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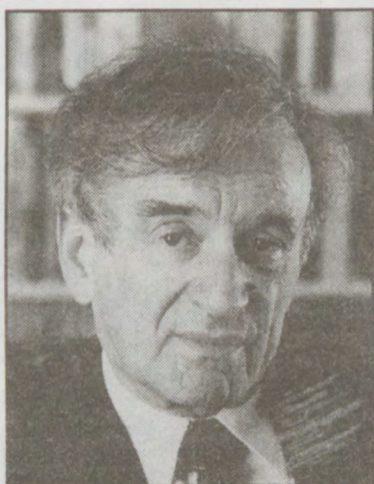
ELIE WIESEL COMES TO WILMINGTON ON NOVEMBER 4

Forum USA Delaware Presents: THE POWER OF HOPE AND HUMAN SPIRIT at the DuPont Theatre

Nobel Peace Prize winner and human rights activist Elie Wiesel is one of three extraordinary individuals who will appear on stage at the DuPont Theatre on November 4th, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. to kick off the inaugural season of Forum USA Delaware. Wiesel will be joined by environmental advocate Erin Brockovich and disabled mountaineering legend Tom Whittaker for a panel discussion on The Power of Hope and Human Spirit. Emmy Award winning ABC News "Nightline" reporter Michel Martin will serve as moderator.

Hosted by Wilmington Trust, this is the first in a series of three forums to be held at the DuPont Theatre in the Hotel duPont. Audiences for this inaugural forum will hear firsthand tales of remarkable determination, tenacity and bravery from three people who have succeeded against the odds.

Nobel Peace Prize winner and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel has worked on behalf of oppressed people for much of his adult life. When he was fifteen years old, he and his family were deported from Romania by the Nazis to Auschwitz. His mother and younger sister perished there, his two older sisters survived. Wiesel and his father were later transported to Buchenwald, where his father died.



Elie Wiesel

After the war, Wiesel studied in Paris at the Sorbonne and later became a journalist.

Wiesel has authored more than 40 books and his efforts have earned him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States Congressional Gold Medal, the Medal of Liberty Award, the rank of Grand Officer in the French Legion of Honor, and in 1986, the Nobel Peace Prize. Shortly after receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, he and his wife Marion established The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity. Since 1976, Wiesel has been the Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities at Boston University. An American citizen since 1963, he lives in New York with his wife and son.

Erin Brockovich, garnered national attention with the release of the acclaimed Academy Award nominat-

ed film that chronicled her real life environmental crusade against the giant energy company Pacific Gas and Electric in the mid-90s. In 1996, as a result of the largest direct action lawsuit of its kind, spearheaded by Brockovich and Edward Masry (for whom she continues to work as Director of Environmental Research), the giant utility company was ordered to make the largest legal settlement in United States' history, paying out \$333 million in damages to more than 600 Hinkley, Calif. residents.

Since 1991, Brockovich has worked for the law firm of Masry and Vittoe, where she began as a file clerk. She lives with her husband, actor Eric Ellis and children in Agoura Hills, Calif.

Tom Whittaker became the first disabled person to summit Mt.

Everest in May 1998. In 1979, a car accident left him permanently disabled and doctors told him he would probably never walk again. Yet he became determined to continue to enjoy his favorite outdoor activities as an amputee. He founded C. W. HOG at Idaho State University, which introduces the disabled to outdoor activities as a means of physical and emotional therapy and rehabilitation. He is currently an adventure education professor at Prescott College in Prescott, Arizona.

Forum moderator Michel Martin joined ABCNEWS in 1992. She has received one Emmy Award for her reporting and has been nominated for two others. Her primary assignment is ABCNEWS "Nightline", where she has contributed a number of reports for the ongoing

series, "America in Black and White."

Remaining programs in the inaugural season of Forum USA Delaware:

Being Black - Friday, Jan. 28 2005, at 8 p.m.-Featuring Julian Bond, Anita Hill and moderator Juan Williams.

Our Love Affair with Food - Friday, May 6, 2005, at 8 p.m.-Featuring Jacques Pépin and Mario Batali. Additional panelists and moderator to be announced.

For more information on Forum USA Delaware and for tickets, visit www.forumusadelaware.org.

