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## ISRAEL DEFENDS SIEGE OF ARAFAT HQ

By Naomi Segal, JTA

JERUSALEM-Israeli officials say the renewed siege on Yasser Arafat's Ramallah compound presages the Palestinian Authority president's impending downfall.

Israeli troops encircled the compound and demolished nearly all the buildings there after a string of Palestinian terror attacks last week left nine people dead.

The action drew international protests and, on Tuesday, a U.N. Security Council resolution demanding that Israel withdraw its troops from the compound immediately.

Over the weekend, the United States called on Israel to lift the siege, saying it was "not helpful" to efforts to reduce terrorist violence and advance peacemaking. U.S. officials reportedly fear the siege could overshadow their efforts to build an international coalition to attack Iraq.

Following lengthy debate, the Security Council early Tuesday voted 14-0, with the United States abstaining, on a resolution calling on Israel to end the siege and on the Palestinian Authority to bring terrorists to justice.

Despite the vote, Israeli officials said they expected the operation to continue.

If the Palestinians uphold their obligations under the resolution, then Israel will do likewise, said Ra'anan Gissin, a spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

But, he noted, "Since the Palestinian Authority definitely not only is not arresting terrorists but actually aiding and abetting them, then it is highly unlikely that we could unilaterally fulfill our part of the resolution."

On Wednesday, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Israeli-U.S. ties remain solid despite the U.S. call for Israel to lift the siege.

Asked about White House criticism of the siege, Israel's foreign minister told Israel Radio that "sometimes there are contradictions between" the way the two countries see things, "but this is not a dispute."

The Security Council's resolution was negotiated by the European Union and cobbled together with language from competing U.S. and Syrian proposals.

Deputy U.S. ambassador James Cunningham said the compromise resolution was flawed "in that it failed to explicitly condemn the terrorist groups and those who provide them with political cover."

Israeli and Palestinian officials

planned to meet Wednesday to discuss ending the siege, but the Palestinians canceled the session minutes before it was to take place.

They said they were protesting Israel's refusal to let them meet first with Arafat to coordinate positions, Israel's Army Radio reported.

Israel says it will not withdraw from the compound until about 200 people holed up inside surrender. It alleges that about 50 of the people, including Palestinian intelligence chief Tawfik Tirawi, have been involved in terror attacks on Israelis.

Tirawi denied the allegations in an interview with the Israeli daily Ma'ariv and vowed not to surrender. "Yasser Arafat and I will fight to the last minute," Tirawi told the newspaper.

On Tuesday, Israel launched an operation in the Gaza Strip aimed at preventing Palestinian terror attacks on Israeli targets.

Nine Palestinians were killed in gun battles that erupted after Israeli forces entered Gaza City.

Backed by tanks, bulldozers and helicopters, Israeli soldiers destroyed 13 workshops where the army said Palestinian terrorists were building rockets.

The army also demolished the house of a Hamas member who killed five Israeli teen-agers in an attack on a Jewish settlement in Gaza earlier this year.

The army did not target Hamas leaders in the raid, despite Sharon's warning a day earlier that the army would soon target the group.

Israeli officials have warned that they are thinking of expelling the founder of Hamas, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, and a top Hamas official, Abdel Aziz Rantissi.

On Wednesday, Israeli soldiers destroyed three homes in the West Bank that belonged to Palestinian terrorists.

One of the homes demolished Wednesday belonged to the leader of Hamas in Hebron. Another home belonged to two brothers who allegedly planted a bomb that killed an Israeli army officer and wounded two other soldiers in an attack more than a year ago.

At the U.N. Security Council debate Monday, Lancry defended Israel's actions.

"Inside the leadership compound in Ramallah are 50 individuals who have planned, funded and orchestrated scores of terrorist attacks and who are responsible for countless deaths of innocent civilians," he said.

"Rather than take action against those it knows to be complicit in acts of terrorism, the Palestinian

Authority, in its headquarters, grants them immunity and protects them," he said.

The siege is code-named "A Matter of Time." According to Environment Minister Tzachi Hanegbi, the name refers to Arafat's imminent exile.

"He's finished, and he has no place left in the Middle East," Hanegbi told Israel Radio.

Peres vigorously disagrees, saying that exiling Arafat would only increase his support.

On Monday, Israeli and Palestinian officials met to discuss ways to end the siege.

Following the discussions, Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat met with Arafat at the compound in Ramallah. Erekat later said Arafat refused Israel's demand to supply a list of those holed up with him.

Israel began the demolitions at the compound on Sept. 19, hours after a suicide bombing killed six aboard a Tel Aviv bus.

By Sunday night, when the army announced that it had completed the demolitions, bulldozers had destroyed all structures in the compound except a British Mandate-era building where Arafat remained with the estimated 200 other people.

Palestinian demonstrators defied curfews in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to protest the siege. Four protestors were killed in clashes with Israeli troops Saturday night.

Critics said Israel had unwittingly revived support for Arafat just as he was coming under widespread criticism for poor leadership and for condoning corruption in the Palestinian Authority.

But there also were indications



Israeli army caterpillars demolish the remains of Yasser Arafat's Mukata Compound in Ramallah on Sunday.

that Arafat still faced stiff domestic pressure.

On Monday, a group of Palestinians reportedly discussed having Arafat's deputy become prime minister. Under the plan, Mahmoud Abbas, also known as Abu Mazen, would assume the position in a power-sharing arrangement with Arafat.

Israel's Army Radio said Monday's meeting reflected the rise of "an alternative Palestinian leadership to Yasser Arafat, although none of the participants would acknowledge this."

The report quoted Palestinian sources as saying that the meetings, which included Abbas, were held with Israel's knowledge and consent.

On Wednesday, the military wing of Arafat's Fatah movement threatened the Palestinian officials

involved in the power-sharing discussions.

"At a time when the Palestinian people are supporting President Arafat, a group of collaborators, in coordination with Israel and the United States, seeks to create an alternative leadership," the Al-Aksa Brigade said in a leaflet.

The leaflet singled out a Palestinian Cabinet member, Nabil Abu Amr, who has been openly critical of Arafat and reportedly was one of the officials involved in the efforts to create the office of prime minister.

A day earlier, shots were fired at Amr's Ramallah home, but no one was hurt in the attack.

Arafat is believed to oppose the power-sharing idea.

## The Best Things In Life Are Free

Federation invites community to a free appreciation event on October 6<sup>TH</sup>

If you are a parent or plan to someday start a family, you owe it to yourself to hear Rabbi M. Gary Neuman on Sunday, October 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Delaware JCC in Wilmington. Rabbi Neuman will speak on "Balancing Marriage and Kids" as a special guest of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

"This two hour program can greatly enhance our marriages and the way we relate to our children," said Jodi and Benjie Cohen and Felisha and Gary Alderson, co-chairs of this Community Appreciation Event. As a special incentive to boost attendance, free child care will be provided.

Dr. Neuman is a family mediator, Florida state-licensed mental health counselor and author of *Helping Your Kids Cope With Divorce, the Sandcastles Way*. The Sandcastles Program is a one-session, three and a half hour group experience designed to help children ages 6-17 deal with the many complex issues and emotions surrounding

their parents' separation and divorce. This program is mandated by the courts in more than a dozen cities nationwide.

His expertise in marital and family issues has made him a sought after speaker and a popular guest on such national talk shows as *Today*, *Oprah*, *The View* and *National Public Radio*. He also has been profiled in *People*, *Time* and *Parenting* magazines.

This free program is open to the entire community. Refreshments will be provided courtesy of Jewish Family Service, Jewish Community Center, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School and Albert Einstein Academy-event sponsors.

For additional information, please call Amalia Snyderman at 302-427-2100, ext. 30.



