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SUSTAINING JEWISH LIVES THROUGH FOUNDATION GIVING

By Lynn Edelman
 Editor

L'dor V'dor—from generation to generation—this is the traditional way that Jews pass on their proud legacy of *tzedakah*. Harry Cohen, of blessed memory, dedicated his life to Jewish causes. Thanks to the Harry Cohen Foundation, his philanthropy is perpetuated, enriching the lives of Jews in Delaware and Israel now and in the future.

Sadie Toumarkine, Mr. Cohen's daughter, manages the Foundation, which was established in 1959. This year, she presented the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) with an early Chanukah present—a \$41,797.28 Foundation check. JFD President John A. Elzufon accepted the check on behalf of Federation's Board of Directors and expressed his gratitude for her astute management of a Foundation that "pays such an eloquent tribute to a man who cared deeply about Jews

in need both locally and globally." Started with initial assets of \$1,250,000, the Foundation has recently achieved a milestone. With this year's award, the Harry Cohen Foundation has disbursed \$4,000,000 in gifts to the Jewish Federation of Delaware, two Federation constituent agencies—the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home and the Delaware Jewish Community Center, two synagogues and five other beneficiaries.

Harry Cohen and Milton Kutz shared a common commitment to Jewish communal leadership. Mr. Cohen was a one-time treasurer of JFD and a past chairman of the Federation Annual Campaign. When Mr. Kutz served as president of JFD, Mr. Cohen prodded him to conduct a survey about Jewish education programming in Wilmington. As a direct result of this survey, the Associated Hebrew School opened its doors in 1943.

Both men made Federation Annual Campaign history in 1946-

pledging \$25,000 each. These two gifts were the largest contributions recorded to date. Their generous joint commitment of \$27,000 to the Jewish National Fund (JNF) merited a personal visit from then JNF President Judge Morris Gothenburg. The Judge traveled down to Delaware from New York to personally present the gentlemen with a deed for a 250-acre colony in Israel.

Mr. Cohen also used his powers of persuasion to "nudge" his friend, Charles L. Belfint, into joining a campaign to transform the vacant Adas Kodesch Center at 515 French Street, Wilmington into a vibrant Jewish Community Center. Under Belfint's leadership, the YM/YWHA opened its doors in 1934.

Mr. Cohen's philanthropy was his way of repaying a debt to his adopted homeland. He emigrated to the United States in 1905 and settled in Wilmington. He is the classic American immigrant story. Arriving on our shores penniless

but driven to succeed, he plied his trade as a barber, leather worker and coal stove blackener until he saved enough money to open a grocery store in downtown Wilmington.

His business aptitude enabled him to open a furniture store, which prospered.

A 1953 stroke weakened his body but his mind and his mindfulness of the importance of giving *tzedakah* remained strong right up until his death in 1957.

Through the Harry Cohen Foundation, he can continue to provide for those organizations he so generously supported during his lifetime. Through endowment giving, *tzedakah* truly can transcend death.

Harry Cohen established his endowment gift before it was in vogue to do so. Starting with one and a quarter million dollars in 1959, the Foundation's assets have grown to over 4 million dollars today. Since 1959, the Foundation has distributed over



Harry Cohen

\$4,000,000 to its ten beneficiary agencies. Today, through the Jewish Fund for the Future, it is even easier to create your own endowment and a legacy that will last forever.

See articles on page 5 for details.

CAMPAIGN THEME REFLECTS COMMUNITY TRADITION

"From Generation to Generation... for Generations to Come."

While the Delaware Jewish community has never been considered large by national standards, for more than one hundred years, the Delaware Jewish community has successfully offered the full profile of services found in neighboring communities such as Philadelphia and Baltimore. Although the names and locations of the agencies have changed over the years, "Cradle to Grave" programs and services are delivered 365 days a year by the six constituent agencies of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Project Overview

The Community Capital Campaign for Delaware's Jewish community marks another exciting milestone for the First State. With a goal of \$23 million the campaign exceeds the community's record capital campaign of \$4.5 million raised for Kutz Home renovations in the mid-1990s, and with more than 70% of the goal already realized, Delaware's Jewish community's most ambitious campaign is poised to be its most successful effort ever. More than 5 years in the planning stages, which included a professionally led demographic and needs assessment

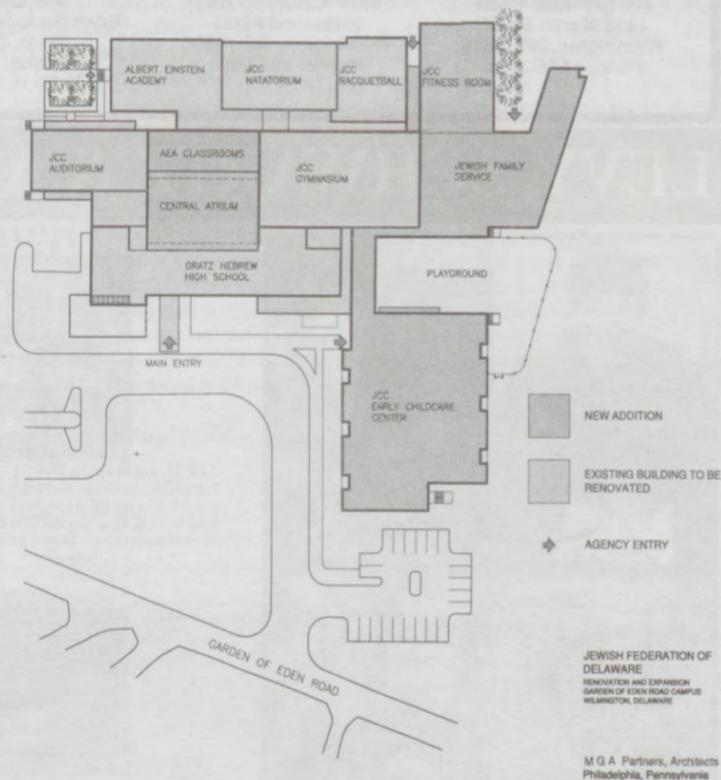
study organized by the Jewish Federation, this campaign represents the energies of hundreds of volunteers and community professionals all committed to a vibrant community. Other unique aspects of the campaign include the comprehensive nature of its design, which truly reflects a spirit of community cooperation not always found in today's competitive world.

Organized by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the Community Capital Campaign is essentially an agency campaign benefitting the Albert Einstein Academy, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Hillel at the University of Delaware, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, and the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home. Another critical component of the campaign is the recognition of the rapidly growing Greater Newark Jewish community and the need in the near future for a permanent facility to serve this population, which is significantly younger than the Northern New Castle area. An indication of the business-like planning that was incorporated into the campaign is the commitment to establish a Capital Maintenance & Replacement Endowment Fund to

care for the community's facilities as they age and the already accomplished goal of retiring existing community capital debt which was straining annual resources that can now be directed to support programs and services rather than a bank loan. Co-Chairs of the Community Capital Campaign include Annette & Bob Aerenon, Marci & Andy Aerenon, Phyllis & Norman Aerenon, Yetta Chaiken, Alan Levenson & Karen Morris, Doris & Irv Morris and Ruth & Bernie Siegel.

Garden of Eden Road Campus Challenges

While renovations in store for Hillel of an expanded kosher kitchen and building modifications to accommodate other Jewish organizations on campus and plans for the Kutz Home of a renovated kitchen, laundry facility, and the addition of a service elevator have been rather straight forward for design purposes, planning for the four agencies on the Garden of Eden Road Campus has presented a larger challenge to the professionals engaged by the Federation. These four agencies are the Albert Einstein Academy, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Jewish Community Center, and Jewish Family Service.



"The sharing of facilities and resources on the Garden of Eden Road Campus is a wonderful opportunity for community building. Creative thinking is required to maximize community

and inter-agency interaction and sharing of space while optimizing each agency's internal operations," stated Richard Stat, Chairman of the project's Building Committee.

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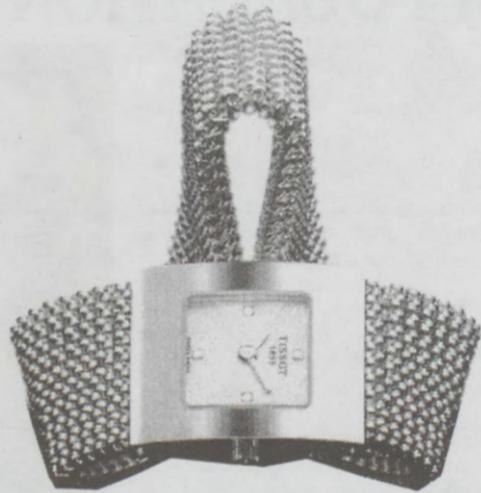
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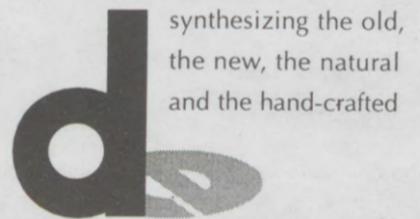
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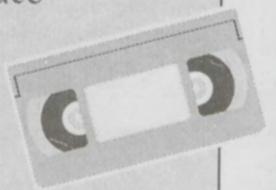
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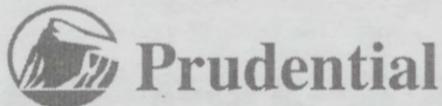
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EDITORIAL

Don't Let The Lights Go Out

The Jewish community of Delaware has launched "Light One Candle: Enlightened People Against Terrorism." All Delawareans, Jewish, Christian or Muslim, are asked to light one candle and place it in a front window on the evening of December 16. It is an eloquent statement of solidarity with the victims of terrorism, their families and their rescuers in America on September 11th and in Israel during recent weeks. Let those enraged by global terror proudly identify themselves through the light of a single candle burning brightly.

