyond traditional interpretations, Epstein said.

Conservative leaders, who are collaborating on a letter to the editor of Moment, criticize more than the article's content. They also suggest that it should have been labeled an Op-Ed piece, rather than a feature, and should have identified Shafran's profession and his bias against non-Orthodox forms of Judaism.

Moment Editor Hershel Shanks, as well as Shafran himself, stands by the article.

Shanks said he does not find Shafran's lack of objectivity problematic.

"I don't care who Avi Shafran is," Shanks said. "The question is does he have a sound argument that ought to be aired? That's the only question for me."

Shafran said he did not choose the title, which he finds unnecessarily antagonistic, but has no other regrets.

"I'm pleading with Conservative Jews to think through whether halachah is something they're committed to and whether the evidence is there that the movement is committed to it," Shafran said.

And why write the article now, at a time when renewed violence in Israel — and the resulting pressure for unity — has quelled most talk of pluralism?

Religious pluralism debates are "bubbling up under the surface," Shafran said. "Before the Conservative movement takes the next step in trying to convince the Israeli public and government that it is a vibrant and halachically motivated movement, it's important that the dialogue be opened about whether that's indeed true."

RABBINIC PERSPECTIVE

Miriam's Well:

Thoughts On Jewish Healing



Rabbi Myriam Klotz

By Rabbi Myriam Klotz
The Kimmel-Spiller Jewish
Healing Center,
Jewish Family Service of DE

This week, I've been waiting. And waiting. Keeping busy with usual activities, but silently, underneath it all, I've been attentive to the cell phone kept in my purse or in my pocket at all times. I will be ready the moment the call comes, I keep reminding myself.

What is the call for which I wait? The call which may ring out at any time of day or night? It's the call to new life emerging. The call alerting me to go quickly, with no delay, to tend to the miracle of birth as it arrives. I am blessed with the oppor-

tunity to be present when a friend gives birth. Since the due date has passed close to two weeks ago at the time of this writing, we have been waiting anxiously, attentively, persistently — and long. When will this baby decide to emerge? Who, or what, determines the timing of the process of the labor? Such questions permeate my trips to the post office, trickle into my mind while I answer the telephone, read the paper, when I exercise.

Again, I come back to the practice: waiting. Waiting for the call. As I settle in to this existential state of attentive yet passive openness to a call which will alter the routine of my life, profoundly, if only for a time, it hits me: this business of waiting for the call, is what healing, and spirituality, are so very much about. At The Kimmel-Spiller Jewish Healing Center, I meet with individuals for spiritual counseling. I sit with them while we tend to the care of the spirit within. Sometimes someone comes to ask a direct question about their relationship to God and Jewish tradition. Often, there is a less direct motivation, a more general sense of yearning or desire to connect spiritually, to enhance one's awareness of the inner dimensions of their life experience.

Most often, in Jewish spiritual counseling, I do not witness a dramatic moment of revelation akin to

the epiphany at Mount Sinai. Rather, there is a slow, subtle process of gestation at hand. There is much waiting. We wait, attentively, and for unpredictable periods of time, for the anticipated birth.

As we tend to the gestation of a deepening in the spiritual life, we learn to listen and discern its language. Often, there is a language of silence and a grammar of confusion, as we traverse the terrain of the inner landscape. We learn to tolerate the mystery. We begin the process of consciously midwifing the birthing of an emerging sense of oneself as a spiritual being, complete with an awareness of a call.

More than once someone has interrupted a spiritual counseling session to answer a cell phone call. But in fact I mean not that kind of "call", but the kind that rings deep in the core of one's being. As we build the skills to quiet our busy minds, and we create the space to tolerate more silence, more and more open attention, often we begin to hear the deep rumblings or whispers that echo from the depths of the psyche. Sometimes a prayer emerges. Sometimes, the admission of profound doubt that has hindered one's life to be embraced. Sometimes, there comes a sense of discernment, of clarity about one's purpose, or truth about a certain issue or life as a whole.

Spiritual healing involves this

kind of messy, slow, deep work of tending to what is not yet consciously known. It involves diving into the mysteries of one's soul, mysterious realms which neither of us is privy to until we are there. Qualities of faith, trust, and patience become tested, and strengthened. In this process, I have witnessed (and known in myself as well) stirrings of newborn freshness, vitality pressing past inertia to crown loudly as it emerges into the world. We may give birth to ourselves again and again during the course of a lifetime.

The process of spiritual development may be deliberate for some of us, if we feel called to undertake this path. Yet, even if it is as deliberate as my friend's choice to get pregnant and bring new life into the world, it is not entirely in our control. The path of conception, gestation, of tending to the new potential, and the birthing of spiritual maturation is one which takes place not in our time, but in God's season. Ours is the practice of waiting. Through this waiting, over time, the mysteries of the call will probably be revealed.