Dr. Gary Neuman

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### "Rebels and Rubies: A Walk through Jewish Women's History"

This interactive storytelling program interweaves ancient folktales with  
true historical encounters of prominent Jewish women.

Vered spent the first ten years of her life in Israel, before moving to Kansas City, where she spent the rest of her  
childhood years. She currently lives in New York, where she is exploring the healing power of Jewish folklore through  
City University's doctoral program in Clinical Psychology. Ms. Hankin is also the author of other stories and essays including  
*On the Fringes: An Anthology of Young Jewish Women's Writings* and *The Complete Guide to Storytelling for Parents*.

### The Art of Our Hands

Prints created by Israeli Artist, Rebecca Shore, as well as pottery from local artists,  
Lois Horowitz and Jill Marleah Bell, will be on display and available for purchase.

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## EDITORIAL

## Judaism Begins At Home

My happiest memories of growing up Jewish in New York involve Passover dinners at Nana Fannie's and Grandpa Izzy's apartment. My parents, brother and I would get all dressed up and join my aunt, uncle and cousin for a seder that lasted what seemed then to be an eternity.

After enjoying some appetizers served on crystal platters "so we wouldn't starve until dinner", grandpa rose from the plastic-covered living room sofa and ushered us into the dining room. As my cousin passed out the haggadahs (courtesy of Maxwell House), he took his seat at the head of a table laid with Nana's finest tablecloth, china and silver, put on his black kippah and made magic!

For hours (my grandpa read every single word) grandpa was our family's spiritual guide on an eternal Jewish journey. Through the retelling of this ancient story, we forged a connection with generations of Jews who celebrated the Exodus from slavery into freedom. By sharing this sacred ritual together in the comfort of my grandparents' home we strengthened our ties to Judaism and to each another.

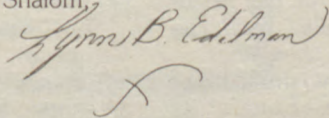
The love for Judaism begins at home with a family committed to living the values and ethics of our faith. We croon Yiddish lullabies to our infants, introduce our pre-school-

ers to Jewish musicians like Sam Glazier and Debbie Friedman (appearing in Wilmington on October 27<sup>th</sup> courtesy of the Federation Community Capital Campaign) and read them books on Jewish holidays and Jewish heroes.

Many of us display Jewish art on our walls and collect ritual objects like dreidels, mezzuzot or menorahs. These items are available at our synagogue gift shops and make wonderful presents to mark weddings, b'nai mitzvot or other simchas.

We seize Shabbat as a time to reunite with loved ones after a hectic week of work and school. We bring out the candlesticks, clear the clutter off the dining room table and set out plates and silverware. What we serve is unimportant—everything goes well with challah and wine. What is important is that we bless our children, make kiddush and say the motzi together as a family. In so doing, we commit to one another and forge a rich connection to our Jewish heritage that can last a lifetime.

Shabbat Shalom,



Lynn Edelman

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## 9/11 - One Year Later

The real challenge of commemorating September 11th is September 12th. Where do we go from here? Today we have heard words of hope and inspiration, we have listened to stories of courage and heroism; The question is what will be done with these words — what will be done with these emotions.

On September 11th we learned that a few individuals could affect the world. They could turn it upside down. Today we have the challenge to turn the world right side up again. Maimonides, a twelfth century Jewish Scholar, says that an individual is supposed to see the world as hanging in the balance and with one action he or she can tip the scales. Our actions do matter.

Last year, amidst the sadness, we were also inspired. The contrast between the evil and heroic could not have been more stark. Our public servants, the firemen and police officers, were our heroes. With their example as a guiding light, the country was flooded with newfound patriotism and civic pride. We began to focus on those things that held us together. New emphasis was placed on personal relationships; our ties with friends and family. There was a surge in volunteerism and charitable giving. In a few short weeks over a billion dollars was raised to help those families touched by the tragedy.

Were these the beginnings of long-term trends or merely short term blips in behavior? Only you can decide. The events of 9/11 force us to look inward and reevaluate what it means to be human. What rights and responsibilities do we have? Are we accountable for our actions? When someone needs us, do we stand by or do we run up the stairs?

In Jewish law there is a principle that a change that cannot sustain itself, but rather reverts to an original state, was never a change to begin with. The memory of 9/11 demands a permanent change. So how do you know if there is permanent change? True change; true growth is painful.

Each of us has our own mission, our own stairs that lead to a place where we can make a difference. Running up those stairs is not easy. It is hard. But, I challenge each of you today, not to stand around as a spectator, or stop after a few flights, but rather run up those stairs to help those around you. You can make that difference.

Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman, Director, Chabad Center for Jewish Life University of Delaware

*\*Editor's Note: These remarks were first made at an Interfaith program at the University of Delaware commemorating the first anniversary of the September 11 tragedies.*

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## McDonald An Avid Zionist

I read with great interest the article about Esther McDonald and the good work that her bequest has made possible in Israel. As the article explained she was a fervid supporter of Israel, spending a great of her time and resources soliciting donations for Israel and selling Israel Bonds.

Esther also made many trips to Israel. In addition to Israel her other great passion was traveling and she traveled the world. In fact it was this passion that saved her life. She was already a pharmacist when she traveled

from her home in Latvia to New York City in late summer of 1939 to attend the World's Fair. Because she was in New York when Hitler invaded Poland she made the difficult decision not to return to her family and thus escaped their fate. By the way it was on the ship coming to New York that she met Raymond McDonald who later became her husband.

Connie Kreshtool  
Wilmington

## PARSHA PLACE

Week of September 28, 2002

21 Tishrei 5763

Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12,

Genesis 1:1-2:3

## JOINED AT THE HEART

Arnold S. Gluck

One of the most moving and dramatic moments of the Jewish year occurs on Simchat Torah, when we conclude the reading of the Torah and begin again without pausing for a breath.

When I introduce bar and bat mitzvah students to the study of the Torah, I ask them why they think we read and reread the Torah year after year. Why don't we read it once really, really well and then go on to read a different book next year? The answer, of course, is that the Book stays the same. It is we who change as we grow from year to year, learning from Torah as we learn from life.

This view of Torah as a means for human and Jewish growth is reflected in the very words that are most central to the reading on Simchat Torah, namely, the last word of Deuteronomy, which is *Yisrael*, and the first word of Genesis, which is *B'resheet*. In that magical and sacred moment of renewal, the last letter of the Torah, lamed, joins the first letter of the Torah, bet, to spell out the Hebrew word *lev*, which means heart. Like a wedding ring that has no beginning and no end, the linkage of the lamed and the bet that forms the word *lev* reminds us that the Torah links our hearts to the Heart of the universe. The Torah was given to us to incline our hearts toward God and toward one another.

Most learning is intended to shape the mind through the power of ideas. Torah learning is different. Its purpose is not to convince us intellectually to live a certain way. Rather, like the loving wisdom we receive from our parents, the goal of Torah is to shape the heart and refine our character. Torah speaks to us above all because it is the root and record of our relationship with God. God gave us Torah and *mitzvot* out of love so that we might grow to reach our full potential. And we, the people Israel, have struggled throughout our history to fulfill the *mitzvot* as a measure of our love for God.

Torah is like a love letter: We read it again and again because through it we hear God's love for us. It is the *lev* - the lamed joined together with the bet - that closes the circle and draws us back to Torah year after year, to grow in our relationship with God and with one another. It is the *lev* - the heart - that wells up with emotion when we see the Torah held high, when we kiss it with our prayer book or our *talit*, and when we hold it close and dance with it in joy on Simchat Torah.