December 16 is chosen because it is the last night of Chanukah. Over 2000 years

ago, Antiochus IV used state-sponsored terror to force the Jews to assimilate into Roman ways. The family of Judah Maccabee led a revolt. They prevailed and rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem. Through this brave act, they triumphed and achieved a victory of righteousness over evil. So, too, will lighting the candle symbolize Delaware's commitment to achieve a similar victory in modern times.

Join us, light that candle. Demonstrate that Delawareans are, indeed, an enlightened people.

Let the glow of this candle dispel the darkness and fortify our spirits in the new year to come!

Down Memory Lane In Wilmington



GIRL SCOUTS FROM DELAWARE SYNAGOGUES MEET AT Congregation Beth Shalom in 1934. Adult Supervisors: Rabbi Jacob Kraft, Vivian Rothman, Lena Rosenberg; 1st row bottom: Esther Ezrailson, Mae Forman Sands, Ruth Finger Gordon, Charlotte Fisher, Bea Matusoff Shames, Malshie Tannen Glazier; 2nd row middle: Rosie Sklut Rose, Hilda Bronfin Hirschhorn, Miriam Tanzer McKenzie, Doris Blatman Humber, Freida Kreshtool Barsky, Bea Goldberg Drucker, Betty Nelson; 3rd row top: Beattie Glass, Sybil Sklut Berger, Sylvia Bronfin, Jane Saltzman, Marion Malofsky Weissman, Regina Waldman Levinson, Shirley Wainer, Estelle Matusoff, Helen Feingold Goldberg, Jeanne Kanofsky.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Seaside Says Thanks, Appeals For Help

Seaside Jewish Community would like to thank The Jewish Voice for the help that you have extended to the Seaside Jewish Community.

When Joel Glazier wrote the wonderful story of our very first Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Fruchtman, I cannot tell you how much that story generated for Seaside. Ann Herman of Temple Beth El donated over 100 prayer books to Seaside, along with 100 High Holy Day Prayer Books.

We have heard from people who did not know that Sussex County had a Jewish Community. As summer residents, they were so pleased to know that we do have services and functions available.

We are just six years old and growing every day. Seaside is pleased to announce that we

now have a building of our own, located on Holland Glade Road in Rehoboth. We welcome anyone to contact us for information regarding our programs. We would appreciate any help that any one in the Jewish Community of Delaware could assist us with. We are in desperate need of a Torah. Seaside Jewish Community is not affiliated at this time. We are Jewish people from all walks of life and areas just keeping the faith.

Again, we thank you for the wonderful benefits we derived from Joel Glazier's article.

Yours Truly,

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PARSHA PLACE

Week of December 15

Miketz

Genesis 41:1-44:17

MY SON, THE FIREMAN? Mark L. Goldstein

I was surprised when my son told me that he wanted to be a fireman when he grows up. Dad is a Jewish Federation director and mom is a Jewish studies teacher/tutor/cantor. Obviously neither profession fosters physical aggression. When queried, my son explained that we had told him to grow up and become a fireman. Every Friday night, he reminded us, we pray for God to make him like "the fireman Manasseh."

He was referring, of course, to the blessing that parents have bestowed on their children dating back to Parashat Vayechi, when Jacob offered the blessing "God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh." (Genesis 48:20) Of all the role models in the Bible, why were Ephraim and Manasseh singled out to become the baseline for future generations? Would we not want our children to emulate Moses, the epitome of leadership in the face of multiple obstacles, or Abraham, the hero of every Jewish preschool lesson about monotheism? I myself have a soft spot for Noah: I would love my children to be handy with wood and tools, an area in which I am clearly challenged. But our tradition teaches us to long for children who will emulate Ephraim and Manasseh.

An explanation for why this is so can be found in Parashat Miketz with the birth of Ephraim and Manasseh. Until that time, Joseph seemed to have lived an assimilated life. A trusted adviser of Pharaoh, he accepted an Egyptian wife, an Egyptian name, and probably the Egyptian way of life. But he is still referred to as "the Hebrew," perhaps because he never totally abandoned the beliefs of Jacob, Isaac, and Abraham. And when his sons were born, they were born to him, Joseph, and not to the aristocracy of Egypt. Perhaps this implies that Joseph intended to raise his sons in the traditions of Abraham, not those of their maternal and idolatrous ancestors. This was no small feat. Joseph was perhaps the only Hebrew in all of Egypt. He was a former slave and an ex-con. His wife's customs and culture could easily have dictated what was practiced in the couple's household since they insured the family's wealth and highly placed position in Egyptian society. But Joseph resisted these temptations. He saw to it that his children were raised in a manner that remains the ideal for Jewish parents.

Is our tradition making the point that the offspring of a mixed marriage can produce a prodigious legacy? Whether they have one Jewish parent or two, our children must be raised in families that make a conscious decision to emulate Ephraim and Manasseh. Our Jewish communities and institutions must likewise provide programming and support that encourage active and substantive engagement. Outreach to interfaith families must become a trans-denominational, communal priority, helping them to raise Jewish children. Family life education at synagogues and JCCs must become a funding priority. The energy and resources that are being invested in Israel experiences should be replicated in Jewish camping.

So how do I feel about my son's wanting to be a fireman? Frankly, I don't care if he becomes a fireman, or a policeman, or a lawyer, or anything else. I just want him to be like Ephraim and Manasseh and allow the beauty of Judaism to permeate his whole life.

Mark L. Goldstein is the executive vice president of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater, serving Norfolk and Virginia Beach, VA.

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FEDERATION FOCUS

Israeli Consul General Says Now Is Moment Of Truth For Arafat

By Lynn Edelman, Editor
Giora Becher, Consul General of Israel for the Mid-Atlantic Region, came to Wilmington on December 5-just days after suicide bombers killed 25 people in Jerusalem and Haifa and injured hundreds of others. Although terrorists groups took credit for these despicable acts, Becher blames the Palestinian

Authority and its leader, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

"Even though these terrorists were not following the direct orders of Arafat, he did little-if anything-to stop them," Becher explained, adding that Israel had supplied the PLO leadership with a list of members of Hamas, the Islamic Jihad and other terrorist groups who seek

Israel's destruction. Becher believes that it is now the moment of truth for the Palestinians. "If they do not uphold the terms of Oslo by maintaining a strong Palestinian police force to fight those internal factions who do not want peace, then the Israelis will retaliate," he stated.

The Consul General refuted allegations that the Israel Defense Force

attacks on the police station in Jenin, where Arafat is headquartered, was an attempt to kill the Palestinian leader. "By attacking Jenin, the very center of terrorist operations, we sent a message to Arafat that he must either act as a true partner for peace and fight terrorism, or disappear," he said.

Arafat successfully cracked down on terrorists in 1996 and was not the subject of popular rebellion. This appears to prove Becher's assertion that "Most of the Palestinian people believe that peace with Israel is the only path to economic development and obtaining a higher standard of living."

When asked by one of the participants in a breakfast reception held in the Consul General's honor hosted by the Jewish Federation of Delaware why Israel doesn't adopt a more aggressive military effort in its struggles with the Palestinians, Becher replied that The government of Israel still maintains that it is "better for the Palestinians than Israel to fight the terrorists." He explained that while the Israel Defense Forces are "certainly capable of taking over the Palestinian Police forces in the West Bank and elsewhere, the Israeli government would not necessarily want to assume the responsibility for the more than 3,000,000 Palestinians who reside within their borders. "If you go to war, you have to be 100% sure that this is your only option," he emphasized.

Becher sees similarities between Israel's conflicts with the Palestinians and America's fight against terrorism in Afghanistan and around the world and believes that both nations face a common threat



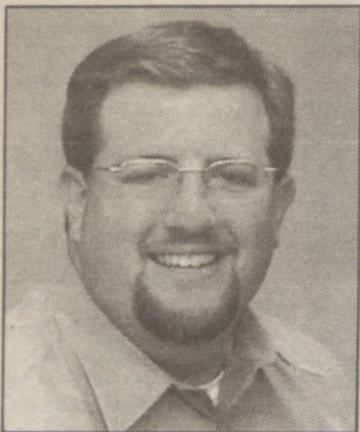
Giora Becher
Consul General

from the current regime of Saddam Hussein in Iraq. He stated that "in the absence of United Nations observers, Hussein has the capability to develop his arsenal of unconventional weapons." If the Iraqi leader develops nuclear warfare, Becher alleges that "It will be a horrific scenario for Israel and for all Western nations."

The Consul General expressed optimism that, despite the nation's current economic woes, sparked by both a \$2 billion drop in tourism and the global crisis effecting the high tech electronics industry, the Jewish State will be able to sustain this crisis and maintain its high standard of living.

In its 53 year of existence, Israel has weathered many storms. "While we are angered and saddened by the current political and economic situation, life goes on," he postured. "Living our lives fully is the best way that citizens can fight terrorism."

Looking For A Miracle Worker This Hanukkah? Look In The Mirror!



Todd Polikoff

By Todd Polikoff,
Associate Director
Financial Resource
Development

Typically, when we think of Hanukkah, we think of miracles, wondrous events in ancient history that seem impossible today. Thanks to the Jewish Federation of

Delaware's Annual Campaign, small personal miracles are happening every day in Jewish communities around the world.

This is exactly what our community has done for a Jewish family in Moscow. The Sokolski family in Moscow had practice Hanukkah the same way every year. They ate latkes, spun the homemade dreidel, and placed the lit Hannukiah in the closet. The Sokolskis risked their lives to celebrated Hanukkah, a holiday that is viewed by many to be one of the "less significant" in our culture. Every year the Sokolski family ran the same risk until 1994.

When communism fell the Jewish Federation of Delaware, along with 188 other Jewish communities across North America took about the task of rebuilding a once great Jewish Community. We made it possible for the Sokolski family to place their Hannukiah in a window, serve latkes to their neighbors and friends, and start

new Hanukkah traditions.