Sometimes, when I despair of the long wait and the confusion which can accompany the process, I recall how the Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years. That's a long time of waiting! Though they were not guided by a linear road map for the journey, they were

given, day by day, the signs and sustenance to allow them to keep going. Sometimes it was quite hard. At other times, it was ecstatic. Sometimes, it was just okay. But they kept going, and ultimately, they did reach their destination. The Exodus narrative is understood to be a kind of birthing metaphor, in which individuals, and indeed an entire people, experience their endings and beginnings, their transformations and healings, as possible, desirable, and, accompanied by the presence of the spirit within, by the power of God without.

As I look to the cell phone lying silently next to me, I wonder when I will receive that call. "B'sha'ah tova" we say to a woman who is pregnant, "in good time", literally. We mean, may this pregnancy culminate in a healthy and successful birthing, when it's good and ready! So too do I think of those of us called to take up the wandering path of our own spiritual journeys and transformations. May we find ourselves giving birth to deeper and richer spiritual lives, to healing, "b'sha'ah tova" in good time. And may we have the patience and faith to endure even seemingly endless periods of waiting, our innards ripe to burst forth with new life! Remember, wait for that call. Be ready, and hopeful, watchful, and waiting.

Conservative Women Rabbis Reflect, Rejoice

By Julie Wiener

Streaming down the hallway from the Jewish Theological Seminary cafeteria last Sunday night came an unusual sound: some 100 female voices, undisturbed by tenor or bass, joyously singing the blessing after meals.

Not only did all the voices belong to women, but almost all belonged to rabbis or rabbinical students.

It was a significant moment in a Conservative movement where women comprise less than 10 percent of the rabbinical pool, and where the decision to ordain women 16 years ago came only after long and divisive debate.

Gathered from around the United States and Israel, the rabbis were celebrating their growing numbers — now more than 120 — and the influence they believe they are having on the movement.

"You have to know that your presence has transformed the Jewish world," Francine Klagsbrun said in a keynote address. Klagsbrun, a writer, was one of the members of the 1985 commission that recommended female ordination.

The two-day conference, which was for women only and was mostly closed to the press, combined study of Jewish texts, workshops on "nurturing ourselves" as individuals and spiritual leaders, and lively dancing to the music of Mikveh, a female klezmer band.

In the hallways, participants talked of their victories and ongoing challenges and swapped news about their children.

One of the highest remaining barriers they face is the

Conservative movement's refusal to recognize women as witnesses in marriage, conversion or divorce.

That issue, which was not on the conference agenda but was discussed in the halls, is currently under discussion by the movement's law committee. It appears to be widely flouted by women rabbis.

Several women at the conference said they already serve as witnesses, which does not pose a problem for their communities.

Others said they hope the law committee will rule in their favor.

"I only give positive quotes, but as a member of the Rabbinical Assembly and someone serving in a synagogue, I look forward to the time when all Conservative institutions recognize women's testimony as being credible and equal to that of our male counterparts," said Rabbi Andrea Merow of Temple Shalom in Philadelphia.

The witness question was one of several raised informally in signs posted on a pillar in the lobby, with answers scrawled in crayon.

Most respondents wrote that they do serve as witnesses but make sure to inform their congregants of the "implications" — the fact that some people may not recognize a ceremony with female witnesses as valid.

Among the other questions on the pillar: "Does your spouse play a Rebbetzin" — using the word for a rabbi's wife — "role in your professional life?" (answers ranged from "Heck no," to "They sent me home so he could build the sukkah"); "What stereotypes have you encountered?" ("Young, cute, sexy;" "The best part of having you for a

rabbi is I get to kiss you"); "Why/why not do you wear a yarmulke and tefillin?"

The witness issue is one of many challenges the rabbis face. Many congregations remain apprehensive about hiring women rabbis, and balancing a perpetually on-call career with family life is difficult.

Rabbi Avis Miller, of AAAS Israel Congregation in Washington D.C., said women rabbis may ultimately persuade synagogues to treat them like doctors who have practices.

Instead of expecting each rabbi to be available around the clock, she said, synagogues with more than one rabbi may simply ensure that one rabbi is on call at any time, freeing others to spend time with their families.

"When that happens, it will be because both men and women want this, but it will be at the impetus of women," Miller said.

Those rabbis around long enough to remember the last conference commemorating Conservative women rabbis — in 1995 — said the mood has changed markedly in just six years.

"I can't believe how far we've come since then," said Rabbi Debra Newman Kamin, of Am Yisrael Conservative Congregation in suburban Chicago.

At that 10th anniversary of female ordination, Newman Kamin said, the debate over whether or not to ordain women was revisited and "you had speakers who spoke out against the ordination of women."

"Six years later we have no one to apologize to, no one's poor sport story we have to listen to," Newman Kamin said. "This is a real celebra-

tion. This is wonderful."

Indeed, the mood of the conference was overwhelmingly festive.

At one point in Sunday night's dancing, the group lifted two JTS professors — Anne Lipidus Lerner and Judith Hauptman — on chairs, and one young rabbi could be heard whispering to a friend, "those are the two women who should have been rabbis!"