Rabbi Arnold S. Gluck is the senior rabbi of Temple Beth-El in Somerville, NJ

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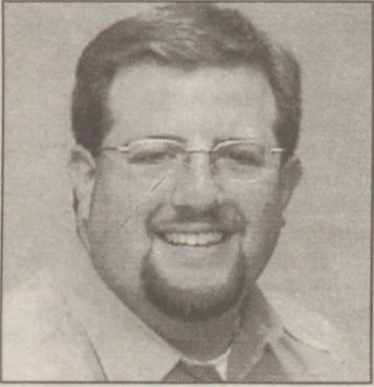


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**Todd Polikoff**  
Assistant Director, FRD

Alexis de Tocqueville wrote, "These Americans are the most peculiar people in the world... In a local community, in their country a citizen may conceive of some need, which is not being met. What does he do? He goes across the street and discusses it with his neighbor. Then what happens? A committee comes into existence and then the committee begins functioning on behalf of that need... All of this is done by private citizens on their own initiative."

Although de Tocqueville was speaking of Americans in general, the

Delaware Jewish community can be characterized in the same fashion. The mission of the Jewish Federation of Delaware is to assess and address the needs of the Jewish Community of Delaware and the needs of Jews around the world. Locally, this work is performed through our six constituent agencies (Albert Einstein Academy, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High, Hillel at the University of Delaware, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Services and the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home). Overseas our annual allocations, and the Israel Emergency Fund, are ensuring that we are serving Jews in Israel

and around the world. While skilled and dedicated professionals are performing many of everyday tasks, the volunteers in our community are responsible for everything that we accomplish.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware is the engine that runs our community...volunteers and lay leaders are the fuel. Volunteers allow for the constant flow of new ideas and initiatives that enable our community to evolve and grow. We currently have a vibrant Jewish community that provides services for everyone from every walk of life...from cradle to grave. The ability to provide

this high level of service to everyone can be attributed directly to volunteer initiative.

Volunteers in the past have laid the foundation for our community; it is now your responsibility to pick up where they left off. I urge you to volunteer with the Jewish Federation and its constituent agencies. Your input and energy are needed to continue our great tradition of being responsible for one another.

For information on getting involved with the Jewish Community please feel free to contact me at 302-427-2100 ext. 16 or [www.shalomdelaware.org](http://www.shalomdelaware.org).

## Ten Ways To Leave A Legacy

There are many ways to leave your mark and a lasting legacy on future generations. Consider the following suggestions:

1. Prepare a Will. Less than forty-five percent of Americans have one. Without a Will your wishes may not be followed.

2. Leave a gift in your Will to the **Jewish Federation of Delaware** or the **Jewish Fund for the**

**Future**, the Jewish community Endowment Fund. Having a Will ensures that your property goes where you want it to. Less than 10% of American households include charitable gifts in their estate plans.

3. Leave a specific dollar amount or a percentage of the assets in your estate to a charitable organization that you care about.

4. Consider using appreciated stocks, bonds, CDs or real estate for your charitable gifts. Such gifts may provide double tax savings.

5. Name the **Jewish Federation of Delaware** or one of its agencies as the beneficiary of your IRA or 401(k) plan and save taxes.

6. Purchase a new life insurance policy and name your favorite

charity as the beneficiary or gift an old policy to a favorite charity.

7. Create a Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment Fund (PACE) Fund using proceeds from an existing life insurance policy or a current gift of appreciated stock.

8. Remember a loved one with a memorial gift. Many naming opportunities are available throughout our Jewish community.

9. Encourage family members and friends to leave gifts to the Jewish community in their Wills.

10. Ask your accountant, attorney or financial planner to include charitable giving as part of his or her counsel to clients.

Statistical information taken from *National Council on Planned Giving's 2000 Survey of Donors*.

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### Two Upcoming Events

### Exercise The Mind and Body

**By Lynn Edelman, Editor**

This fall, Delaware Jews have ample opportunities to keep their minds and bodies engaged and stimulated.

**The Adult Institute of Jewish Studies**, a collaborative effort between Delaware's synagogues, the Delaware Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation of Delaware, kicks off its 12th season of programming on Wednesday, October 9th, 7:15 p.m. at the Delaware JCC. Arnold C. Harris, chairperson of this successful five-week series of programs on a variety of Jewish cultural, spiritual and ethical themes, promises an exciting season. "From meditation to movies... from Israeli dancing to Islamic teachings...Institute participants will find there is truly something for everyone in this year's extensive menu of courses," said Harris.

The instructors volunteer their time to share their knowledge and enthusiasm with others. By waiving teachers' salaries, the Institute is able to offer adult learners an incredible bargain—two hour-long courses for five weeks for just \$20 per person. Registration also includes admission to the Institute's 12th anniversary culminating event—a Cantorial Recital featuring Cantor Joel Kessler of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Cantor Michael Horwitz of Congregation Beth Shalom and Cantor Michael Mandel of Congregation Beth Emeth. These talented musicians will perform a concert of liturgical, Israeli and Yiddish melodies on November 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Registration forms are available at area synagogues and at the Wilmington branch of the Delaware

JCC. To reserve your space, mail your registration with a \$20 check payable to the Adult Institute for Jewish Studies, to the JCC of Delaware, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803. In person registration will also be accepted at the JCC Front Desk.

**The 3rd Annual Scott Mackler 5 K Run/Walk** kicks off from Temple Beth El in Newark on Sunday, October 27th at 12 noon. The event, which benefits the ALS Association, is sponsored by the synagogue as a way to support an individual who has given so much to his synagogue and to the entire Delaware Jewish community. Mackler, a board member of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Hillel at the University of Delaware and a past chairman of Temple Beth El's Social Action Committee, was diagnosed with ALS, a degenerative neuromuscular disease more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, several years ago. Although the disease has compromised the motor function of the former runner and has left him unable to speak, it has not impeded his independence. He uses an electric wheelchair and a specially equipped van to commute to the University of Pennsylvania where he maintains a full schedule as a physician and researcher. He communicates with others via a computer word prediction program.

Knowing first-hand the critical role of these devices in helping people with ALS to maintain their productivity, Mackler created an Assistive Technology Program at the ALS Association. Since its inception, more than 260 people have benefit-

ed from devices such as litewriters, computers with voice outputs, rocket e-books that allow individuals to read popular novels and other materials, environmental control units for televisions and remote door chimes which alert caregivers and other support persons. Costs range from \$10 to more than \$6000—and can tax

the budgets of most people who live with this disease.

Joe Sontowski, president of the Temple Beth El Men's Club has set a \$100,000 goal for this year's event. "One hundred percent of proceeds will be donated to the ALS Association and will be earmarked for Scott's Assistive Technology

Program," he said.

More than 500 participants are expected. Registration is \$18 per person in advance, \$20 per person on the day of the race. Individuals may register on line at [www.races2run.com](http://www.races2run.com). For additional information about the event, call the synagogue at 302-366-8330.

### Community Capital Campaign Features Friedman In Concert



Save the date, Sunday, October 27th, 3:00 p.m. for a Community Capital Campaign CELEBRATION featuring famed recording artist Debbie Friedman. Friedman will perform at Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Boulevard. This concert is open to the entire community!

The celebration continues on the 27th at 5:00 p.m. with a special reception at the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home for donors who make a \$10,000 commitment or higher to the Federation Community Capital Campaign.

For additional information about the CELEBRATION, call Amalia Snyderman at 427-2100, ext. 30.

### ARTS UPDATE

**FROM BIMAH TO BROADWAY**...Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington presents four of the nation's top Jewish singers in concert on Sunday, October 13th, 7:00 p.m. at the synagogue on 300 Lea Blvd. "From Bimah to Broadway" features a quartet of singers performing a varied program of Jewish choral and cantorial music, Yiddish art songs, and Broadway hits written by Jewish composers. Leading this talented ensemble will be Beth Emeth's own Cantor Michael Mandel, who has sung with the Washington Opera and has performed in concert halls around the world. Seating is limited, so make your reservations today! Reserved seating is priced at \$36.00, general admission is \$18. A champagne dessert reception will follow the performance. Funds raised by the concert benefit the synagogue's music programs. For additional information, please call Roberta Beutel at 302-239-0144.