Today the entire Jewish Community of Moscow now gathers every year in the middle of Moscow under a 30 foot tall Hannukiah to celebrate and rejoice. For both young and old, this is a new Hanukkah tradition. They all have one person to thank...you! The person that you see in the mirror every day is responsible for making this miracle happen.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware, with your help, has been making miracles like this happen in Delaware and around the world for over 70 years. Remember to look in the mirror this Hanukkah and make a new tradition this year. Join the Federation in making small miracles an everyday occurrence.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions concerning the Jewish Federation of Delaware or the Annual Campaign at 302-427-2100 ext. 16 or todd.polikoff@shalomdel.org.

ENDOWMENT FOR THE FUTURE

"In The End All I Have Left Is What I Have Given Away"



By Rachel Gross, Esq.
Endowment
Director

"In the end, all I have left is what I have given away."

This is a quote from Seymour Persky of Chicago, Illinois. He is not a famous author or celebrity. Mr. Persky is one member of the Chicago Jewish community who, when given the opportunity to express his reasons for making a gift to the Jewish community's endowment foundation was able to sum it up in one succinct

phrase.

Each of us is motivated to make charitable gifts for different reasons. Many of us want to ensure that agencies and organizations with which we are involved or affiliated continue their important work. Some people want to be remembered or create a memorial to others. Others of us just want to give something back.

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you flexibility as your personal and charitable plans change over time.

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to touch the lives of thousands of people in Delaware, Israel and around the world.

On page five you can read about members of the Jewish community who have provided for the Jewish community during their lifetime and through their estate planning. Included in this edition of the Jewish Voice, there is also a brochure from the Jewish Fund for the Future that discusses endowment and planned giving. If you have any questions or desire more information please call our Endowment Director, Rachel A. Gross, Esq. At 427-2100 ext. 19 for a confidential conversation.



Rachel Gross

Arad Native Falls Victim To Terrorism

By Monica Zelingher
Special to the Jewish Voice

We just returned from Etti's funeral. It is almost impossible to describe the pain and agony. One funeral that says it all: A mother burying her daughter, a brother burying his sister and four children burying their mother. Many citizens of Arad, who knew the family from the 1960s when they moved to Arad, accompanied Etti on

her last journey.

Etti Fahima (Elhaini), who grew up in Arad and still has family in town, was laid to rest today, 2 pm Israel time, in Arad.

The attack occurred at about 7:30 p.m. last night, when a Palestinian gunman opened fire at the convoy in which the four were traveling half a kilometer north of the Gush Katif junction. Etti Fahima, a

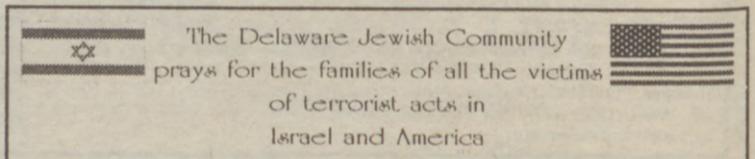
resident of the Gaza settlement of Netzer Hazani, was hit and died shortly afterward.

Etti, a 45 year old kindergarten teacher, moved to Netzer Hazani 16 years ago with her husband Gabby and their children. Eight years ago while working in his greenhouse Gabby was attacked by Palestinians armed with axes. He has not fully recovered and is disabled and in reha-

bilitation.

In the past year several bombs were dropped in the family's backyard with no casualties. Last night,

Gabby was seated in the car by Etti's side when she was killed. She left behind four children: ages 9,13, 18 and 20.



ENDOWING THE FUTURE

Goldinger Trust Helps Keep Israel Green

By Rachel A. Gross, Esq.

When Joshua Goldinger passed away on September 2, 1985, he left the majority of his estate, including over 300 acres of farmland, in trust with the Jewish Federation of Delaware and his wife, Margaret Goldinger, as trustees. Mr. Goldinger directed that the proceeds of the trust be used for agricultural purposes. The Federation has used the available funds for agricultural purposes in Israel. In June, the trust sold the remaining 259 acres of land.

Mr. Goldinger's grandparents came from Frankfurt, Germany to Woodbine, New Jersey. His parents, Lena and Berel Goldinger, grew up and raised him and his seven brothers in Woodbine, a farming community established by the Baron de Hirsch Fund in 1891 for Russian Jews fleeing czarist pogroms. As an agricultural community this venture was a failure; the soil in the area was poor, the 10-15 acre lots inadequate, markets were distant and the immigrants lacked training in agricultural methods. In fact, Mr. Goldinger's

father, Berel, was a kosher butcher. By the time Joshua was 12 both of his parents had died.

Josh went into the livestock business. In the late 30s or early 40s a childhood friend persuaded Josh to move from New Jersey to Smyrna where business was better. Josh took his friend's advice but within a year of arriving to Smyrna he was drafted. His brothers, Louis and David, came to Smyrna to keep the business going while Josh shipped out. Upon returning to the United States after the War, he and his brothers successfully expanded the business.

During World War II Josh served with the U.S. Army in Europe. Toward the end of the war, Josh, who spoke Yiddish and German, worked in the concentration camps with the survivors.

Mr. Goldinger was not a religious person, but he was proud of his heritage. Fueled in part by his experiences with concentration camp survivors, he was interested in the success of the State of Israel. On a trip to Italy in 1967, Mr. and Mrs. Goldinger planned to sail to

Israel. Due to the outbreak of the Six-Day War they were unable to get there.

The Goldinger Trust makes awards to agricultural projects in Israel, specifically in Delaware's Partnership 2000 community of Arad and Tamar in the Dead Sea region. Funds have been directed to a project which raised fish in an aqua bubble under controlled climate conditions. Water drained from the bubble was used to irrigate crops and then the water, "cleaned" by the crops, was pumped back into the fish ponds. Since 1998, grants have been directed to a project at Moshav Neot HaKikar which has successfully accelerated date sapling cultivation and growth. These projects directly advance agricultural research and development and positively impact the region's economy.

(The Jewish Federation of Delaware thanks Margaret Goldinger, Ernst Dannemann, Steven Dombchik and Dan Klein for their work on the Goldinger project.)



Lou, David and Joshua Goldinger at work on the farm.

If Not Now - When?

In the Summer of 2000, Sheldon and his wife, Ruthie, spoke with Rachel Gross, Federation's endowment director, at a community function. The Weinstains had returned from Israel and were telling Rachel about the lives their children, Mick and Lynne, had built there and about some of the wonderful non-profit organizations in Israel with which they had become familiar.

Early in November the Weinstains and Rachel continued the conversation when Rachel visited with them at their home to talk with them and introduce them to the giving options available through the Jewish Fund for the Future. "Rachel's presentation was informative and persuasive, after speaking with her we felt that we would establish a fund with the Jewish Fund for the Future within the next year or two," Sheldon recalls. The following week, Sheldon went to see his doctor for an annual

physical exam. He had not been experiencing any physical pains or problems and he expected that it would be a routine appointment. However, a heart study showed that immediate by-pass surgery was necessary.

The next week, at home recuperating, Sheldon called Rachel and asked her to come by the house. He and Ruthie were ready to establish a fund with the Jewish Fund for the Future.

"We had always intended to include the Delaware Jewish community in our estate planning," noted Sheldon, "in fact, in 1985, as a Federation Board member, I signed a 'Letter of Intent' that I would establish such a gift in the future." "Ruthie and I are both involved with and interested in supporting numerous organizations in the United States and in Israel. We have served on the Boards of the Kutz Home, Jewish Family Service

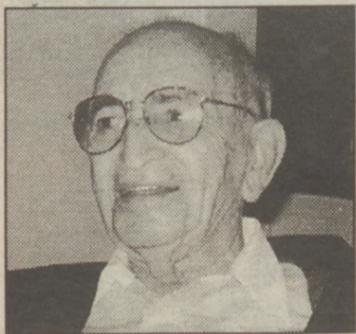
and the Jewish Federation of Delaware and Ruthie is also concerned with wildlife and the welfare of animals. When Rachel mentioned that we could establish a Philanthropic Fund with the Jewish Fund for the Future, we realized that such a vehicle fit our needs perfectly. Our fund enables us to continue to be personally involved with our giving and it streamlines the process for us. Because our children and grandchildren live far away we travel frequently to see them. Our fund allows us to make gifts at any time during the year. In addition, Rachel has the resources to research some of the programs and organizations we have seen in Israel or to suggest others that may meet our interests."

"My successful surgery was an encouragement as well as a wake up call for us. Ruthie and I finalized our estate plan and established our community gift without delay."



Ruthie and Sheldon Weinstein

Who Was Milton Lundy?



Milton Lundy on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Many of you may ask, who is Milton Lundy and why did he leave a gift to the Israel Emergency Fund through the Jewish Federation of Delaware? These are excellent questions. Most people in the Delaware Jewish community did not know Mr.

Lundy, a Philadelphian whose sole connection to Delaware is through his daughter, Andrea Barros, of Wyoming, Delaware.

The son of a kosher butcher, Milton Lundy was born in Philadelphia. He started in business with a horse and wagon as his office and eventually grew his business into the Quaker City Meat Company.

Since his death, Andrea has acted as the Executor of his estate. She noted that it has been interesting for her to look back through his checkbook and see both the number and diverse nature of the organizations that he supported. In addition to Jewish charities, he supported women's shelters, an Italian nunnery and Catholic Charities. "If he felt it was a worthy cause he would write a check. He had a rule though,

he would give to each organization once a year. If they asked [him for funds] too frequently they were cut off."

"He was a real philanthropist but he usually gave quietly so people never knew."

Mr. Lundy was a long time member of Har Zion Congregation in Penn Valley. Even after moving to Florida in the 1970's, he and his wife Mae continued to support local Philadelphia charities as well as many others. The Lundys are major supporters of the Uptown Home for the Aged, now Golden Slipper, to which he also allocated funds in his estate planning. In addition to the gift to the Israel Emergency Fund through the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Mr. Lundy left funds to Temple Beth Shalom of Dover.