Lerner and Hauptman, who launched their careers in academia long before the movement began ordaining women, are widely viewed as mentors for women rabbinical students at JTS.

Heather Altman, who was ordained in 2000 and is assistant rabbi of Bet Torah in Mount Kisco, N.Y., described the conference as "incredible."



Conservative women rabbis celebrate 16 years of ordination.

AROUND OUR JEWISH WORLD

Shabbat Costa Rican Style

By Ellen Meyer, Esq.

If our tour guide had not pointed out the synagogue on our way to the Teatro Nacional in San Jose, I don't think I would have assumed that there was one. Before leaving for our trip to Costa Rica, I, as is my tradition, had consulted the several editions of The Jewish Travelers series by Hadassah to find whatever information I could about the Costa Rican Jewish community. There was no entry for Costa Rica.

I had never really thought about how large the Jewish population of Costa Rica might be until our trip last December was approaching. When our tour guide mentioned the synagogue – a stark grey building with no visible signs that it was a Jewish house of worship – I literally jumped on her to tell me whatever she could about the Jewish population – which wasn't much. She also knew nothing about when there were Friday night services.

Celeice Reed, our 23 year old guide, was born of American hippies who had migrated to Costa Rica in search of better surf and cheaper living expenses than Hawaii. Her mother's maiden name was Auerbach so Celeice knew that being born of a Jewish mother, she was considered Jewish. But that information – and where the synagogue was located – was the extent of her Jewish knowledge.

I scoured the Costa Rican phone book, but found nothing which to me appeared to be a synagogue listing.

My husband Bob suggested I ask the concierge at our hotel, which was an obvious idea that had never occurred to me. Voila!! She not only found out for us when services began, but could give us exact directions for our cab driver. We were to tell him to go to Paseo Colon in San Jose, next to the Hyundai dealer.

The synagogue was Orthodox. Since we had not made any arrangements to visit, we were questioned about Judaism, lightly frisked and once I agreed to let the guards keep my camera (which I should have realized would not be allowed in the synagogue, although I did not intend to

take any photographs during services), we were allowed to enter. (We in the United States are not used to such carefully guarded Jewish sanctuaries as Bob and I have found abroad – even after the attack on the Jewish Community Center in California and our "beefed up" U.S. security.)

I had a choice either to go to the balcony or sit behind a plexiglas enclosure downstairs. I opted for plexiglas. Since the service was Ashkenazi – much to my surprise as I expected Sephardic ritual in a country of Spanish speakers – I had no trouble following it. Most melodies were different than the ones I know from Beth Shalom, but there were even a few that were familiar – Ein Kelohanu, for example.

I sat next to a woman named Gita Greenbaum. As is customary in all Orthodox synagogues abroad I've visited, the women freely chatted during the ceremony. It was quickly clear to Gita that 1) I was American and 2) I spoke no Spanish. When I told her I was surprised that the service was Ashkenazi, she told me that the members of the congregation were descendants of escapees from central and eastern Europe in the 1920s and 1930s, who could get into neither the U.S. or Palestine. Her parents had come to Costa Rica in the 1920s. She was married to a Chilean doctor, whom she had met while studying in Israel. She had relatives in the U.S. and had visited several times. Her English was impeccable. Soon another woman sat next to me. She had a little boy with her, and I could hear her whispering parts of the body to him in English as he pointed to his elbow, nose, chin, etc. It was clear she was American, and I guessed – correctly – that she was teaching her Spanish-speaking preschooler English. Her name was Linda Mermelstein. She was a native of Providence, Rhode Island and had met her Costa Rican husband in Israel. (Obviously, Israel was the place Central and South American Jews go to find spouses.) Since I had lived in Providence, we immediately had a lot to talk about. Her father was even a graduate of

Brown, my alma mater.

The sermon was in Spanish, but I could comprehend, even in a language I didn't understand, the exhortations to be more observant. I learned that the rabbi had come from Israel, after a stint in Uruguay. The prayerbook had been printed in Caracas, Venezuela. I guess I am a typically myopic American Jew because I just assume anything Jewish could only come from Israel or the United States – well, maybe Toronto, too.

The service had begun at 5:15 pm with Mincha, followed by Maariv. It ended at about 7:15 pm. Traditionally, families would eat after the service.

Linda invited Bob and me to join her family for their Shabbat meal. I was glad I had forgotten to leave my camera at the hotel.

The Mermelstein home was in a suburb of San Jose – Escazu, an upscale area with a shopping mall that could have been located in any U.S. suburb. Escazu, we later learned, was where the few Jews who came to Costa Rica two centuries before – but who had either left or been subsumed by the general population – had originally settled. It was known as the place of witches, supposedly because the lighting of the Sabbath candles made the Spanish colonists and native peoples think that sorcery was being practiced.