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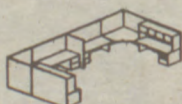
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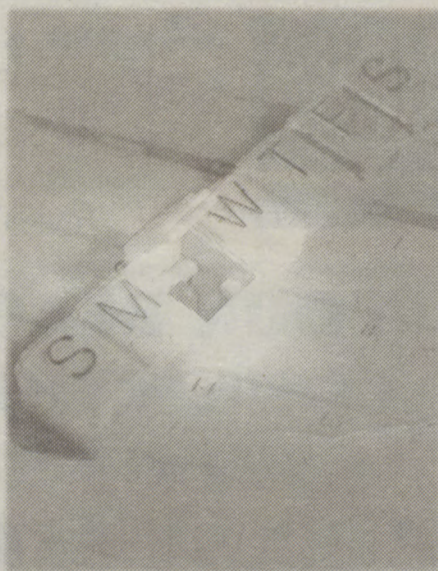
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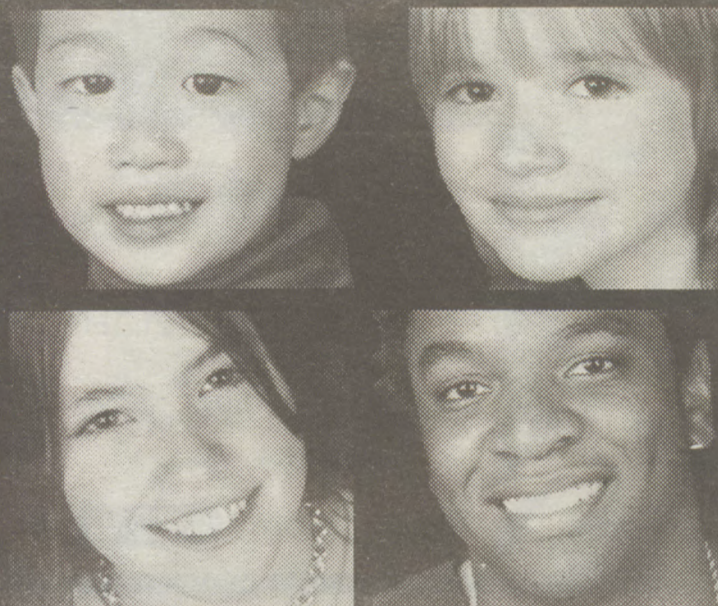
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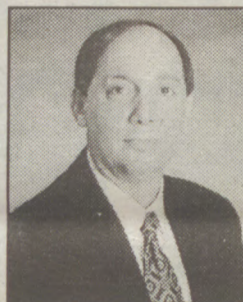
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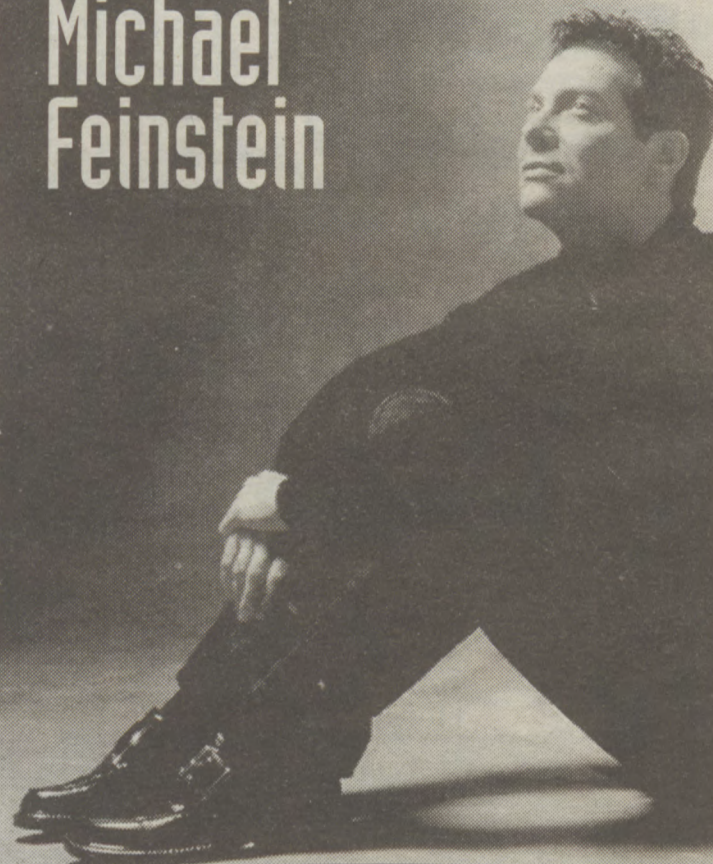
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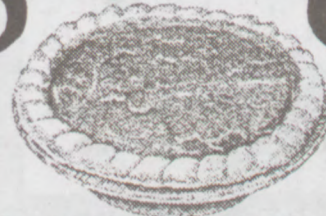
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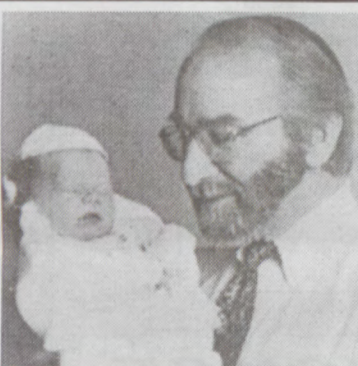
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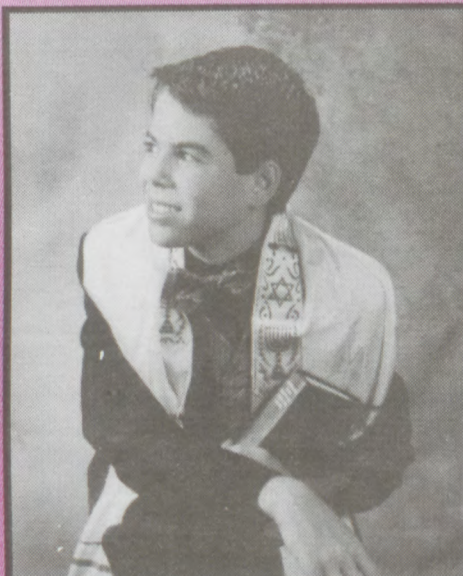
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# Newark Jewish Community Campus Marks Grand Opening

5763 kicked off in grand style with a festive erev Yom Kippur grand opening of the Newark Jewish Community Campus. Refreshments, mascots, craft projects and carnival-style games lent a festive atmosphere to the day. Many Newark area residents toured the facility, which is now home to the Newark Jewish Community

Center and a satellite office of Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, and took advantage of special grand opening discounts on JCC memberships.

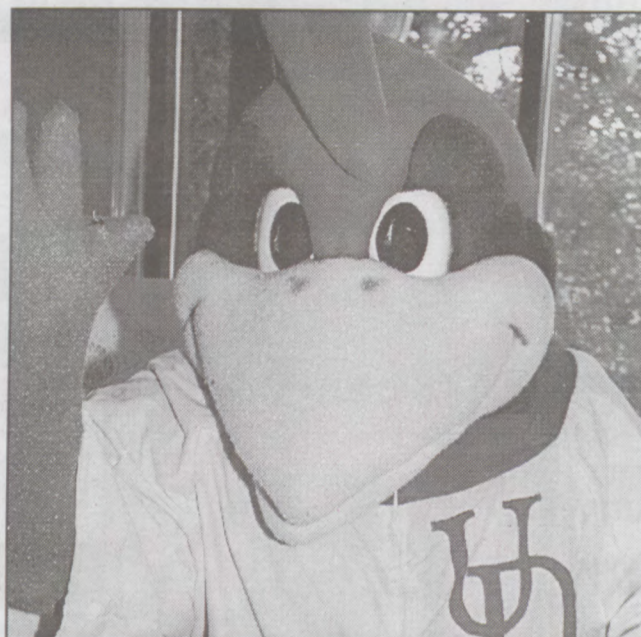
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Program Director Lynda Bell gives John Elzufon a personal tour of the new facility.