In 1976, when Mr. Lundy executed the unitrust agreement that provided these gifts he could not have known that today, Israel would need these funds more than ever. The funds Mr. Lundy left have been sent to the Israel Emergency Fund to purchase armored vests and/or vehicles as needed.

(Mr. Lundy died on February 18,

2001 at the age of 90. Mrs. Mae Lundy lives independently and continues to support Jewish causes. In addition to his daughter, Mr. Lundy leaves 7 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Andrea Barros is married to Richard, a Dover native whose father came to Dover in 1913 and helped found Beth Shalom.)



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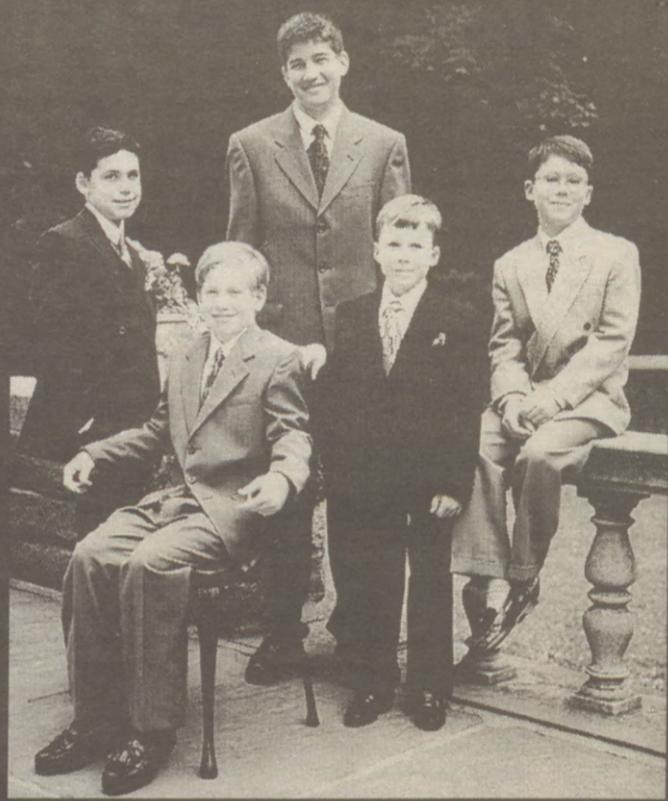
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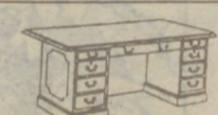
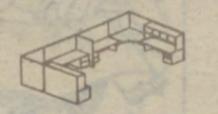
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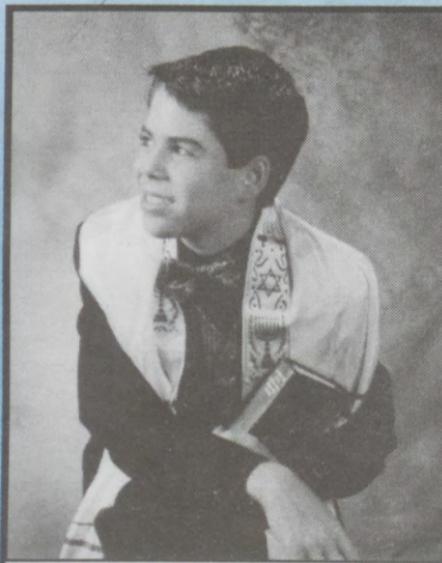
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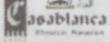
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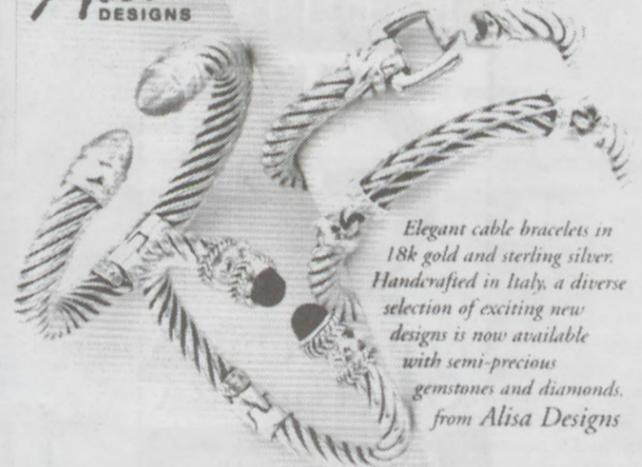
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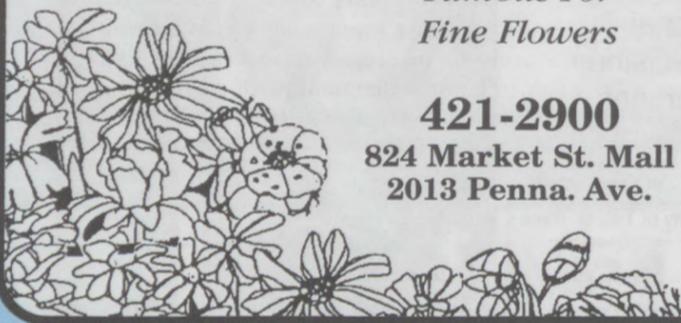
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Experience The "Exodus" During January's Chai Brunch

By Lynn Edelman, Editor

Hear about the historic warship "The Exodus" from its helmsman, William Millman. Then, see the saga of the 4,530 Holocaust survivors who set sail for Palestine aboard the ship come to life in the digitally remastered version of the classic movie "Exodus". This exclusive Delaware screening, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the film's release, will be staged on Sunday, January 20, 1:00 p.m. at the Baby Grand Theatre in downtown Wilmington.

The movie, starring Paul Newman and Eva Marie Saint, is part of an international tour that includes more than 150 cities around the world. Tour producer Phil Blazer describes the film as "...a universal story of struggle and determination for freedom." He believes that the film, based on the award-winning book by author Leon Uris, is "a statement for the millions of people of all faiths who love Israel and who value democracy, free speech and human dignity."

The movie screening is open to the entire Delaware Jewish community. Attendees will enjoy a special dessert reception during intermis-

sion. The Chai Brunch that precedes the screening, is designed for those who contribute a minimum household gift of \$2,036 or individuals who contribute \$1,018 to the 2002 Jewish Federation of Delaware UJA Annual Campaign.

Chai Event Co-Chairs Wendy and Buddy Berger and Dorothy and

David Bobman are excited that William Millman will speak extensively during the brunch about how the ferry ship that was built in Wilmington and was originally named the "President Warfield", was renamed "Exodus, 1947" during its perilous battle with the British. Millman, who spent six

weeks recovering from injuries he sustained during this conflict, was honored by the Israel Defense Forces for his bravery.

For further information about the Chai Brunch and/or the 40th anniversary screening of "Exodus", please call Amalia Snyderman, campaign associate, at 302-427-

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Gala Installation Weekend Planned for Hazzan Horwitz

By Marvin S. Cytron

Congregation Beth Shalom will formally welcome Hazzan Michael Horwitz and his wife Heidi with a "Weekend of Song", January 25-27, 2002. The culmination of the weekend will be the formal installation of Hazzan Horwitz as the synagogue's cantor. Cantor Emil Berkovits of Beth El Synagogue, Omaha, Nebraska will participate in the weekend activities and formally install Hazzan Horwitz on Sunday.

Cantor Horwitz is from St. Louis, MO and attended the H.F. Epstein Academy, the oldest Hebrew Day School in that city of over 60,000 Jews. He is a graduate of Indiana University and a 1999 graduate of the H.L. Miller Cantorial School of the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS). Active in various circles he has performed at numerous plays and concerts including a member of a troupe that performed at the inauguration of President Ronald Reagan. He has served as associate cantor to Beth El synagogue, Omaha and cantor to synagogues in New Jersey and Florida. As a JTS student he served as the High Holy Day cantor at the University of Delaware Hillel. Hazzan Horwitz is an accomplished long distance runner and completed 23 Marathons, most recently the Philadelphia Marathon in November. Hazzan Horwitz and his wife, Heidi, moved

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MATTER OF OPINION

An Attack From Within

By Jay Krinsky

Do the Nations ever learn from the past? Here I am living in the Holy Land, in Jerusalem raising a family, paying my taxes, and trying to enjoy what there is in this life when terrorists are invited in to make peace. How is this possible? Remember Jordan expelled the PLO, as did Yemen, and Lebanon. Before Mr. Perez for whatever reasons of his own, arranged to invite in the murderers of athletes from the Munich Olympics, the murderers of Mr. Klinghoffer (a paraplegic who was thrown overboard), the murders of children in the Maalot School, could the current situation not have been foreseen? The PLO was bankrupt and selling off properties to stay solvent, and Mr. Perez ran to their rescue with Oslo.

Mr. Arafat speaks two languages - one is peace to the world, but to his own people is war. The texts in schools under his auspices teach hate. The after-school programs, which children are forced to attend, teach the merits of giving your life for "the cause." The new museum/exhibit of glorifying the Sbarro Pizza store bombers and showing

scenes of dismembered limbs among pizza slices is not the way to foster peaceful relations that Mr. Arafat claims is his goal. The revolving door policy of arrests when American pressure is put on him only to release them or somehow having a prison break happen when the pressure is eased is not right. It is not arrests, nor is it prison.

Before this "Peace Process" I was able to shop in Ramallah, Hebron, and other areas that now, when a Jew enters, he is bound to be lynched. Shop owners and residents in these areas are starving and not because of Israeli blockades. If the protection money that they are forced to pay to the PA is not enough to make them broke, then the fear of shoppers to enter those areas will. Most residents within the PA areas are law abiding citizens. They only want to survive. When asked if the new sources of income from donor countries will help, they shake their heads "no" and point to the new palaces being built for the new PA Elite; they mention worldwide properties that the PA is purchasing knowing that

their time may be up. They are waiting for the good old days to return when the Israeli Social Security took care of them. Waiting for mother and child clinics to reopen to take care of their children - they are waiting for what they had to return.