The home was lovely – with a tile floor in the garage, which we later learned, is typically Costa Rican. Linda had a maid preparing the meal and was very apologetic about that fact. However, Linda works as a psychologist, and Simon, her husband, is a children's dentist. There was no need to apologize for full-time help.

The Mermelsteins have three adorable sons – Dani (age 12), Max (age 10) and Joshua (age 5). The boys were very excited because school had ended that day for the long vacation. In Costa Rica there is a two-month break from early December until February – tantamount to our summer break. The boys attend a Hebrew day school. Their shirts (with the school's insignia on the pocket) were covered



Shabbat meal with the Mermelstein family of Escaza, Costa Rica. Left to right: Simon and Linda Mermelstein, Bob Meyer, Max and Daniel Mermelstein.

with greetings, names and drawings from their classmates – much like our autographed yearbooks. Even the teachers had added vacation best wishes.

Joshua went to bed early because he had a cold. Dani challenged Bob to two games of chess and beat him handily.

There was no TV in sight. I later learned that Costa Ricans typically have their TVs in their bedrooms, not downstairs in family rooms or living rooms.

The table was beautifully set, and the food was delicious – sort of a Jewish Costa Rican mélange with chicken soup made with Costa Rican vegetables. The kuchen we had for dessert – made by Simon's mother – reminded me of the desserts my grandmother used to make.

Linda keeps kosher. I asked her how she manages in such a remote locale. She told me a shochet is flown in by the community from New York City once each month to slaughter the animals.

I learned that Simon's mother had been born in Poland. As a young child, when war broke out, she and her pregnant mother fled east to Russia, where her sister was born. When she was five, her mother died, and she and her sister were placed in an orphanage. At the end of the war

– the very day they were to be sent to Palestine – the girls were located by their father, who had remarried. He and his new wife took the two girls to Palestine, where Simon's mother met his father, who was also an émigré from Poland. They wed when she was 17, tried to migrate to the United States, but because they could not gain entry, went to Costa Rica, chosen because that's where Simon had an uncle.

Costa Rica has 2500 Jewish adults (children, for some reason, are not counted) out of an estimated population of 3,600,000. If my math is correct, that's about 7 thousandths of one percent Jewish population in Costa Rica, maybe 17 thousandths of one percent, if we assume 2.5 children per household, and we include them – but still an infinitesimal amount. Virtually all Jews live in greater San Jose. There are two synagogues – in addition to the Orthodox, there is one Reform, where most intermarried couples belong. There are also two Chabad houses and the aforementioned Hebrew day school. Most of the children go to the United States or Israel for college.

Since 1960, I have visited many synagogues abroad. This was the first time I ever got to share Shabbat in a local home, which made our trip to Costa Rica especially memorable.

The Saatchi! - London's new "Cool Shul"

By Joel F. Glazier

A delicious photo of a meatball on a toothpick stared down from the London subway car advertisement. "At our new synagogue this is the only thing that gets rammed down someone's throat." Another ad warned, "Over 45 and Jewish? You need not attend." Even a membership leaflet boldly expressed, "We don't see why an Orthodox service must be a boring service. It can be fast and digestible [like chicken soup]." What an unorthodox approach for an Orthodox Shul! Sure enough, the Orthodox and non-Orthodox establishment in staid old London town noticed with mixed opinions.

However, the masses of unaffiliated "baby boomer" and younger generation of Jews of greater London noticed with rave reviews. The Saatchi Synagogue, established in 1998, caught my attention when visiting London. The young Rabbi Pini Dunner welcomes throngs of the wandering, the curious, the observant and the Judaic illiterate to the lively, Friday night Shabbos

Services in a restored sanctuary in North London. Promises of hot, filling and crowded Friday night dinners help keep the numbers strong, interested and growing.

In honor of their parents, the Saatchi brothers of London donated a substantial sum to memorialize their parents in the form of a synagogue. Creatively renovating an older underused shul, The Saatchi Synagogue was constructed by using the former woman's balcony only and making the first floor an area of day school classrooms. The reconditioned wooden balcony had a new floor installed which serves as the main sanctuary and the old balcony level stained glass windows are now seen by all in the newly sky-lit Saatchi Synagogue.

A portable mehitzta was installed and Rabbi Pini Dunner was hired to reach out to the thousands of unaffiliated Jews in Greater London. Transliterated Art Scroll Siddurim are available and along with energetic Shlomo Carlebach melodies, services began to attract the curious

and religious. The publicity of the huge Friday night dinners insures huge turnouts and special speakers from entertainment, political, religious and literary fields often provide "sell-out" crowds.

Modern touches with Dinners

A large number of British Jews attend Jewish day schools. Like many Western Jewish populations, however, active synagogue memberships do not reflect the same large continued numbers. The Saatchi Synagogue uses a combination of lively davening, controversial guest speakers and food to attract Jewish worshippers. It has been criticized by more establishment (and older) organizations for using its dinners and non-religious speakers to attract interest. However, I found its services to be unlike anything one could expect to find in very traditional England. Many American shuls often combine the modern with the traditional or ignore traditional aspects of services altogether. In England, steeped in history, modernity is not always easy to find.