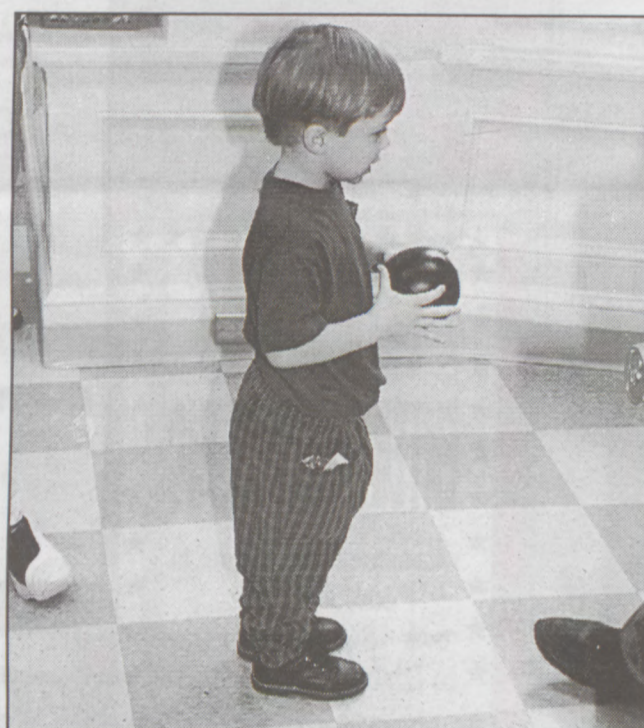
Mascots like the Delaware Blue Hen from the University of Delaware, helped make the day a festive one.



There were games for little ones.



Mary and Milton Wolf, whose commitment to the Federation Community Capital Campaign helped make the dream of a Newark Jewish Community Campus a reality, give a friendly hello to Barry Kayne, right, Federation president.



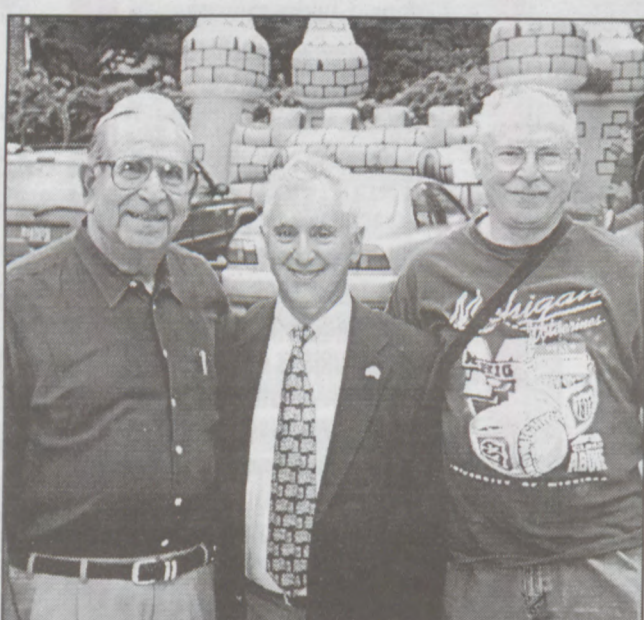
This little boy was "bowled over" by the new facility.



Delaware JCC Executive Director Jeff Metz affixes a mezuzah to the door of the newly renovated Newark Jewish Community Campus-home to the Newark JCC and a satellite site of Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School.



JFD President Barry Kayne embraces Jeff Metz, JCC executive director at the opening while Sam Asher (right), new JFD executive vice president and JCC President David Bernstein look on.



Barry Kayne (center) is flanked by JFD board members Irv Engelson, an active member of the Greater Newark Jewish community and Mike Samuels, who graciously shot the pictures from this event.



It was an ideal time to clown around with family and friends.



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On Simhat Torah, Congregation Beth Shalom honored two of its long time members as *hattan* (Groom) and *kallah* (Bride) of the Torah. For a number of years the congregation has used the festival of Simhat Torah to honor two members who have made significant personal commitment to the synagogue and community.

Sam Swinger, born and raised in Wilmington, is affectionately known as "Mr. Minyan". Following the tradition of the late Al Berlin and late David Goldman, Sam makes sure that everyone is welcomed at the morning minyan. Friendship, worship, analysis of news, sports, the market and some learning along with breakfast are all part of the daily minyan agenda hosted by Sam. He often refers to the minyan as "my baby" and nurturing the minyan is high on Sam's agenda. Sam is a graduate of Beth Shalom's religious school and Bar Mitzvah classes when "it was still on 18th and Washington".

Sam is a graduate of the University of Delaware (BS-Chemistry) and was associated with Sinclair/BP Refinery until he went into his

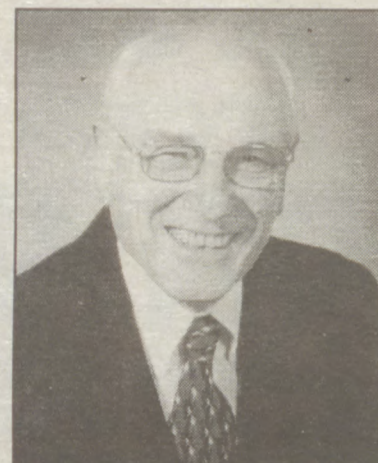
own business in 1972. Married to Barbara Alper in 1952, the Swingers have four children and are blessed with seven grandchildren. Recently the Swingers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with renewal of vows during a morning minyan service, believed to be the first at Beth Shalom. While the morning minyan takes much of Sam's time he still has time for his hobbies of computer activities, stamp collecting, gardening and stock market analysis. He is a member of Nur Temple, Washington Lodge #1 A.F.&A.M., Delaware Consistory and Jewish War Veterans. Sam also serves on a number of synagogue committees. Through Sam's leadership the morning minyan has fiscally supported the synagogue in a number of endeavors including remodeling of religious school classrooms, procurement of *Mahzors* and contributing to the reconstruction of the Kane Chapel. "Sam has been behind the Beth Shalom daily minyan for many years. Whenever someone new arrives he is always one of the first to greet them. Sam is passionate to make sure that we always have ten for the minyan and his shopping skills for breakfast are legendary" said Alan



Arlene Davis

Lipschultz, Vice-President of Religion and Education of Beth Shalom.

Education at Beth Shalom and Arlene Davis are synonymous. For over 40 years, Arlene Davis has been associated with Jewish education in Delaware. A New Englander by birth, Arlene began her career in education in Buffalo in 1966. Her first teaching position in Wilmington was with Adas Kodesh and in 1970 joined the Beth Shalom teaching staff and was known as "The Aleph



Sam Swinger

Teacher". In 1976 Arlene became school principal and over the ensuing years she taught nearly 300 *bnai mitzvah*, as well as the producer/director of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" school production several years ago commemorating the 40th anniversary of the synagogue. Her education credits include 3 adult *bnai mitzvah* classes, faculty member at the Albert Einstein Academy, and teaching at the JCC and the Adult Jewish Institute. Arlene describes herself as "bor-

ing" but her involvement in community life, recipient of numerous awards, married to Robert for 42 years, mother of three sons, daughters-in-laws and 6 grandchildren defies "boring". "I love teaching and the special relationships and experiences this has afforded me. I have my parents to thank for giving me the opportunity to further my Jewish education at a time when this was not prevalent for girls. They were my best teachers," said Arlene.