In October when I was in the US, I felt a fear when walking through the shopping malls and various buildings. The fear of anthrax poisoning was palpable. I have never felt this in Israel until now. When buying a pizza becomes a choice of living, when allowing your children to meet with their friends downtown can become a nightmare, when taking a bus ride may be your last, there is a problem. Seeing a friend running with his arm a spurting bloody stump, all because he had a beer in town after work, has an effect on you. It's one thing when it's an anonymous person on TV, but when you're a parent of a victim it is something else. Israel has been attacked many times. But this time because of the invitation of the politicians, it's an attack from within.

When Oslo was launched there were two camps in Israel - one

applauding it, and the other in mourning. There has been more death and destruction since Oslo then ever before. Which side was in retrospect correct? Mr. Arafat was chosen as a "peace partner" because the Arab on the street was seen to want him. The world bought this, and a series of treaties were established. For giving land Israel would have peace. When asked, the PA would extradite criminals for trial for giving up more land. There was to be law within the PA territories if the PA had territory to control. None of this has happened. Now we see the mourning was not in error when the Oslo documents were signed. The bus bombings and the street bombings of the late 90's, the constant state of war since over a year ago prove that a great mistake has been made.

When terror is rampant, Arafat says he can't control all the people. If he can't, there was a mistake made and we need to find out who can control them. His legitimacy is as the leader of his people, but if he also says he doesn't represent his people what are we to believe?

When the World Trade Centers were destroyed there was dancing in the streets of Ramallah and Hebron by not only the riff raff as the world has been told by the PA, but on closer look at the early photos, we see PA police dancing too. When photographers were caught filming the lynching of two Israelis last year we see PA police murdering these men. When the US army barracks was demolished in Kuwait due to a scud missile, there was dancing on the rooftops in Jenin? When bombers have been sent from FATAH, the stronghold of Arafat, who is fooled. The world is fooled.

For every atrocity that has been done, why is Israel blamed? Why does the world blame Israel for this mess and say give more land, give more and more. Why is Israel at fault? Israel is at fault, and is right to be blamed - because it invited terrorists into its land and now doesn't know what to do.

The writer, Jay Krinsky, was raised in Wilmington and is the son of Sheila and Burt Krinsky. He now lives in Jerusalem and is a columnist for the Jerusalem Post.

By Nechemia Meyers

The Palestinian terrorists are not "equal opportunity killers." A clear majority of their victims are low income people, new immigrants and foreign workers. This is because they target busses and bus stations, where established and prosperous Israelis are seldom found.

If, for example, you look at the list of those killed or injured in the Haifa bus that was blown up by a suicide bomber, you find that most of the men and women on it fit into one or another of those categories. Particularly notable were the Filipina care-givers, two of

whom died while another four remain in hospital. They suffered by virtue of the fact that the incident took place on Sunday, their day off. It is then that they go to church, as most are religious, and afterwards relax with one another.

Filipinos who are in the country legally, will enjoy the same support offered by the government to all victims of terrorism. However, it won't go to those who are not, unless the authorities decide to ignore the letter of the law.

Young people share the distinction of being disproportionately represented in recent casualty lists. They too ride busses (until they are old enough to get a driver's license)

and they may even be specially targeted by suicide bombers, several of whom have recently blown themselves up in recreation areas catering primarily to youngsters. Perhaps the terrorist leaders assume, not without reason, that the morale of Israelis is hit particularly hard when they learn about teenagers torn to pieces by a bomb.

It was certainly heart-rending to look at the newspaper pages filled with photographs and brief biographies of the ten young men killed in Jerusalem last Saturday night. The youngest of them was 14-year-old Adam Weinstein, an eighth grader. Before going out to

meet with some friends, he told his mother that she needn't worry because the get-together was to be at "a well-guarded" shopping center on the outskirts of the city. But instead the kids met in the center of Jerusalem, where death lay in waiting.

In the four paragraphs that accompanied the photo, readers learned that according to Assaf, Adam's older brother, "he was mad about computers, played the piano and always had a smile on his face."

Also quoted was Ruthie, a friend of his parents, who said: "On Friday I bought the fourth Harry Potter book and planned giving it

to Adam as a present. Its still in my car, but now he isn't here to receive it."

Among those wounded that night was an entire group of 14 students from the Rene Cassin High School, who were at a Jerusalem cafe to celebrate the 16th birthday of two classmates. Quite by chance, several other students from that same school who work as volunteers with Magen David Adom—Israel's Red Cross—were sent to bring their wounded friends to nearby hospitals.

Israel has now retaliated. But it is hard to believe that this will end the nightmare of burning busses and blood-drenched streets.

Who Gets Killed?

Durban And Geneva: Same Old Story

By Rachel Lerner

For many, the horrific events of September 11th challenged fundamental assumptions and resulted in serious introspection. But for others, there was a rapid return to business as usual. Such is the case of the Arab and Islamic bloc at the United Nations, which resumed its campaign to malign Israel in the eyes of the world. The venue this time is Geneva, where the Swiss were persuaded to convene a conference of High Contracting Parties to question Israel's compliance with the Fourth Geneva Convention. The Convention is aimed at protecting civilians in territory under military occupation.

The Arab and Islamic nations would have us believe that they called for this meeting out of their deep concern for human rights and the welfare of the Palestinian people. But they are not fooling anyone with their specious claims. These are the very same tactics that were used only a few months ago at the World Conference against Racism in Durban, South

Africa. The Arab nations hijacked what was intended to be a groundbreaking effort to identify and examine racial injustice and instead was perverted into a forum for their own anti-Israel agenda.

In Durban they used terms like "racism" and "discrimination" to veil their malicious intentions. Now the Arab and Islamic nations are pursuing their ultimate goal - to make Israel a pariah state - under the guise of "human rights." Once again they are co-opting humanitarian language (and an important legal instrument adopted in response to Nazi atrocities in World War II) for political means.

If these nations really cared about human rights they might want to stop violating them themselves, before singling out Israel for censure. In "A Memo to American Muslims" published recently in major American newspapers by Dr. M. A. Muqtedar Khan, of the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, Khan writes, "While we loudly and consistently condemn Israel for its ill treatment of

Palestinians, we are silent when Muslim regimes abuse the rights of Muslims... Remember Saddam and his use of chemical weapons against Muslims (Kurds)?... Do you know how the Saudis treated their minority Shiis? Have we protested the violation of their rights? But we are eager to condemn Israel; not because we care for their rights and the lives of the Palestinians, we don't. We condemn Israel because we hate them."

Khan has hit the nail on the head. Hatred is the motivation for the conference in Geneva. But as we witnessed on September 11th, hatred cannot bring about anything constructive. It will not bring peace or a better life to the Palestinian people. Hatred topples buildings and extinguishes life. It can only result in destruction.

In his foreign policy address two weeks ago, Secretary of State Colin Powell demanded that the Palestinian Authority stop inciting violence and start accepting Israel as a legitimate negotiating partner. But as former American

Ambassador to Israel, Martin Indyk pointed out in a recent op-ed in the Washington Post, recognition by the Palestinians alone is not sufficient if peace is our goal. If peace is our goal then our Arab allies, particularly Egypt and Saudi Arabia, whose influence over Chairman Arafat and the Palestinian Authority is so strong that it can make or break the peace process, must also take responsibility for creating conditions conducive to peacemaking.

If the Arab and Islamic nations are really interested in Palestinian welfare and self-determination

they will stop manipulating well-intentioned conferences and international humanitarian law. They will stop their attempts to delegitimize Israel, which will only harden the Palestinian position and turn them away from the peace process. They must understand once and for all that the only path to a Palestinian state is through direct negotiations with the Israelis. Unfortunately, most of the Arab and Islamic world is still caught in its pre-September 11th rut.

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THE RABBI WRITES

Where Have All The 'Thees' And 'Thous' Gone?

By Rabbi Steven M. Leapman
Congregation Beth Emeth,
Wilmington

Given this title, please don't envision me in a three-piece suit and starched collar. Those who know me won't say I stand on ceremony. I don't read fashion magazines. The only reason I know which fork goes with salad is for a series of college busboy jobs. My undergraduate university has a famous school of diplomacy. I never took a class.

So what am I talking about? It is has been said, with sadness, cynicism, and yes accuracy, that Jewish organizational life spends many resources putting out fires and responding to crises. That does have some legitimacy, both as a charge and as a complaint. In our defense, Jews often are immersed in the work of social justice and humanitarian relief. This is a cruel world and those who wish to remedy suffering have a lot to do, effectively and efficiently. As well, we know from oppression. Many of us have a built in sense of insecurity about our standing in society, even the United States. Complacency dulls ethical sensibilities; this just doesn't go with those who claim a prophetic legacy.

But I am ordained to focus on the welfare of the Jewish soul as well as the Jewish community. This means those who affiliate and

those who do not. We must be honest. As members of a dynamically productive American subculture, we vote with our feet, showing ourselves absent and lacking in terms of attendance and interest in far too many settings! Something is making many people reluctant to participate, affiliate, and be publicly Jewish! Has the business of Jewish life been more "busy" than "Jewish?"

We must start wherein we are situated. You see, since we Jews have made it in America, we need to analyze where we have made it, and what is that "it." I call your attention to a book by Yale Law Professor, Stephen L. Carter. Ponder his title. I hope you'll see one of the great maladies of our era: *Civility: Manners, Morals, and the Etiquette of Democracy*. We come to my primary contention: We are so busy being productive, proud, capable, and accomplished that we have abandoned the essential courtesies fundamental to truly humane relationships.

Our calendars are so fluid, furious, and variable that we create and name a device to manage them that is radically portable, and also bespeaks our compellingly endless urgencies: *the palm pilot!* What is really flying our plane and where to, at such speed? Who will we be upon our arrival? I recently

went to purchase a watch and had a bold insight into the pace of my life and content of my priorities when I learned how many gizmos I thought I needed to program into a basic time marking device. Why do our *wristwatches* have built-in computers, date/address/phone books, alarms and settings for cities anywhere on the globe? Must our souls span the planet while we make sense of life in one city? Is the minivan that shuttles kids and parents between states and soccer matches a proper place for a child to prepare homework? Can a Torah portion really be put on tape? Is there a performance we are preparing, or a spirit we're crafting?