Davening and mingling with my contemporary Jewish English brothers and sisters (but never seated together) revealed an almost universal professional class of people (accountants and solicitors for men; administrators and consultants for the women) and also an apparent flair for style. Remarking on my return home that I did not see one unattractive woman on the other side of the eye level high mehitzta, my mother could only comment, "Go Back!" I have taken her advice several more times and on a summer Shabbat eve, with many locals on vacation, I was greeted by affable Rabbi "Pini" with the greeting, "There's our friend from Delaware." Pretty good memory for an 8 month hiatus away from London! I was then invited to his home for Friday night dinner along with an equal number of men and women.

Recent experience with a Church man

The Saatchi Synagogue is located in the Jewish belt of North London, walking distance from sev-

eral other London shuls. On a recent November visit, former hostage and Anglican Church emissary Terry Waite was the guest speaker. The towering bare headed Scotsman took a seat in front of me during services. I asked him if he needed a head covering. He replied, "Oh yes. Do you have a spare one?" In my pocket was a Gore/Lieberman 2000 kippah. I asked if he wanted to wear that one. "Sure," he replied as he put it on much to the curious stares of the Saatchi congregants.

Waite was not scheduled to speak or comment until the dinner after services. The chatter began early that Shabbos. And like most Friday nights, the chatter lasted for hours, even beyond the Shabbos Dinner. The Saatchi Synagogue regularly schedules speakers and programs. Its lively website (www.coolshul.org) can help visitors.

(This article is part of a series on synagogue visits from around the world. The next will feature a tale of Coffee, Tea and Shacharis in Boston).

MILESTONES

In Memoriam

DUKART

Bonnie Dukart, 44, of Ambler, PA died January 19 of complications following a double lung transplant for pulmonary hypertension. She was the beloved wife of Gary Dukart, a native of Wilmington, mother of Brian and daughter-in-law of Leonard Dukart and the late Dora Dukart of Wilmington.

Mrs. Dukart was diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension, a rare and ultimately fatal disease in 1982. She became extremely involved with the Pulmonary Hypertension Association in the early 1990s after learning about this national organization. She served as Association president and, most recently, as vice-president for fund development. She used her considerable education in finance and career training as a banker to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for research and treatment.

Survivors also include Mrs. Dukart's parents, Robert and Selma Smith of Plainview, NY; her sister, Dale Smith of Newton, MA; her brother, Stuart Smith of New York; brothers and sisters-in-law, Barbara and Leslie Dukart of Wilmington, Alan and Janet Dukart of Boothwyn, PA and David and

Joann Dukart of Ohio and ten nieces and nephews.

To honor her memory, please consider becoming an organ donor—a cause dear to her heart and making a contribution to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association, 850 Sligo Avenue, Suite 800, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

GROSS

Rose Gross died on January 18. She was the wife of the late Samuel Gross and the sister of Jeannette Sandler of Wilmington. She is also survived by her niece, Nancy and nephew, Dr. Kenneth Gross. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Wilmington Chapter of Deborah.

LEVINE

David S. Levine, vice president and global creative director of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising, died January 17 in Paris. He attended high school at P.S. DuPont, where he was active on the swimming and basketball teams and was a member of the Lambda Chapter of Sigma Alpha Rho (SAR) fraternity. After graduation in 1963, he attended the University of Delaware. After college, he moved to New York City to begin his suc-

cessful career in advertising.

He is survived by his wife, Pam Buckner Levine; son, Noah Joseph Sills Levine; daughter, Emma Levine; brother, Kenneth Levine of Columbia, MD and his mother, Sarah Levine, formerly of Wilmington. His first wife, Deborah Sills Levine, died in 1989.

Contributions in Mr. Levine's memory may be made to the Amyloidosis Foundation at www.amyloisosi.org

SHERR

Herbert Sherr, 58, formerly of Kennett Square, PA, died Friday, January 19, at Christiana Hospital.

A member of the board of Congregation Beth Shalom and the Brandywine Country Club, he served as president of Diamond State Recycling in Wilmington. Mr. Sherr also served as president of the Philadelphia chapter of the Institute of Scrap Iron and Steel.

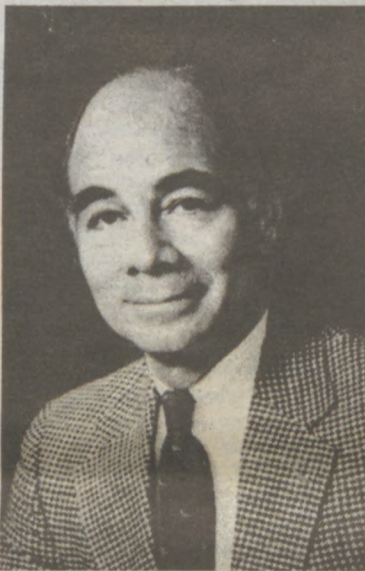
He is survived by his wife, Nancy; two sons, Scott of Wilmington and Erik of New York City; two sisters, Ruth Albert of Wilmington and Barbara Dubroff of Philadelphia.