Series subscriptions (\$120-\$180) and single tickets (\$45-\$65) are also available through the DuPont Theatre box office at (302) 656-4401, (800) 338-0881, or online at www.duponttheatre.com.

WILMINGTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH PRESENTS NUCLEAR POWER AUTHORITY

Paul Leventhal to discuss "Preventing Nuclear Violence in the Middle East"

Paul Leventhal, President Emeritus of the Nuclear Control Institute will speak on Monday, November 8th, 7p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington. Levinthal founded the Nuclear Control Institute in 1981 and served as its president for 22 years. Prior to establishing NCI, he held senior staff positions in the United States Senate on nuclear power and proliferation issues.

Leventhal's expertise on nuclear issues has made him a sought-after speaker. He has lectured in numerous countries, including as Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Cambridge University's Global Security Programme. He organized the Institute's International Task Force on Prevention of Nuclear Terrorism, its conference in South America on averting a nuclear arms race between Argentina and Brazil, a coalition of eminent U.S. scientists and diplomats seeking a halt in further production of nuclear-weapon materials, and a working group of public interest organizations in Washington on nuclear proliferation issues.

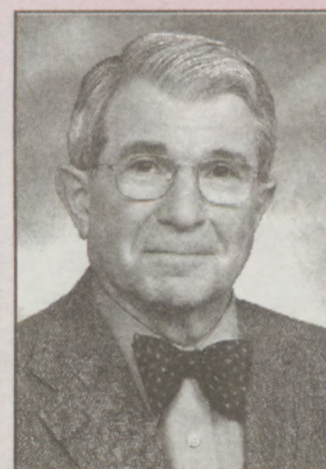
He served as Special Counsel to the Senate Government Operations Committee, chaired by Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D-CT), 1972-1976, and as Staff Director of the Senate Nuclear Regulation Subcommittee, chaired by Senator Gary Hart (D-CO), 1979-1981. He was responsible for the investigations and legislation that resulted in

enactment of two landmark nuclear laws—the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, replacing the Atomic Energy Commission with separate regulatory and promotional agencies, and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978, establishing stricter controls on U.S. nuclear trade to combat the spread of nuclear weapons. He also served as co-director of the

Senate Special Investigation of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Accident, co-chaired by Senators Hart and Alan Simpson (R-WY), 1979-1980, and prepared the "lessons learned" legislation enacted in 1980 to require preventive measures and emergency planning for future accidents.

He has held senior staff positions in the United States Senate on nuclear power and proliferation issues. He has appeared on "60 Minutes," "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer" as well as many other news programs.

Admission is free and open to the public.



Paul Leventhal

ATTENTION JEWISH VOICE READERS:

Share an inspiring story of your personal triumph in the face of adversity. Submit your entry in 500 words or less for a twin pack of tickets to the November 4th Forum USA Program at the DuPont Theatre. Email to lynn.edelman@shalomdel.org. The three winning entries will be published in the November 26th edition of the Jewish Voice.

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The Power of Hope and Human Spirit

Thursday, November 4, 2004, 8 pm

Hear firsthand tales of remarkable determination, tenacity and courage from individuals who have succeeded against the odds.

Panelists: Elie Wiesel, Erin Brockovich, Tom Whittaker

Moderator: Michel Martin

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Being Black

Friday, January 28, 2005, 8 pm

An unusually candid, revealing look at the personal realities of being black in America today with a diverse panel of individuals who are living that experience.

Panelists: Anita Hill, Julian Bond and others to be announced

Moderator: Juan Williams

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Our Love Affair With Food

Friday, May 6, 2005, 8 pm

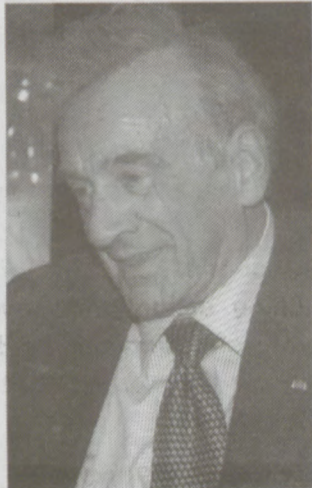
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Panelists: Mario Batali, Jacques Pépin and others to be announced

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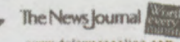
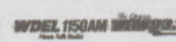
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Samuel H. Asher
Executive Vice President

By Samuel H. Asher

"How do you spell relief?" was the catch phrase of a successful advertising campaign for a popular antacid that ran several years ago. Over the past few weeks, however, that familiar slogan began to resonate for me as I focused my attention and energies on our community's 2005 Annual Campaign.