"Besides teaching Hebrew with a Boston accent, Arlene's many behind the scenes activities makes learning about Judaism a great joy for her students. These include Shabbat dinners in her home, baking hamantshen, and trips to the Lower East Side." Said Alan Lipschultz.

In this book, *The Jewish Way, Living The Holidays*, Rabbi Irving Greenberg describes the special *aliyot* (honor) for the *hattan* and *kallah* as one that "evokes the classical symbols of marriage and covenant to extol the faithfulness of the Jews to the Torah". Arlene and Sam were escorted to the *bimah* under a *chuppah* and were honored at a luncheon following services.

## Controversial New Book Shares Secrets Of Rabbinic Search

By Martin Roffman, Ph.D.

Synagogue politics frequently become highly charged but one of the highest tension areas can arise with selection of a new rabbi. Because of the sensitive nature of what occurs, confidentiality in the process is a mandatory requirement. The Board of Directors will typically appoint a team of trustworthy lay members to represent the entire congregation in a strictly closed-door sessions. The principal agenda of the committee is to screen resumes, meet with promising prospects, and ultimately choose a number of candidates to advance before the congregation to conduct religious services. In most cases, the search committee maintains strict silence about its findings and only reveals necessary details to noncommittee members with a valid need-to-know.

All of this protocol is thrown by the wayside in Stephen Fried's new book, *The New Rabbi*, published in 2002 by Bantam Books, New York, \$25.95. Fried's main theme involves a detailed description of how he first convinced the retiring rabbi of a very prestigious Conservative congregation, Rabbi Gerald Wolpe of Har Zion Temple in Penn Valley, PA, that the Rabbinical Search Committee doors should open to his investigative reporting and documentation objectives. He tried several times unsuccessfully to penetrate the confidentiality barrier and gain committee acceptance of the idea of allowing him access to their private domain. Eventually, Fried was successful and his excellent investigative skills were focused on reporting each committee member's background, motivations for participating on the committee, and what they felt was important during actual interviews conducted

with various rabbinical candidates who competed for the position. He carefully describes his meetings with Rabbi Wolpe, the search committee, candidates, various family members, and the Rabbinical Assembly at Jewish Theological Seminary which supervises rabbinical placement at synagogues affiliated with the Conservative movement. Each of these separate constituencies plays a role in deciding who may and may not become the new rabbi.

Fried organizes his material in a manner that holds reader interest through all of its 348 pages. Having participated on at least one search committee, I appreciate the level of detail that the author presents because it demonstrates a keen ability to organize volumes of comments, thoughts, and insights while telling a very interesting story.

There is a second major theme permeating *The New Rabbi*. Fried started attending synagogue following the death of his father which led to his need to say Kaddish. In doing so, he created a new set of connections to Conservative Judaism that surpassed his childhood experiences. The common factor linking both his childhood and adult experiences in synagogue was Rabbi Wolpe since Wolpe was his bar mitzvah rabbi in Harrisburg, PA prior to accepting the pulpit at Har Zion. It is clear by the end of the book that Fried and Wolpe both memorializing their fathers in a way that illuminates a growing bond of friendship between them. This theme is as strong as the search for a replacement rabbi at Har Zion, and allows Fried to express some very personal feelings about his familial relationships via Yizkor and Kaddish.

While Fried's writing style cap-

tures and retains reader interest, I take issue with several of his techniques and motivations. First, most names in the book are real and not pseudonyms. When a pseudonym is used, enough clues are offered to initiate a Jewish Geography guessing game to determine who is the person being described. Since I am familiar with the Philadelphia Jewish scene, his references to several people are uncomfortable to me and it is likely that the individuals he describes are not too pleased to see either their name or character presented in a less than flattering manner. Fried may be technically correct with certain opinions but he lacks tact, discretion, and taste by presenting them in print since it causes the book to assume a gossipy aura.

Second, his portrayal of certain synagogues other than Har Zion,

as well as some of their leaders, is likewise tactless and he applies his labels according to his own prism of type casting. I happen to belong to one of the synagogues that Fried labeled in a less than spectacular manner and am offended by his statements.

Third, Fried gathered his material about Sabbath sermons at Har Zion by taking written notes during the services, thereby violating the Sabbath injunction against writing. When an assistant rabbi chided him about this practice, he began to secretly tape record the sermons with a recorder hidden in his tallit bag and then carefully described this in the book. There are acceptable ways to record sermons without violating Shabbat laws but Fried chose to do it his way and then proudly documented it. Once again, common sense and tact

could have avoided this unfortunate situation.

Finally and most importantly, Fried's public expose of essentially confidential interviews and evaluations during the rabbinic selection process compromised Har Zion's search process and placed each participant in an awkward position for the future. This is most readily apparent in relationships with colleagues in other congregations, the community, and the Rabbinical Assembly. It will be interesting to watch Har Zion attempt to reestablish confidentiality in dealings with those who felt they were unfairly impacted by the public expose found in *The New Rabbi*.

Martin Roffman works in Wilmington and is an active member of a Conservative shul in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

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# GLOBAL JEWISH PERSPECTIVES

## Palestinian Protests Cancel Netanyahu Speech In Montreal

By Sara Ahronheim

This morning my friends and I set out to Concordia University, in the heart of downtown Montreal, to hear Benjamin Netanyahu (former Prime Minister of Israel) speak. Many articles were featured in the Montreal papers leading up to today's speech, warning of protest action. I had a good idea of what we would face as we approached Concordia, but I couldn't ever have predicted what actually happened once we were there.

To enter the building we had to make a giant circle around it, to get to the supposedly "safe" entrance. We had to walk right through a volatile protest of hundreds of Palestinians and their supporters in keffiyehs, with flags, screaming vitriolic hate. Once having run this gauntlet, we waited patiently outside the Bishop street entrance, held back at the gate by security and police. After about an hour they started admitting us inside, but it was too late because a huge group of Palestinian 'demonstrators' had appeared in our midst. I was fortunately right at the entrance, and as dozens of violent protesters pushed their way to the front, I tried to get through. Right next to me appeared the ringleader, who tried to push his way in. The cop in front of me punched him in the face while pulling me through the gate at the same time.

I rested against the wall and watched as at least a hundred (I think) red-and-green coloured protesters attacked the barriers and tried to get in. Riot cops appeared, dozens of them, and went to the gate as I and a few others were herded into the building. There was yelling and chanting, drumming and fighting going on outside the doors, with hundreds of our people stuck behind the gate being abused by hundreds of violent demonstrators. A few of us were waiting after the metal detectors for our friends to come through, when all of a sudden we heard loud chanting and yelling INSIDE the building. The riot cops came storming in and up the stairs

beside us, and we began hearing fighting, crashing, yelling, punching. Chaos broke out and riot cops made us run for the door to the auditorium - I thought we were going to get killed, I swear. It was the scariest feeling, because I knew that these people wanted to hurt me and anyone who supports Israel or is Jewish.

Once inside the auditorium, we were told to be patient as more people would drift in from the insanity outside. We waited inside for three hours, as the commotion outside grew increasingly loud. We could hear chanting and yelling, and the protesters began trashing the university building. The police tear gassed and pepper sprayed the entire building and outside, and we began to feel the effects if we stood too near the doors. After hours of waiting, and bomb searches by RCMP sniffer dogs, we were informed that Bibi Netanyahu could not speak after all - too much danger to him and to us. This was an incredible disappointment and we were naturally upset. We however managed to maintain a kind of composure and instead of fighting, the 650 of us inside began to sing Hatikvah, the national anthem of the State of Israel. We sang peace chants and then just waited to be let out, in groups of 10, escorted by police. The scene as we exited was disgusting. Benches were overturned, papers and garbage strewn across the hallways, and broken windows. We were shoved outside directly into a HUGE Palestinian riot, where some of our people were apparently attacked. The cops did nothing. We stood on one side of the barrier, while they stood on the other, and we faced off. On our side, we sang and danced and celebrated being free and Jewish. On their side, they threw bottles at people's heads, screamed hatred, and tried to break the barriers down to hurt us. They started tossing pennies and coins at us - one of the oldest ways to taunt Jews by saying we're all 'money-grubbing'. While we sang Hatikvah arm in arm, they spat at us. Finally we decided to disperse and leave them

to their hatred.