Contributions in his memory are suggested to Congregation Beth Shalom, 1801 Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802

TANNEN

Jerome (Jerry) Tannen, 80, a native of Wilmington, died in California, January 19. He retired to Arizona after a career as chief warrant officer in the U.S. Army. He and childhood friend, the late Danny Shapiro, was among the first Jews from Wilmington to enlist in the army during the World War II. He is survived by sons, Michael and Dennis Tannen, daughters Sandra Farley and Bea Dornan of California and ten grandchildren—all of California—and his sister Amelia (Malchie) Glazier of Wilmington. Burial and internment were private.

NACHAS NOOK



Dr. Steven L. Edell

Dr. Steven L. Edell Medical Director of Women's Imaging Center of Delaware was recently elected a Fellow in the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM). This organization consists of over 9500 physicians specializing in Ultrasound and only two percent of its membership achieve the status of Fellow.

Dr. Edell is the only AIUM Fellow in Delaware. He is Board certified in radiology and nuclear medicine and also is a Fellow in the American College of Radiology. Dr. Edell is also a member of the Accreditation Council of AIUM and former Editor of their newsletter.

Dr. Edell has published over thirty-five articles and lectured extensively, both locally and nationally, in the field of Ultrasound and women's imaging.

Wishkoff Named Vice President

Marc K. Wishkoff, son of Joan K. Wishkoff and Harvey L. Wishkoff of Wilmington, has been named vice president of United States Trust a division of Charles Schwab and Company. Mr. Wishkoff received his BS in Finance from the University of Delaware and was a graduate of Concord High School.

He and his wife, Jill Wishkoff and their children, Nancy Gordon and Gary Gordon will move to Washington, D.C.

ALAN GOLD

BOB GOLD

B. Reibstein Memorials Art Monument Company

1603 Jessup St.
Wilmington, DE 19802
(302) 575-1450

Since
1895

1869 Cottman Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19111
(215) 725-2200

Delaware's Only Jewish Owned and Operated Monument Dealer

Manufacturing and Showroom in Delaware

Schoenberg Memorial Chapels



In the hallowed tradition of
our faith...

a dignified setting with
reverence for customs and
observances in strict accord
with family wishes.

519 Philadelphia Pike
762-0334

CECIL VAULT & MEMORIAL CO.

*There is no forgetting... Where the record of life
and the memory of it are kept in a memorial*

For over 50 years, we have supplied memorials for all cemeteries,
Granite and Bronze Markers and also provide inscription work.
Completion of your Treasured Monument is our time-tested task.
Payment follows only after your complete satisfaction.

Connie & Dan Cecil

5701 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, Delaware 19808

(Across from Main Entrance to Delaware Park)

Phone (302) 994-3806 • FAX (302) 994-3232

The Human Genome (Continued from page 26)

become subject to tests. This is particularly true for complex combinations of genes that can predict a person's risk for a variety of ailments. There are thousands of genetic diseases, most of them are fortunately rare. Some rare diseases are caused by mutations of genes due to inbreeding and then passed on to new generations. Different abnormalities have been identified in different communities. For example, among Jews, Ashkenazim who in the past married within their own narrow group, have propagated several genetic abnormalities. Most notably Tay-Sachs disease, that

causes blindness as well as mental retardation. Another is Canavan's disease that is the cause of failed mental development, weakened muscles and childhood death. There are several others. Thus, Jews and many other groups, and humanity as a whole will benefit from the rapid advances being made in the field of gene therapy.

Other developments will flow from genetic engineering that may lead to an improved human race, probably in the next millennium. Although most scientists, in the field are not advocating the use of this science for modifying human beings, based on past experience it will probably happen somewhere whether we like it or not.

Another byproduct of this work has been the widely publicized DNA analysis as a method of choice to unequivocally link an individual with a criminal assault or a crime scene. It is overwhelmingly more reliable than fingerprints,

provided samples are not contaminated and the testing methodology is rigorous. Still another immediate application is the development of a test for sequencing the genes in the virus that causes AIDS. Because the virus mutates readily, it is important to know which mutation is involved in a specific individual's malady to be able to choose the most effective drug from a group of about 15, against a particular patient's infection. Many other applications of this evolving science are being vigorously researched.

The great promise of much of the current work is that it will elucidate the total mechanism of life and eventually follow up with specific treatments to stave off illness and improve quality of life for most people on the face of this earth.

E.E. Jaffe of Wilmington writes frequent opinion pieces for the Jewish Voice.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

are welcome and should be sent to:

LYNN EDELMAN, EDITOR

100 WEST 10TH STREET, SUITE 301

WILMINGTON, DE 19801

E-mail: lynn.edelman@shalomdel.org

Short letters are preferred as
longer-letters may be edited to save space.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline published in *The Jewish Voice*. Please provide entries in the same format as seen on this page. *The Jewish Voice* fax number is 427-2438.