What will future anthropologists say of a citizenry who had to literally take their lives into their hands every day, palm piloted and racing

from appointment to meeting, here to there and back again, leaving behind many of the bonds of family, faith, and friendship that were the bedrock of less advanced, yet far more stable stages of our past? How can this agenda accommodate any true sense of Shabbat, especially in an era when the web and its supplicants never know a sunset? What happens to our souls, manners and morals, as time leads us on a maddened chase to an apathy, entropy, and emptiness words cannot chart! How do we define our success if we are so lonely?

I cannot tell you the number of therapists, teachers, and parents who lament to me as a rabbi about the misuse/abuse of medications to get kids and adults to perform, comply, and cooperate. We are so task-oriented that the corners of personality and vestiges person-

hood wherein lie great richness are simply too cumbersome for our patience and politeness in a Ritalin-intoxicated age. Sure the work gets done, but we miss something at the heart of what it means to know and enjoy human interactions.

This is where Judaism can yet heal us. Our faith prizes the quality of how we treat one another. Humility is one of the greatest virtues, as decreed by the rabbi. No, I don't wish a return to Victorian excess in social address. But the lack of civility that dominates American life affects the will to come home to Jews and Judaism amongst our far too numerous disenchanted and disenfranchised. We don't need more sessions, programs or well-intentioned officials carrying paper-cramped clipboards at events and gatherings.

What we do need is to remember Jewish lessons: any one soul could be the messiah; not even God can forgive sins committed between one another; but for the sake of the entire universe, each soul was created. We need to forsake our false ownership of time and bring Shabbat back into our weeks and weekends. We must be Jewish as well as American, and see others as worthy of the time and courtesy necessary to invoke a "thee" or "thou." But that is, if we can make or find the time?



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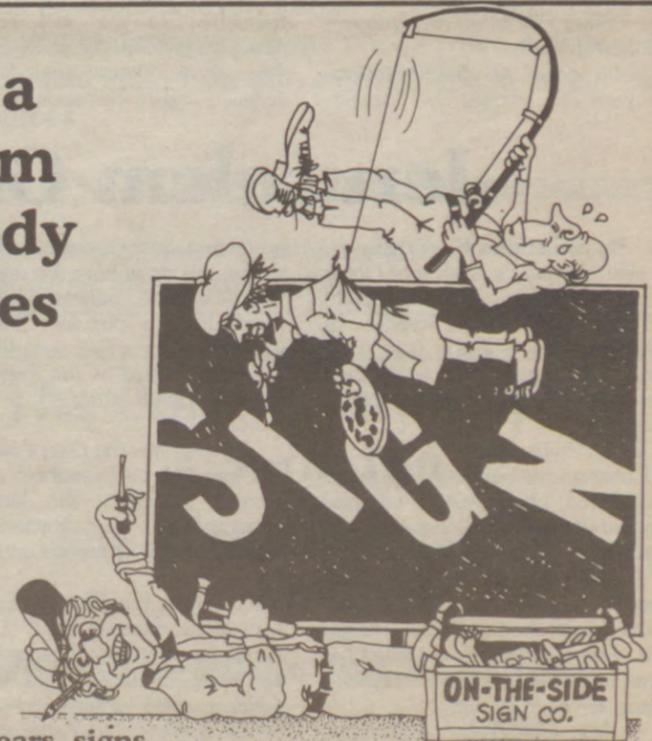


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BEHIND THE HEADLINES

A 'Jewish Marshall Plan' - Revitalizing Hebrew Schools

By Julie Wiener, JTA

BOSTON— After generations as the whipping boy of the American Jewish community, Hebrew schools have become the latest cause of the Reform movement.

In his Shabbat sermon at the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' biennial conference here last week, Rabbi Eric Yoffie, the president, said congregational schools "have fallen victim to the plague of low expectations."

Yoffie's sermon is usually viewed as the centerpiece of the biennial, where major priorities for the following two years are announced.

The last two biennial sermons have focused on adult Jewish literacy and revitalizing prayer services.

Both became major initiatives for America's largest stream of Judaism, which boasts 914 congregations and 330,000 households across North America.

For many parents, Yoffie said, religious school is "the castor oil of Jewish life, a burden passed from parent to child with the following admonition:

"I hated it, you'll hate it, and after your Bar Mitzvah, you can quit." Yoffie acknowledged that "a quality religious school alone cannot guarantee that our children will be Jewish."

But since religious school serves "the largest number of children for the longest period of time," it is "the key that opens the door to the grand adventure of Jewish learning and Jewish life."

Yoffie called on Jewish philanthropists to create a "Jewish

Marshall Plan for the religious school" and urged the Reform movement to invest in improving its congregational schools, which enroll 120,000 students.

But while money is important, he said, vision and commitment are more important.

"Faced with a hunger for Torah and schools adrift," he said, Reform Jews must "mobilize ourselves for religious education as we have in the Past for the State of Israel and the fight against discrimination." He announced the development of a new Reform curriculum called "Chai Learning for Jewish Life," saying it offers a full course in Hebrew language, focuses on "text and celebration" and de-emphasizes "the Holocaust and history of Jewish suffering."

He also called for increased teacher training and said the UAHC will exempt from temple dues to the movement all expenses related to teacher training.

In addition, Yoffie urged the following steps to revitalize Hebrew schools:

"Engage lay leaders in the work of the religious schools, particularly in overseeing policy and evaluation;

"Recruit and train synagogue members and parents to help teach, and make such work an "obligation of synagogue leadership";

"Require all religious school parents to attend school with their children at least six times per year; and

"Impose standards — flexible standards, to be sure, but standards nonetheless. Even the youngest children should know that Reform Judaism makes demands on us; it

does not mean doing whatever you please." Yoffie emphasized that he supports Jewish day schools as well, an area that has boomed in recent years. There are 18 Reform day schools in North America.

But he noted that the majority of non-Orthodox American Jews do not — and likely never will — attend day schools.

Yoffie's announcements were well-received at the biennial, generating frequent applause.

"He's really nailed the problem," Jane Jacobson of Congregation Havurah in Buffalo, N.Y., reflecting the views of many.

Paul Flexner, who recently staffed a task force on improving congregational schools for the Jewish Education Service of North America, praised Yoffie for making this issue a priority.

However, he said that improving schools will require a local as well as a national commitment.

Yoffie's speech "raises the level of importance and significance of this agenda item on the local agendas," Flexner said.

"By his making it the main thrust of the movement, he's giving a push to the local institutions to say we better do something."

Congregational schools have not yet attracted the kind of mega-philanthropic support that other Jewish renaissance efforts, such as day schools, campus Hillels and synagogue transformation efforts have garnered in recent years.

But Yoffie's push for congregational schools comes amid several other national efforts to strengthen Hebrew school education.



Former Rep. Joseph Kennedy returns a sacred Torah scroll to Reform Jewish movement leaders at their biennial convention in Boston Friday. Rabbi Eric Yoffie, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, right, and Rabbi David Saperstein, Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington look on. Photo by Michael Fox

JESNA is sponsoring a 50-person "think tank" this week to look at "critical success factors in congregational education," develop "new strategies for advancing congregational education and creating a more dynamic system," Flexner said.

The Conservative movement is also revamping its Hebrew school curriculum.

And the Experiment in Congregational Education, a synagogue transformation initiative operated out of the Reform movement's Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, is launching a pilot project early next year in San Francisco and Kansas City aimed at improving congrega-

tional schools.

The experimental initiative is also working to help synagogues replicate the success of several innovative congregational schools.

Among the models are family programs that meet on Shabbat; Keshet, an after-school day care program in Cambridge, Mass. that incorporates Jewish learning and camp-like activities; and several programs in which students can choose from a choice of schedules.

Robert Weinberg, executive director of the initiative called Yoffie's new focus on congregational schools "terrific."

"The notion of putting more attention into congregational education is vital," he said.

Jerusalem Grimly Celebrates Chanukah

By Shoshana Kordova

With this year's Festival of Lights falling just a week after Palestinian terrorists turned the center of Jerusalem into a killing field, residents are struggling not to let their fear deter them from their holiday celebration.

Ben Yehuda Street, the scene of a double suicide bombing on Dec. 1 That killed 11 people, is an odd mixture of Chanukah festivities and bombing memorial.

A little boy stood at a table Tuesday cutting pink cellophane into a dreidel shape, while a little girl in a silver-colored crown moved her arms in imitation of the storyteller sitting across from her.

A few feet away, technicians were setting up a sound system on a

portable stage for a concert. In large letters, the stage bore the message, "We came to banish darkness," words from a popular Chanukah song that also reflect something of the public mood as the Palestinian intifada bleeds through its 15th month.

Tuesday was the first of five days of Chanukah performances and art projects funded by the Jerusalem municipality, said Rachel Ben Asher, director of mobile art for the city.

Following the Dec. 1 bombing, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert decided to organize holiday festivities in the center of town, both in memory of the victims and to raise people's spirits, Ben Asher said.

At the bottom of Ben Yehuda,

next to Zion Square, dying flowers and the empty tins of memorial candles commemorate the site of one explosion. A sign propped in a nearby tree reads, "The nation of Israel is alive and strong." The sound stage sits on the site of the other explosion.

"It's a lot nicer to pass by and create, listen to music and watch performers, than to pass by and look at all the candles and feel an ache in the heart," Ben Asher said.

Today was the first day Rina Cohen Sabari, 44, had been in town since the attack.

"I'm afraid for my son," she said, stringing beads next to Lidor, 5, who was doing the same.

"It's a shame to miss out" on the festivities, Cohen Sabari said of her

decision to come to the city center, yet she's not relaxed about the decision.