Today was a sick and sorrowful day not only for the Jewish students and community of Montreal, but for Jews everywhere, the city of Montreal and Canada. Today a man was gagged and not allowed to express an opinion; today hundreds of people were denied the opportunity to listen to him speak. Today a riot broke forth on our

are we to go?

I can answer my own question with what many of us already know - Israel is our place. She is our homeland, and opens her arms to us, willing to protect us at all costs. The Jewish people need Israel, and she needs us. Even so, we must voice our distaste at the violence - which occurred in Montreal today. We must all take

friends to work associates, to politicians, and from Jews to non-Jews alike. We have a chance to fix these wrongs, but only if we take action and don't sit back as passive observers. We say NEVER AGAIN, but unless we protest these attacks on our freedoms, it is fruitless to put up that chant.

Last but certainly not least, a personal lament on our situation:



Palestinian demonstrators protest a scheduled appearance of former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on the campus of Concordia University in Montreal on Monday, Sept. 9. A short while later rioting broke out and Netanyahu's appearance was canceled.

peaceful streets, and today no police managed to restrain hate. Today Montreal Jews were made to feel afraid for our lives, and today Jewish students were threatened in our own home. If we cannot express ourselves here in Canada, champion of free speech and human rights, where on earth can we do so? If we cannot feel safe in our own cities where we have grown up and thrived, where

our own individual stands against this fascism, by which freedom of speech was denied. What happened today in my city cannot be condoned or allowed to repeat itself. We must act.

So I am sending you all this long letter, with my own personal feelings and an eyewitness account. Please do what you can to see that this message is spread to anyone you can think of - from

today I saw raw hatred, and it cut me to the core. I have never feared for my life as I did today. I have never feared for our free society the way I do today. I wish beyond anything that we can one day fix the agonizing rifts between our peoples, and erase the hate from our and their hearts alike.

Sara Ahronheim is a second year biology major at Queens University.

## Trance Gives Way To Sing-a-Longs

By Nechemia Meyers

Many of the clubs and halls that formerly echoed to the sounds of Trance and Techno music now host sing-a-longs in which young Israelis display their enthusiasm for the melodies that their parents and grandparents loved so much.

While there is no scientific explanation for this phenomenon, it may well have something to do with the fact that Israelis feel under siege and find strength in a return to their musical roots. "In the past," says Meital Dayan of Kiryat Ata, a suburb of Haifa, "we wanted to be Americans. Now we want to feel that we are Israelis."

Performers who were appearing before pensioners, if they were appearing at all, now spend evening after evening before audiences predominantly composed of

people in their 20s and 30s; indeed, in some cases, those over 40 aren't even admitted.

A particularly popular star is Sara (Sarale) Sharon, a veteran of sing-a-longs whose children are the age of her present fans. In recent years she was a kind of joke, the symbol of a musical culture whose time had long passed. Now she is as "in" as they come. The same is true in regards to the Gevatron, a kibbutz-based group that is particularly famous for its rendition of the sentimental Russian-style songs that led the local hit parade in the early years of the State, especially during the period when its very survival seemed uncertain.

Now singing along with Sara Sharon and the Gevatron are not only kids whose parents came from Slavic countries, the birthplace of such melodies, but also the off-

spring of parents from North Africa and the Middle East, who grew up on Arab-style music.

Not everyone sees the fashion as something positive. Among those most critical of it is Dr. David Gurewitz, who is on the staff of the Department of Communication at the Tel Aviv College of Administration and is an expert on popular culture. He sees the sing-a-longs as a "virus" that spreads because Israelis, distressed by the hostility of the outside world, are seeking refuge in the culture of a period when they firmly believed in themselves and in the justice of their cause. Their despair doesn't disappear, but, he adds, it is easier to bear when they are together in a group.

For her part, Sara Sharon is proud to be "bringing joy to a generation of young people who are

losing their jobs and constantly being called up for reserve duty. They were waiting for someone to lend them a hand, to embrace them. And that is what I do with my songs."

Gideon Gurion, who has been with the Gevatron for 32 years, attributes the enthusiasm with which the group is received to the fact that "young Israelis are seeking an opportunity for togetherness. Unlike discotheques, where everyone dances on his own, people at our performances interact with one another. We ourselves are pretty excited to hear the kids belt out

songs that were written before they were born."

Ilan Gilboa, Musical Director of the Gevatron, believes that the sing-a-longs are making a clear ideological statement. To prove his point he recalls one of the letters he received after a performance. It read: "Your songs give us a feeling of Israeliness, and help us understand why we are still here."

Those are sentiments that wouldn't emerge from an evening of Trans or Techno.

Meyers is a nationally syndicated columnist based in Israel with family roots in Wilmington.

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# MILESTONES

## In Memoriam

**BAUCHWITZ**

Dr. Peter S. Bauchwitz, a retired research chemist from DuPont, died September 21 after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Maria Helena Bauchwitz; four children and four grandchildren. Services were held privately.

**GLAZAR**

Ida Glazar, 94, of Lynnfield, died September 14. She was a renowned baker and skilled gardener. Predeceased by her husband, Charles, she is survived by her brothers, Samuel "Murph" and Alec Goldberg; a sister, Evelyn Jacobson; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. The family would appreciate contributions in her memory to Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802.

**GOLDMAN**

David E. Goldman, 90, of Wilmington, died September 17th surrounded by family. He retired from his business, D & M Electronics in Wilmington in 1977 and devoted himself to his many

hobbies which included travel, boating and gardening with his wife of 60 years, Rose. Mr. Goldman was a member of Welcome Lodge #368 in Philadelphia, the Delaware Consistory, and Shriner's of Wilmington. He was a decorated WWII Veteran who received both the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his son, Arthur and daughter-in-law, Lynn; daughter, Constance and son-in-law, Dr. Jerome Groll; grandchildren, Eric, Julie, Bryna, Ryan, Corey and Nicole and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were private. The family appreciates that contributions in his memory be made to the American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, Suite 205, New Castle, DE 19720.

**JABLOW**

Patricia L. Jablow, 67, of Green Acres, died September 24th. She was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, an assistant Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop 61 and was an advisor to the synagogue's Senior Temple Youth. Trained as a registered dental

hygienist, she served as secretary/treasurer of Abe Rose Steel Company.

Survivors include her husband, Richard; sons, Jeffrey and Steven; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Beth Emeth with interment in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Due to the Sukkot holiday, Shiva will be observed on Saturday (September 28) at 7:30 p.m. at 1107 Grinnell Road. Contributions in her memory may be directed to Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Blvd, Wilmington, DE 19802.

**SLOAN**

Dorothy Sloan, 83, of Wilmington, died on September 15th in Christiana Hospital. She was a graduate of James Monroe Public High School in New York and attended Alma Moore College in Wilmington and the University of Delaware in Newark.

Predeceased by her husband, Samuel, Mrs. Sloan is survived by her daughter, Marsha L. Sloan of Wilmington; her son and daughter-in-law, Robert A. Sloan and Ellen Danish of Philadelphia and their children, Jacob and Mara.