BASKETFEST AT BETH EL

Temple Beth El is hosting a fundraiser and needs community support. Sunday, March 4th is BASKETFEST—a time to raffle themed baskets, enjoy refreshments and an entire afternoon of fun. Admission is \$10 at the door and includes 20 tickets. Tickets can also be pre-ordered at a discount of \$9 for 20 tickets through March 1. Please call the synagogue at 366-8330 for more information. Temple Beth El is located at 301 Possum Park Road in Newark.

LEARN HEBREW GRAMMAR

Dr. Eynat Gutman will offer an Intermediate Level Hebrew Course this Spring at the University of Delaware. Classes are scheduled Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:15a.m. to 12:05p.m. at the main campus in Newark. Students will present oral reports and lead discussions on topics of their choice. For additional information, please call the professor at

456-3533 or email him at: eynat@udel.edu.

MAKE MARRIAGE WORK

Jewish Family Service will offer Making Marriage Work—a nine-session seminar series for those couples considering marriage or who have been engaged or married for less than two years. Participants will learn to strengthen relationships and create successful families. Led by professional counselors, the series will also include sessions led by a financial planner and a Rabbi. Each couple will also have a private session. Seminars will be held Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. beginning February 28. The series will meet at the JFS Relationship Center, 288 East Main Street, Newark. Pre-registration is required. For more information call the Center at 286-1402 or call the main number of JFS, 478-9411.

SINGLES MINGLE

Singles Mingles, a group for single men and women ages 40 or older, will go to the theatre twice in March. Join them on Saturday, March 3rd for a performance of ART at the Chapel Street Theatre. Contact Esther Schatz at 478-1492 by February 22. On Saturday, March 24, check out FUNNY GIRL at Candlelight Dinner Theatre. Call Eleanor Herman for ticket availability at

234-3244. Help the group plan future events. Come to the next Planning Meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 4, 3:30 p.m. in the library of Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Boulevard, Wilmington.

FAMED JEWISH CHEMIST THE TOPIC OF AKSE BRUNCH

The life and times of Primo Levi, internationally known author, chemist and Holocaust survivor, will be discussed on Sunday, March 11, 9:30 a.m. during a brunch program at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation in Wilmington. The presentation will be given by Howard G. Barth, senior research associate, Central Research and Development at DuPont Company. \$4.00 includes both the breakfast and educational program. Please phone in your reser-

ations to the synagogue, 762-2705.

BE A JUNIOR MACCABI

Calling all Delaware Jewish athletes, ages 10 to 12. Try out for the Tri-State Junior Maccabi Games to be held on Sunday, May 6, 2001. Participate in a variety of Olympic-style events and meet athletes from 14 cities in our region. Find out more information by calling Randy Rosenthal at 478-5660, ext. 231.

TWO WEEKS IN ISRAEL FOR FREE?


Yes, you can spend two full weeks in Israel hiking, learning and having fun for free. Roundtrip air travel is included. The excursion is sponsored by Livnot UfLehibanot and is open to young Jewish adults ages 21-26. To find out more information, please call 1-888-LIVNOT-O or check out

their website at www.livnot.org.il

HAMANTASHEN BAKE SALE AT BETH SHALOM
Erev Purim is March 9 and is fast approaching. It's time for homemade Hamantashen from Beth Shalom. Homemade apple, cherry, raspberry, grape and prune are available. Order immediately from the Religious School office, 654-4462.

JCC CHESS CLUB FORMING

Do you like chess and want someone to play with? If so, join the Delaware JCC Chess Club and come to their very first meeting on Monday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. People of all ages and abilities are welcomed. Chess sets will be provided. Come for a brief meeting before the games begin. For more information, call Randy Rosenthal at 478-5660, ext. 231.



**Did you know that
SIMCHA Advertising
is included in every
issue of The Jewish Voice?**



**Call us at
427-2100 x24**

Our Classified Yellow Page

Call Irv 427-2100, Ext. 24

The Jewish Federation Seeks Chief Financial Officer to begin 3/15/01. Responsible for management of the entire fiscal operations of the Federation, Jewish Fund for the Future, the Voice, and the Capital Campaign, and for the Management Information System. Position requires a masters in either business, finance, or accounting. Candidate should have minimum of 5 years experience in similar position and familiarity with non profit organizations. Competitive salary, excellent benefits. Fax resume to Judy Wortman, 427-2438.

FAVORS • GIFTS • TOYS PARTY SUPPLIES

Weddings • Bar Mitzvahs
Birthdays • New Years

Most Orders Ship Within 24 Hrs
SECURE ORDER ONLINE

MyPartyProps.com

SECRETARIAL PART TIME

Primary duties to assist Cantor.
20 hours per week. Hours flexible
Opportunity for a working mom to see
child(ren) off to school and be back home
for their arrival.
Call Judi at Beth Emeth, (302)764-2393
to arrange interview.