"I'm telling him, 'Hurry up, hurry up, let's go,'" she said. Others also said they refuse to change their routines. Inbar Goshecsini, 22, adopted a fatalistic approach.

"If I'm destined to die, I'll die," she said. "My father tells me not to go out for fun. What's the difference? I can also die when I go to work."

Soon after the attack, Goshecsini, a beauty consultant, lit candles at the site. Now she wants to get back to her normal life.

"No one's going to lock me up in the house," she said, standing across the street from the Sbarro's pizzeria, where another major

attack took place in August. "I want to live normally."

Ora and Moshe Chayat came into Jerusalem from the town of Kochav Yair with their baby and 13-year-old daughter. "It doesn't deter us," said Ora Chayat, 40. "On the contrary, every place you don't go to is just a reward for terrorism."

Further away from downtown, Tamar Hacoheh, 24, expressed the Combination of fear and determination that characterized many responses.

"There is some fear, yes," she said, standing with her husband and two daughters. "But I don't think it causes us to change our routine."

"It could be that we think twice," she said about traveling into town — "but then we go."

Gala Installation Weekend

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to Wilmington in August. Heidi is from Gainesville, Florida and currently works as an occupational therapist at the Richardson Park Center and the Meadowood Program.

Cantor Berkovits was born in Czechoslovakia where the tradition of cantor was passed from one generation to another. Emil, along with his brother, Edward, followed in the footsteps of their father, Gabriel, and three previous generations who were all established

cantors. Following World War II, Emil emigrated to Canada along with his family and became well known as a child soloist. He studied music at McGill University-Conservatory of Music and later attended and instructed at Mishkan Tefillah Academy Cantorial School. He has appeared in many concerts with famous cantors of our times as well as the Yiddish theatre and has performed concerts with his father and brother throughout the United States and Canada. Cantor Berkovits is an honorary Fellow of the Cantors

Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary and has been cantor of Beth El Synagogue, in Omaha since 1981.

The gala weekend commences Friday, January 25 with a 6:30 p.m. family Shabbat dinner at the synagogue followed by 8:00 p.m. services and an Oneg Shabbat. Reservations are necessary for the family dinner and should be made by calling the synagogue office (302 654 4462). Cantor Berkovits will lead portions of the Saturday morning services as part of "Shabbat Shirah", beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Cantor Berkovits will formally install Hazzan Horwitz. Joining Cantor Berkovits will be Rabbi Daniel Satlow, Rabbi Joshua Finklestein, Rabbi of Temple Emanuel of North Jersey and Cantor Marcey Wagner, of the Jewish Congregation of Brookville, NY. Rabbi Finkelstein, grandson of Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, long time chancellor of JTS, worked with Hazzan Horwitz in New Jersey several years ago. Cantor Wagner was a classmate of Hazzan Horwitz and currently

serves on the Executive Council of the Cantors Assembly. Rabbi Daniel Satlow, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom will speak on "The Renewed Relationship Between Rabbi and Hazzan". Musical presentations will be presented by Hazzan Horwitz along with guest cantors and a combined choir from Beth Shalom and the Albert Einstein Academy. A reception will follow the installation.

The community is cordially invited to all of the weekend events.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Jewish Penicillin for The Neshuma

A review of *Chicken Soup for the Jewish Soul* by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins. Softcover-\$12.95

So, sweeties, glad you're reading this, as always, great issue of *The Jewish Voice!*

When my relative, Essa Bissele, *The Voice's* cookbook reviewer, suggested that I share the pleasure of writing for Delaware's best Jewish newspaper, I almost *plotzed* with pleasure, and here goes...

As the cover says, these are "stories to open the heart and rekindle the spirit," and Lord knows, post 9-11 we can use all the rekindling we can get!

There are 101 tales which tell about "the powerful bonds of

affectionate family life, the strict demand for fairness and social justice, the record-breaking and big-hearted reputation for charity, and the unwavering commitment of the 'People of the Book' to their G-d, their Torah and their homeland, Israel." The book is divided into eight sections: To Life, Being A Jew, On Love and Kindness, Our Common Humanity, Family, The Holocaust, Insights and Lessons, and Eclectic Wisdom. There are gems in each section, such as: "The Cantor and the Klansman," by Kathryn Watterson; "Four Jewish Boys in the Presbyterian Choir," by George Burns (the George Burns?); and "The Jewish Mayor and Mother Teresa," by Mayor Edward I. Koch.

And, would you believe there's a story with a Delaware connection! There is a story by Naomi Bluestone, now deceased, who was a psychiatrist, accomplished writer and speaker. She told the story of "Mary the Maid," among other stories, at her mother's funeral, eliciting tears and laughter to those present (according to the authors).

How many of you dear readers remember Harry Bluestone? The short story begins: "When I was growing up in Delaware, my dad was a Jewish communal worker, and my mom a professional Hebrew teacher. They were truly pillars of the community. Nevertheless my mom took great pride in keeping a *balbatisch* (dignified, decorous) house, and train-

ing her daughters to do the same." The short story goes on to tell how Dad (Harry Bluestone, yes?) saw Mom cleaning the window by hanging out it (obviously before the days of double-hung storm windows!). And "thinking that it was undignified for the wife of the executive director of the Jewish Community Center to be seen in this activity...told Mom in no uncertain terms that she must get someone to help her." After much reluctance, Mom "found a suitable candidate through Sylvia Rosenbaum, who lived across the street. Mary was a Polish woman with a long last name consisting of a string on unpronounceable consonants." Dr. Bluestone goes on to tell the story how Mary came to the house every Thursday, leaving

it sparkling. Mom, meanwhile, constantly updated the family with stories of Mary, a divorced woman, and her two sons. Read this sweet story yourself to find out just who Mary the Maid really was (I can't help it, I love mysteries)!

In closing, in the press information, sent out with the preview copy, there's a statement by Delaware's own U.S. Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr.: "Chicken Soup for the Jewish Soul serves wisdom for and from the ages, informed by horror and by humor, by lessons of the battlefield and of the kitchen table. It will nourish anyone's faith."

You don't have to be Jewish to like *Chicken Soup for the Jewish Soul*. Enjoy!



When the phone rings

On Sunday, January 27, 2002, we won't ask you to personally deliver food to the hungry, make visits to the homebound, or distribute clothing and fuel to the needy elderly in the former Soviet Union. We won't ask you to comfort an Israeli mother who has lost a child in a terrorist attack or lobby Congress to provide prescription drugs to people on Medicare. We won't ask you to teach Hebrew school or be a summer camp counselor or keep house for someone who's too sick to do it for themselves. We won't ask you to take a young adult to Israel or even attend a Jewish arts show at the JCC. On Sunday, January 27, 2002, all we'll ask you to do is pick up the phone when it rings and say "Yes." Sunday, January 27, 2002 is Super Sunday and it all starts with you. When one of our volunteers calls, give generously of your time and resources.

To volunteer for Super Sunday please call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at 302-427-2100 ext. 30 or log on to www.shalomdelaware.org

The Jewish Federation of Delaware welcomes those who would like to connect with the Jewish Community and encourages the participation of interfaith families, couples and significant others in all of its activities.

Campaign Theme

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After dozens of proposed plans, the Garden of Eden Road agencies endorsed a plan conceived by project architects MGA Partners and the Jewish Federation of Delaware Board of Directors accepted the design at its December 6 meeting. Following New Castle County zoning and permit procedures, these plans are being submitted by February 1 for the County's "preliminary plan" review.

Speaking to the renovations in store for the Garden of Eden Road campus facility, Alan Greenberger, President of MGA Partners, commented, "our firm was drawn to this project because of the opportunity to revitalize an outstanding building designed by one of the country's most prestigious architects - The Architect's Collaborative - in 1968. Though the building had outgrown its usefulness, it was clear to us from the master plan that the community had a vision for itself that reflected the same qualities that inspired the original building—a commitment to excellence and to the long term well being of its members. Our

own work is focused on the community and the way in which architecture can inspire and enhance the life of a place. We believe that the proposed additions and renovations hold the promise of a stronger integration of the many aspects of Jewish life sustained in this building."

Greenberger continued, "We were also very taken with the setting of the campus—a surprisingly peaceful and pastoral landscape tucked behind a busy commercial strip. We felt challenged by the idea of creating new space that could strengthen that setting and, at the same time, prevent the building from being swallowed by a sea of cars. The evolution of the plan - developed collaboratively with the community - as a series of one-story additions, has allowed us to shape outdoor space and create a dynamic relationship between the inside and the outside. Of further benefit, the plan now allows each of the major functions on the campus to have a stronger identity while being connected to each other through the new central atrium - a space that we are designing to be the warm and inviting heart

of the campus." **Public Phase Campaign Commences**

Coinciding with the county approval process now being pursued, the Community Capital Campaign has launched its public phase with the goal of enlisting the support of every member of the community in this historic project. Personal solicitations, home-hosted Parlor Meetings, special events, and various forms of direct marketing will be conducted by the fundraising consulting firm of Waters, Pelton, Ostroff & Associates, Inc. In the fall of 1998 WPO conducted a feasibility study to determine community capacity for a capital campaign and since that time has been directing the "Quiet Stage" of the effort, which has resulted in the \$16 million achievement to date.

From Generation to Generation ... For Generations to Come, the Community Capital Campaign will ensure a vibrant Jewish community. To learn more about the campaign, contact Seth Bloom, Community Capital Campaign Director, 798-9366 or capitalcampaign@shalomdel.org.

The Community Capital Campaign For Delaware's Jewish Community

From Generation to Generation... For Generations to Come



Campaign Goal: \$23,000,000

Achievement to Date: \$16,170,000 (as of December 11, 2001)

MILESTONES

Holocaust Hero Dies At 90

By Peter Ephross
JTA

Gerhart Riegner, who first alerted the world to the Nazi plan to exterminate the Jews, died of pneumonia Monday in Switzerland at the age of 90.