In meetings with local agencies and conference calls with our international services partners, Federation staff has been focusing on the needs, which we hope to address from a successful 2005 Annual Campaign. Sometimes we get so focused on the act of fundraising, that we lose perspective. I am always taken aback by the conditions and situations in our community which are addressed by our beneficiary agencies and which are not typically publicized.

Many of you are aware of the organization called NATAL, which we have supported through the Israel Emergency Campaign.

This organization provides grief counseling and crisis intervention for terror victims in Israel. They have been overwhelmed with requests for counseling services since the Intifada began.

But there are also difficult situations in our community, which our local beneficiary agencies handle. More than 350 adults received outpatient counseling from Jewish Family Service this year. In addition, JFS staff provided more than 1,848 hours of counseling and support services to adolescents and their families.

As the economy has tightened, the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center and Albert Einstein Academy have given out more scholarships for child day care and tuition subvention.

Federation supports some little known local programs like the Burial Fund of the Jewish Fund for the Future. Members of the community who cannot pay for burials come to us for help. Recently, the Jewish Fund for the Future made a special allocation to this

fund as resources had been depleted.

I often talk about Sara, the 92-year-old woman we met in St. Petersburg this past summer. Sara was blind and living in a one-room apartment. This is a Soviet style communal apartment, where six families share one bathroom and one kitchen. Sara has to navigate a 50-foot hallway to get to the Kitchen everyday. Her very survival depends on visits from her aid worker and the food packages that come from our Federation allocations to the Joint Distribution Committee.

While Sara lives in St. Petersburg, her story could have come from Sarajevo, Bucharest, Kiev, Kefar Saba or Wilmington.

All of us pray for the day that these needs do not exist in our Jewish communities. However, until that day comes, we must be there for those who need us most. That's one of the major reasons why we have a Jewish Federation and that's one of the reasons why we have an annual campaign.

First Lady Laura Bush Speaks at International Lion of Judah Conference



Jennifer Young

By Jennifer Young
Director,
Jewish Fund for the Future
and Women's Philanthropy

This week over 1,400 women participated in the International Lion of Judah Conference in Washington DC. "The sisterhood of the Lion of Judah is one of the most influential

groups in philanthropy. You teach us that although one person alone can't do everything, 1,400 strong can do anything. And you show the world exactly what women can achieve with faith, with hard work, and a whole lot of chutzpah!" commented First Lady Laura Bush as she addressed conference attendees last Sunday. In addition to Mrs. Bush, speakers at the conference included Sen. Hillary Clinton, Teresa Heinz Kerry and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who addressed delegates on the 350th anniversary of the arrival of Jews in North America.

Senator Clinton spoke of the critical importance of the work and deeds of the thousands of Jewish women philanthropists devoted to the Jewish value of tikkun olam, or repair of the world.

"To all of you Lions, who do not rest but are roaring into the future with a passion to make a difference in the lives of your communities and our country and in Israel and around the world," Clinton said, "I thank you because you are fulfilling the highest mission that any life can attempt to reach to be of service, to follow the universal commandment that cuts across every great religion - to serve and respect one's neighbors, to leave the world a better place than when we found it."

Participants attended sessions on topics including anti-Semitism, the Israeli-Palestinian

conflict, Israel and democracy, youth at risk, the public/private partnership and much more.

The Lion of Judah was established in 1972 as a symbol to recognize a new level of commitment set forth by a cadre of donors that wanted to shape the future. Today, over 13,000 women throughout North America, Israel and through Keren Heyesod proudly wear their Lion of Judah pins to declare their commitment to the preservation and growth of the worldwide Jewish community. The Lion of Judah pin has become one of the most recognized and distinguished symbols of women's shared commitment to the strength and vitality of the Jewish people. The International Lion of Judah Conference is held every-other year.

Women's Philanthropy is an important part of what we do at the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Women's pledges to the Jewish Federation of Delaware Annual Campaign account for almost one-third of the total amount pledged. Two giving levels mark achievement in women's giving: the new Morasha level for women giving \$1,000+ in their own name and the Lion of Judah level for women giving \$5,000 and over in their own name. Pins are available for donors at the Morasha and Lion level. Women may also choose to become a multi-year Lion by making a pledge over 2-3 years to become a Lion.