The JEWISH Classified Ads VOICE DELIVER!

Let us show you how
Call 427-2100,
ext. 24

- ♥ CAREGIVERS ♥
- MAID IN HEAVEN
- ♥ NANNIES
- ♥ COMPANIONS
- ♥ HOUSEKEEPERS

- Nationwide Criminal Investigation
- Nationwide Child Abuse Check
- Certified 10 Panel Drug Test
- Driving Record Report
- References Screened
- ONE-YEAR GUARANTEE**
- CAREGIVERS NO FEE**
- www.cmihinc.com

LIVE IN/OUT FT/PT/TEMP
BALA CYNWYD, PA • 610-664-5233
GREENVILLE, DE • 302-428-3130
PIKESVILLE, MD • 410-486-6100

Senior Center and Adult Director

Seeking enthusiastic, dependable professional. Includes developing and implementing programs for seniors and adults, supervising p/t kitchen and driving staff. P/T or F/T. Send resume to IRH/MW, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Jewish Community Center, Wilmington, DE seeking energetic, experienced, Jewishly knowledgeable professional. Must reflect superior communication skills, enjoy working with and reaching out to people in a warm, professional manner. Great benefits, competitive salary. Send resumé to JSM/MW, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803

WANTED: Religious School Principal

Congregation Beth Israel of Media, a Reconstructionist Synagogue, seeks Religious School Principal, 20-25 hrs/wk starting May. Our growing school has 110 students, Gan through 7th grade, and a new confirmation class. School meets Sundays and Wednesdays. Principal will support, train, and develop staff, bring a love and knowledge of Jewish religion and culture, education, and children; and possess strong administrative abilities. Hebrew literacy required.

Please send resume ASAP to Principal Search Committee,
c/o Congregation Beth Israel,
542 S. New Middletown Rd., Media, PA 19063.

HARRIS JEWELERS

"NAME" YOUR VALENTINE'S GIFT!



- 8) 14kt. gold diamond name ring *Value \$250.00 Our Price \$149.98
- 9) 14kt. white gold name necklace with diamond heart *Value \$275.00 Our Price \$129.98
- 10) 14kt. gold name necklace with 5 diamonds *Value \$300.00 Our Price \$149.98
- 11) 14kt. gold name necklace with diamond *Value \$225.00 Our Price \$89.98
- 12) 14kt. gold name necklace without diamond *Value \$150.00 Our Price \$69.98
- 13) 14kt. gold name necklace with 15 diamonds *Value \$500.00 Our Price \$239.98
- 14) 14kt. gold name necklace with 1/4 Ct. T.W. diamonds on solid rope chain *Value \$850.00 Our Price \$449.98

Prices on name jewelry are for up to 6 letters. Extra letters may be ordered at an additional charge. Please allow two weeks for delivery.

ONE YEAR INTEREST FREE FINANCING
with minimum purchase



MON.-FRI 10AM TO 9PM
SATURDAY 10AM TO 6PM

309 Branmar Plaza
1812 Marsh Road
Wilmington, DE 19810
Phone: 475-3101

4377 Kirkwood Hwy
Kirkwood Plaza
Wilmington, DE 19808
Phone: 999-9901

410 Eden Circle
Eden Square Shopping Ctr.
Bear, DE 19701
Phone: 836-9745



Mitzvah Baskets

A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.

Add spirit to your next simcha or event by renting a beautifully decorated Mitzvah Baskets as table centerpieces or for the bima.

They do more than add festive beauty to every celebration—they represent the spirit of tzedakah...and proceeds from every rental are used to help those in need.

The Mitzvah Basket program is a vital part of the Jewish Volunteer Network. Every rental brings a significant blessing to the community.

Become a part of the Jewish Volunteer Network. Rent Mitzvah Baskets. Call Morissa Sher at 302-478-9411, ext. 20

(Ask about our Shabbat Baskets, Shiva Baskets, and Mini-Baskets for Purim, too—all available for sale now.)

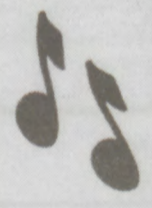


JEWISH VOLUNTEER NETWORK
CONSTITUENT AGENCY OF
JEWISH FEDERATION OF DELAWARE
UNITED WAY MEMBER AGENCY



Saturday Evening
February 24, 2001
8:00-11:00 p.m.

Step back in time and join us for a fun and exciting night at the Delaware JCC!



Over 100 Items

Great Music

Live Auctions

Silent Auctions



Delicious Food

Martini Bar

Admission Fees:
Patrons - \$50/person
In Advance - \$25/Person
At the Door - \$35/Person

Get your tickets today at the JCC Front Desk!

Jewish Community Center ♦ 101 Garden of Eden Road ♦ Wilmington, Delaware
Telephone (302) 478-5660 ♦ www.jccdelaware.org