Riegner was working for the World Jewish Congress in the summer of 1942 when he received intelligence information that the Nazis were planning to murder Europe's Jews.

On Aug. 8, 1942, he gave his cable to U.S. representatives in Switzerland.

"Received alarming report" that the Nazis are discussing a plan "according to which all Jews in countries occupied or controlled by Germany, numbering 3-1/2 to 4 million, should, after deportation and concentration in east, be exterminated," the cable read.

Riegner asked the U.S. government to pass the cable to Rabbi Stephen Wise, president of the World Jewish Congress.

However, the State Department said it would not pass on cables from private sources. Instead, it checked with the Vatican and the Red Cross, which both said they



Gerhart Riegner

didn't know of any plans to exterminate Jews.

By the fall of 1942, witness accounts had convinced State Department skeptics of the accuracy of Riegner's report.

But President Franklin D. Roosevelt didn't create the War Refugee Board in an attempt to save Jews until January 1944.

"Never did I feel so strongly the sense of abandonment, powerlessness and loneliness as when I sent messages of disaster and horror to

the free world and no one believed me," Riegner later wrote. Despite these feelings — or perhaps because of them — Riegner devoted his life to Jewish causes and human rights.

After World War II, Riegner was active in interfaith efforts and established the main Jewish group

involved in dialogue with the Catholic Church, the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations.

Riegner was born in Germany and immigrated to Switzerland in the 1930s. Yet he never became a Swiss citizen, highlighting the fact that he had been made stateless

before the war — and that the Jewish people had suffered such atrocities because they had been stateless as well.

Riegner, who served as secretary-general of the WJC from 1965 to 1983, also was deeply involved in the immigration of North African Jews to Israel.

In Memoriam

DONNER

Seymour (Cy) Donner, age 83, died December 4. He served with distinction during World War II with the U.S. Navy and later, with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. Until his retirement in 1983, he served as CEO of the Holly City Corporation, a foundry materials manufacturing firm. For the past ten years, he enjoyed serving as docent with the Hagley Museum. He will be deeply missed by his wife of 58 years, Betty; his son, Richard; his daughter-in-law, Gail and his grandchildren, Rachel, Joshua and Hallie. He was laid to rest next to his son, Bob, at Lombardy Cemetery on Foulk Road. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

JAFFE

William Earle Jaffe of Baltimore, MD, died November 8. The beloved

husband of Joan Kramer, he will also be missed by his children, David Jaffe and Elizabeth Smith; his brother, Leslie Jaffe and his sister, Ruthanne Birnbaum. He was the proud grandfather of Aubrey and Hannah. Memorial services were held in Baltimore. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

SCHARF

Benjamin Scharf, 85, of Wilmington, died December 10th. He was an executive with Berger Brothers Office Furniture for more than 50 years. A proud veteran of World War II, he served for four years with the First Armored Division and saw action at Kasserine Pass and the Beachhead at Anzio.

He was awarded six Battle Stars for his distinguished service. Mr. Scharf was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans, the Jewish War Veterans and Congregation Beth Shalom. He was a 32nd Degree Mason. Mr. Scharf will be deeply missed by his wife of 56 years, Dorine; son, Steven of New York; daughter, Susan Byars and a grandson, Nicholas Scharf. Graveside services were held on December 12 in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. The family requests that contributions in his memory be made to either Delaware Hospice, Suite 100, Clayton Building, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Levy Earns CIPS Designation

Barbara K. Levy, of Patterson-Schwartz Real Estate in Greenville, has been awarded the Certified International Property Specialist (CIPS) designation by the National Association of Realtors (NAR). Levy's accomplishment was recognized last month at the 2001 Realtors Conference and Expo in Chicago. The CIPS designation recognizes realtors who have extensive training working with international clients and properties. She is the first realtor in New Castle County and the second in the entire state of Delaware to earn this distinction.

Émigré Musicians Open Wilmington School

Dr. Olg Maslov and his wife, Liliya Maslov, emigrated from their native country of the Ukraine to Israel in 1991. These pianists performed throughout the Jewish State funded by a grant from the Jerusalem Cultural Foundation. Besides giving recitals, the couple was actively involved in special education programs which were designed to broaden the musical horizons of young concert-goers.



In 1994, they moved to America, where Olg Maslov began his doctoral studies at Temple University. The Maslovs have given recitals and lectured throughout the Philadelphia area and have performed for WFLN Classical Music Radio.

Recently, the couple, who today teach at Temple University and the Nelly Berman School of Music in Haverford, PA, moved to Delaware and opened their private piano studio at 2233 Grubb Road in Wilmington. To schedule lessons, please call 475-2498.

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A New Son Of Israel Is Born

Lynne Chichi would like to announce the birth of her grandson, Sawyer Riley Coye, born to Amanda Chichi Coye and Christopher Coye. Also welcoming Sawyer's arrival is big sister Isabella. He is named in loving memory of great-grandmother, Sylvia Johnston Rosenstein.

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.

LAST CALL FOR SCHAFER SHABBAT SERVICE AT TEMPLE BETH EL

On Saturday, December 15th, Cantorial soloist, composer and musician Beth Schafer will lead Shabbat services at Temple Beth El in Newark. The service begins at 9:30 a.m. Kiddush luncheon will follow. There will be a concert for children in grades kindergarten through second on Saturday afternoon from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Schafer has produced two CDs: "May the Words, Music for Shabbat" and "Lev B Lev-Heart in Heart". A third CD is slated for a summer release. The Shabbat program is co-sponsored by the synagogue and the Newark Branch of the Jewish Community Center.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION AT LONGWOOD GARDENS

The Westminster Conservatory Youth Chorale, the community music school of Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J., will present Songs for Chanukah at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA on Saturday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. and

8:00 p.m. All performances will be staged in Longwood's Rose Pavilion. Admission to the Gardens is \$12 for adults, \$6 for ages 16 to 20, \$2 for ages 6 to 15. Admission is free for children under the age of six. Now through December 20th, visitors receive \$2 off adult admissions if they donate a new, unwrapped toy. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

YOUNG JEWISH ADULTS OF DELAWARE CELEBRATE CHANUKAH

Join young Jewish singles and professionals this Saturday night (December 15) for a Chanukah celebration featuring DJ dancing, food, drinks and door prizes. The action takes place at the Delaware JCC, 101 Garden of Eden Road, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$15 at the door.

JCC OFFERS PARENTING WORKSHOPS IN NEWARK

The Relationship Center, a program of Jewish Family Service of Delaware will offer the following Parent Workshops during December and January. These one-hour programs meet at 288 East Main Street in Newark. The cost is \$15 per session. To register, please call 286-1402. "Taking Time Out from a Hectic Schedule"-Learn and practice relaxation techniques for yourself and teach them to your children. Wear comfortable clothing for this program which is offered on Tuesday, December 18th from 9:30 a.m. to

10:30 a.m. "Raising Children in an Interfaith Marriage"- Learn and share specific parenting tips and ways to decrease stress that is often involved in raising children in interfaith marriages. The next session is Tuesday, January 8th, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

KATZ JCC HOSTS ART AUCTION

The Betty and Milton Katz Jewish Community Center in Cherry Hill will host an auction of fine art on Saturday, January 12, 2002. Preview the works between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Then bid on your favorites. The JCC is located at 1301 Springdale Road. Cost is \$10 per person and includes light refreshments plus an entry into a door prize drawing. An Auction of Fine Art

SILVERMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Sylvia and Isadore N. Silverman Scholarship Fund will be awarding its 13th annual scholarship to a deserving youth for a Jewish summer experience in camp or Israel. Applications may be picked up at the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth office, Washington Street Extension and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802 and must be returned by March 15, 2002. The fund was established in 1989 to honor the Silvermans' 55th wedding anniversary by their four daughters and many friends. For additional informa-

tion, please call Mollie Epstein at 478-9162.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING CHRISTMAS EVE?

What, no plans?... Join congregants of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth for a Bingo and Deli Night, beginning at 6 p.m. Meet in the Social Hall for an evening of family fun and fellowship. Adults will be admitted for \$6, children 12 and under are just \$3. For further information, please call AKSE at 762-2705.

SPEND CHRISTMAS IN SERVICE TO OTHERS

December 25 is a Community Service Day at the JCC. This year's family gathering begins at 10:00 with a pancake and omelet breakfast and concludes with a journey through the imagination led by Danceteller Mama Omi, (aka Naomi Mindlin.) Throughout the day, families will have opportunities to perform community service projects together. Craft projects include making sunshine cards to brighten someone's day and creating tzedakah boxes. Volunteers may organize and package items collected for donation to Tri-State Bird Rescue, Friendship House and Read-Aloud Delaware. Participants can take advantage of the end of the year \$100 off membership sale! See the ad in this issue of the Voice for more detailed information about December 25. Please phone the JCC at 302 478-5660 to register your family for the day's

activities and to find out what we are collecting to donate in the community.

JOIN SINGLES MINGLES

2002 will be a busy one for members of Singles Mingles, Jewish singles ages 40 and older. On Sunday, January 6th, the group will meet at the home of Miriam Weiner at 3 p.m., watch the movie LEFT LUGGAGE-a story about the trials and tribulations of an Orthodox Jewish family living in Antwerp-then order pizzas for dinner. To join the fun, call Weiner at 478-6897.

On Saturday, January 19th, the group will go to the Hibachi Restaurant on Concord Pike for a 5:30 p.m. dinner. Call Esther Schatz at 478-1492 by January 16th to make reservations.

JEWISH MUSEUM OFFERS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The National Museum of American Jewish History, on Independence Mall East in Philadelphia will offer a full day of family programming on Tuesday, December 25, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The varied program of music, theatre, refreshments and children's activities include The Segal Puppet Theatre, performances by the Sally Mitlas Ensemble and KlezKids-a klezmer music program presented by the Klezmer Conservatory Band. The cost for the day is \$4. Children under three admitted for free. For additional information, please call 215-923-3811.

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