I am a Lion.

Why a Woman's Gift?

Key lobbying positions in Washington, D.C. are based on the number of individual contributors and the total money raised by the Jewish community.

Your contribution expresses your personal sense of responsibility for the needs of Jews in Delaware and overseas.

Contributions to the Federation Annual Campaign support a network of agencies in Delaware and services to hundreds of thousands of people in Israel and over 58 countries around the globe.

To give tzedakah is a mitzvah, a commandment and an individual responsibility. No one can perform a mitzvah in another person's name.

If you would like more information regarding Women's Philanthropy, please contact me at 302-427-2100 x 19 or by email at jennifer.young@shalomdel.org.

Jewish Fund for the Future Awards Over \$25,000 in College Scholarships

The Jewish Fund for the Future, the endowment and planned giving arm of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, provided thirty-one (31) students with over \$25,000 in college scholarship funding during the Fall 2004 grant cycle. From the 31 students receiving funding: fifteen (15) students received college scholarship awards for completing a minimum of 80 credits at the Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School; ten Akiba Hebrew Academy graduates with Delaware connections received college funding; two college students enrolled in Jewish studies classes received scholarships; and four students received funding for college credit programs in Israel.

The next scholarship application deadline is December 1 for priority consideration of funding for the Spring/Summer semester (or session). The Jewish Fund for the Future has several funds that provide scholarships. Most of the students mentioned above received their scholarships from the Joseph & Marion Greenbaum Scholarship Fund of the Jewish Fund for the Future. Scholarship guidelines and application materials are available online at www.shalomdelaware.org. Applications received after December 1 may receive reduced funding. The Greenbaum scholarships are primarily for students attending an accredited college or university program in Israel; students enrolled in Jewish studies classes at an accredited North American college or university, or students who have completed a minimum of 80 credits at Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, or a full-day Jewish high school program, such as Akiba. The Jerusalem Study Fund supports students ages 16 and older enrolled in study programs in Jerusalem. Further information is available on the website mentioned above or from the Jewish Fund for the Future (302) 427-2100 x 20.

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Next summer, give your family the gift of a lifetime — the ultimate Israel experience. Enjoy action and adventure. See history come alive. Feel the warmth of community and build lasting connections. Share the legacy of Jewish values that unite all Jewish people — and have fun doing it - together!

If you are interested, call Ruth Rosenberg, JFD Campaign Director at (302) 427-2100 ext. or e-mail at ruth.rosenberg@shalomdel.org.

EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

Do Jewish: Vote

Jews are admonished not to separate themselves from the community. We have a responsibility to show respect and honor for the nation in which we live and to make a positive impact on our society.

As Americans, we are privileged to live in a democracy. Here, every citizen has the right to elect those officials who share our personal philosophies and beliefs. By voting, we voice our opinions on such critical issues as the war on terrorism, anti-Semitism, support for Israel, reproductive freedom, stem-cell research, education and health care.

Our ancestors fled poverty, pogroms and worse in Eastern Europe for the privilege to live in a free society. They cherished their citizenship and proudly participated in the election process.

The American Jewish émigré experience produced a small but coveted bloc of voters. Politicians have always been confident that Jews would show up in large numbers at the polls and have actively courted their support.

Today, those numbers have dropped significantly. Once revered as "A light among

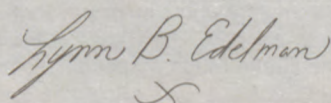
nations" the Jewish people's enthusiasm for the political process has dimmed. We, who are blessed with citizenship in a nation where freedom is a birthright, take these freedoms for granted.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware's Jewish Community Relations Committee was at the forefront of efforts to bring an end to Delaware primary elections on Shabbat. Governor Minner signed House Bill 400 in August. Securing passage of this historic legislation, sponsored by Representative Bob Valihura and Senator Patty Blevins, was a painstaking process.

Let us pay tribute to the many men and women who fought the good fight so that Delaware's Jews could be full participants in the voting process.

Do Jewish on November 2nd. Vote!

Shabbat Shalom,



Lynn B. Edelman
Editor

Celebrate 350: This week in American Jewish History

October 27, 1994

Judith R. Shapiro was inaugurated as president of Barnard College on October 27, 1994.