Graveside services were held in Beth Emeth Memorial Park, Faulkland Road, Wilmington. Contributions in her memory may

be made to the Deborah Hospital Foundation, c/o Mutzie Bellak, 1201 North Harrison Street, Apt. 204, Wilmington, DE 19806.

**STEINBERG**

Samuel Steinberg, 81, formerly of Wilmington, died on September 22nd. He was a retired Wilmington police officer. Survivors include his

wife, Marie; son, Bruce; sisters, Lillian Serwinsky and Freda Greenberg; and grandchildren, Tatum and Shane.

Graveside services were held in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Contributions in his memory may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

## NACHAS NOOK

### Laurence Brothers Graduate College

Blake and Brett Laurence, twin sons of Michael and Maris Laurence of Chadds Ford, PA, grandsons of Gerson and Faye Blatnick of Chadds Ford, PA and Sylvia and Morris Lipschitz of Cranbury, NJ and brothers of Jaimie and Dr. Chad Laurence, have graduated college.

Blake graduated from American University in Washington, D.C. with a B.S.B.A. in Finance. He is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and served as treasurer of Interfraternity Council and as a board member for the Office of Judicial Affairs. He will be continuing his postgraduate studies at Widener University School of Law in Wilmington, this fall.

Brett graduated from Emory University in Atlanta with a B.S. in Anthropology. He is a member of the Mortar Board, Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Fraternity, Order of Omega, and served as Interfraternity Council president.

He will attend Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, this fall.



Blake (left) and Brett Laurence

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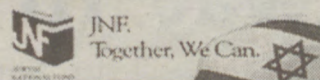
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## AKSE SLATES PROGRAM ON ISRAEL ADVOCACY

The Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Men's Club will host Dr. Mark E. Wagman, co-chair of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware on Sunday, October 13th, 10:00 a.m. Wagman will speak on "Creating Advocacy for Israel With the General Public". The community is invited to attend the program, which will be preceded by breakfast at 9:30 a.m. The cost for the breakfast and program is \$4. Reservations are requested. Please call the synagogue at 302-762-2705.

## JFS HELPS SEPARATED AND DIVORCING FAMILIES

Jewish Family Service will offer Healing Hearts, a Family Court mandated program for parents and children engaged in separation or divorce. The program will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in JFS' Wilmington Office, 101 Garden of Eden Road on the following dates:

October 2 & 9, November 6 & 13, December 4 & 11

For additional information, please call Lynn Brown at 478-9411

## WCU PRESENTS "WE SHALL SING AGAIN"

"We Shall Sing Again," a musical Contata written by Dr. Irene G. Shur, Cantor Paul Schwartz, and Ken Joseph will be performed Sunday afternoon, October 13, 3:00 p.m. in Philips Library on the campus of West Chester University. This will be the first in a series of eight free programs to be held under the auspices of the University's Holocaust/Genocide Education Center.

The program will trace the four thousand year development of Hebrew and Jewish Music. Performers will include the Workmen's Circle chorus from Philadelphia and the Ki Klezmer Band of West Chester, PA plus a variety of instrumental and vocal soloists. Narration will be provided

by Dr. Sidney Rabin. Audience members will enjoy a rendition of early synagogue. Hassidic and Klezmer music as well as songs from the Yiddish Theatre and the Holocaust. A reception will follow. For further information, please call 610-738-0486.

## MAJ JONGG MADNESS IN NEWARK

Come to Midnight Mah Jongg Madness at the new Newark Jewish Community Center, 318 South College Avenue in Newark on October 19, 8 p.m. until midnight. Tickets are \$13 per person and reservations are required. Please call 368-9173 to reserve your slot. Door prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served.

## SPECIAL SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE AT AKSE

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation will hold its 21st annual Simchat Torah Women's Service on Sunday morning, September 29th. The reading will begin in the Berlin Chapel at approximately 10 a.m. after the sixth *hakafah* in the main sanctuary. All women and girls are invited to attend and participate. Everyone who so chooses will be honored with an *aliyah*. For further information, please call Anne Breikss, 762-9728.

## YOGA IN NEWARK NEXT MONTH

Come to an introductory Yoga workshop at the Newark JCC on Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and learn how this ancient mental and physical exercise regime helps enhance balance, concentration, stamina, flexibility, strength, relaxation, weight control and reduce stress. The cost is \$15 per person. To find out more information, please call 368-9173.

## FROM BIMAH TO BROADWAY

Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington presents four of the nation's top Jewish singers in concert on Sunday, October 13, 7:00 p.m. at the synagogue on 300 Lea Blvd. "From Bimah to Broadway"

features a quartet of singers performing a varied program of Jewish choral and cantorial music, Yiddish art songs, and Broadway hits performed by Jewish composers. Beth Emeth's own Cantor Michael Mandel will lead the ensemble. The Cantor has sung with the Washington Opera and has performed in concert halls around the world. Seating is limited, so make your reservations today! Reserved seating is priced at \$36, general admission is \$18. A champagne dessert reception will follow the performance. Funds raised from the concert benefit the synagogue's music programs. For additional information, please call Roberta Beutel at 302-239-0144.

## JCC AND ADULT INSTITUTE OFFER COURSE ON ISLAM

The Jewish Community Relations Committee of Delaware in cooperation with the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies, is sponsoring a special course on Islam from October 9 through November 6, 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Delaware JCC. The instructor is Professor Khalid Blankinship, chairperson of the Department of Religion at Temple University. He is a prominent scholar of Islam and is active in inter-religious dialogue. In cooperation with other Islamic scholars, Professor Blankinship will present an overview of Islam. A question and answer session will follow each session. Registration forms are available at area synagogues and the Delaware JCC. A \$20 registration fee includes the course plus admission to the November 13th Cantorial Concert *Music from the Heart, Music for the Soul*. For additional information about the Islam course, please call Mark Wagman, JCRC co-chair, at 475-8351.

## MITZVAH BASKETS

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## DOVER SHUL HOLDS ART AUCTION

On Saturday evening, October 12th, Congregation Beth Sholom in Dover will host an Art Auction for the entire community. Traditional and contemporary pieces in oils, watercolors and a variety of other mediums will be offered. For additional information, please call the synagogue at (302) 734-5578.

## MEET ISRAEL'S PREMIER POET

Karen Alkalay-Gut, one of Israel's most popular poets, will discuss "Sharing Literature, Sharing Life" at the Warren L. and Charles C. Allen Jr. CHEER Community Center, Sand Hill Road and Rte. 9, Georgetown, DE on Sunday, October 6, 3 p.m. This free program is partly funded by a grant from the Delaware Humanities Program, a state program of the National Endowment of the Humanities.

## COMMUNITY APPRECIATION EVENT-OCTOBER 6TH

Come one, come all to the Jewish Federation of Delaware's

Community Appreciation Event on Sunday, October 6th, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Delaware Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington. Guest speaker Rabbi M. Gary Neuman will discuss "How Your Children Can Make Your Marriage Great: Balancing Marriage and Kids". Free child care will be provided. The event is open to the entire community. For more information, please call Amalia Snyderman at 302-427-2100, ext. 30.

## JEWISH WAR VETERANS TO MEET

The Jewish War Veterans of Delaware will meet on October 20, 10:30a.m. at the B'nai B'rith Building in Claymont. For further information about the group, please call Arthur Samuelson at 762-4704.

## NCJW PUBLIC AFFAIRS FORUM

Dating Violence and Acquaintance Rape: Protecting Our Families will be presented on Tuesday, October 15th, 7:00 p.m. at the Brandywine Country Club. For more information, phone call Gail Ball at (302) 652-8346 or Eileen Sarter at (610) 268-3280.

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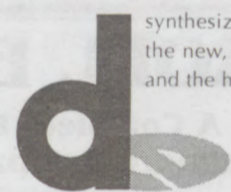
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