October 28, 2000

The Battered Immigrant Women Protection Act introduced by Illinois Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky became law on October 28, 2000.

October 29, 1945

On October 29, 1945, Anna Rosenberg became the first woman to receive the Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award awarded by the United States. In 1950 she was appointed Assistant Secretary of

Defense, the highest position ever held up until that time by a woman in the United States military establishment.

November 1, 1961

"End the Arms- Race, Not the Human Race" was the slogan of the Women Strike For Peace organization founded by Bella Abzug on November 1, 1961. The organization was inaugurated with a day-long strike by an estimated 50,000 women in 60 cities, all pressing for nuclear disarmament.

This feature appears courtesy of the Jewish Women's Archive. Visit their website at www.jwa.org.

In conjunction with "Half a Chance: Stories of Jewish Delawareans" Exhibit at the Delaware History Museum, 504 Market St., Wilmington, The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware and the Historical Society of Delaware will present a Wednesday series of free educational programs. The public is encouraged to attend on the following dates:

Oct. 27 — **Jewish Genealogy** - a talk by Mark Halpern, of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Philadelphia. 12:15 p.m. Delaware History Museum, 504 Market St., Wilmington.
Nov. 3 — **Our American Dream** - Learn about immigration through one young girl's experience as a Russian immigrant at Ellis Island, as well as the stories of four Jewish Delawareans who went through the immigration process or grew up with immigrant par-

ents. 12:15 p.m.

Nov. 10 — **A True Global Community: Sephardic Jews in Colonial American Trade.** A talk by Yda Schreuder. 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 16 — **Tallitot and Weaving Sacred Textiles.** A presentation by Bettes Silver-Schack, who teaches weaving at the Newark Museum Arts Workshop, Newark, NJ, will discuss the tallitot and weaving sacred textiles. 12:15 p.m.

PARSHA PLACE

Week of October 23

Lech L'Cha

Genesis 12:1-17:27

The Spiritual Challenge

By Rabbi Shefa Gold

Having a map and knowing that we are on a journey awakens us to the wondrous path we've traveled thus far, and to the road beneath our feet, which is fraught with dangers and strewn with treasures. We can use maps to orient ourselves, recognize landmarks on our way, discern when we've hit a dead end, and inspire us to new adventures.

Each blessing on the journey of Abraham holds a challenge for the soul. Leaving the known world without knowing the destination — our challenge is to trust the journey itself and to risk being "no one." When we encounter disappointment or tragedy, we are challenged to surrender expectations and plant the seeds of compassion. Our lives become a journey of purification and as we are called into service, we are challenged to cultivate the qualities that are required by the work. We are guided on the path just one step at a time as we seek out teachers, open to their wisdom, receive moments of initiation and then spend years dedicated to integrating those moments. Every initiation opens the way for an expansion of our perspective and we are challenged to stay focused as we widen the view. When those expansive states offer us moments of prophetic vision, the challenge is to allow those visions to transform our lives, moment-to-moment. In accepting upon ourselves the covenant, the agreement to walk with God in simplicity and open-heartedness, we also take on the mitzvah of the circumcision of the heart. Here the challenge is to continually cut through and release layers of distortion and defense that lay upon the heart, so that we can receive Reality in its sparkling essence.

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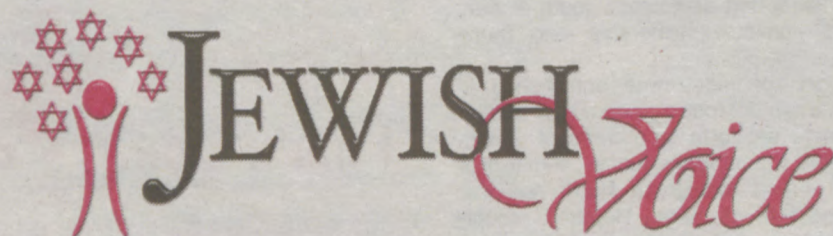
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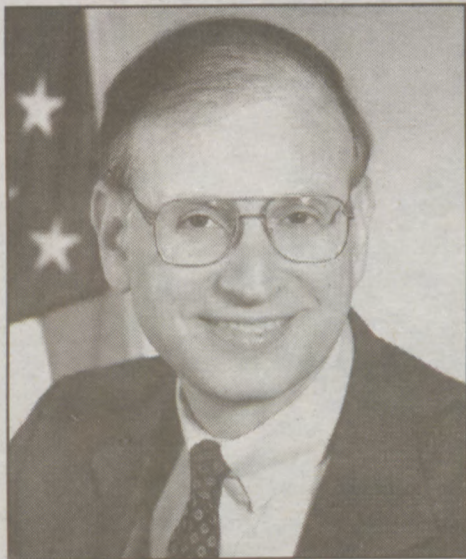
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EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

Kerry's record deserves our support



Stuart E. Eizenstat

By Stuart E. Eizenstat

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (JTA) — As an American, a Jew and a former public servant, I strongly support John Kerry and urge my fellow Americans and the American Jewish community to do likewise.

At a time of unprecedented challenge, Sen. Kerry's long and distinguished career in the United States Senate and the values he would bring to the presidency make him the right person, at the right time, to lead our country.

I have known and worked with John Kerry since he entered the United States Senate in 1985, have testified in hearings he chaired

on environmental and energy security issues, and have admired his leadership on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

First, John Kerry has been a lifelong advocate for Jewish causes. He was a firm supporter for the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate in the 1980s. He supported my efforts at securing justice for Holocaust victims in the 1990s.

Today he is an outspoken advocate for justice for Hungarian Holocaust survivors who are trying to obtain justice from the United States over the Hungarian Gold Train captured by the United States — over the objections of the Bush administration's Justice Department.

Sen. Kerry has been outspoken in condemning anti-Semitism in the Arab world and in Europe. He has a 19-year voting record of 100 percent support for Israel, consistently supporting higher levels of U.S. aid, opposing weapons sales to Israel's enemies and supporting Israel's security needs in forcefully responding to terrorist attacks that take innocent Israeli lives, and, most recently, standing up for Israel's right to build a security fence.

Few things would do more to enhance Israel's security than Sen. Kerry's energy program, which encourages alternative energy sources and conservation and makes us less dependent on volatile and increasingly expensive Middle East oil.

Second, John Kerry stands for the social values that animate our Jewish religion and our prophetic vision: advancement of civil rights at home and human rights abroad; an active concern for the disadvantaged; a positive program for poverty reduction; a tolerance for those with different lifestyles.

In our Yom Kippur service, we have read

the majestic Haftarah from the prophet Isaiah that embodies the values so many Jews hold dear to this day, and which I believe is best represented in the social values of John Kerry: to "let the oppressed go free... to deal thy bread to the hungry... to see the naked and cover him to relieve the afflicted soul."

His detailed, market-based health care program offers the best hope of providing coverage for the over 40 million Americans without any health care insurance, and in keeping soaring drug prices down. Moreover, Sen. Kerry will protect our environment — air, water, land, which have been increasingly endangered over the past four years.

Third, John Kerry is better prepared for the presidency and to be Commander-in-Chief in this time of world challenge than virtually any modern candidate. He knows war up-close and has the medals and awards to show it. He has spent almost two decades making foreign affairs his specialty, meeting with world leaders, traveling widely, analyzing the challenges of weapons of mass destruction, developing anti-terrorism strategies.

A Kerry foreign policy will help end the estrangement the Bush administration has created with our key allies in Europe and countries around the globe, making them more effective partners of the United States in the fight against terrorism, and relieving some of the burden now on American soldiers and taxpayers. He will reinvigorate NATO, which should have been used from the start in the war against the Taliban in Afghanistan. He will have credibility in dealing with the United Nations.

Sen. Kerry's four-point program for Iraq offers the best hope of shifting responsibility

to the Iraqis and our allies and removing U.S. troops within a four-year period. He will also make the kinds of investments in homeland security, in protection of ports and critical infrastructure that will make terrorism on U.S. soil less likely, while aggressively pursuing the war on terrorism on all fronts.

Fourth, at a time of stagnant job growth and bloated federal deficits, which threaten to pass an immense debt burden on to our children and grandchildren, John Kerry has proposed plans to reduce the federal deficit in half, develop creative tax incentives for job creation and to encourage companies to create jobs in the United States rather than abroad. We can create 10 million new jobs over the next four years, the pace of the Clinton years.

But this election is also a referendum on the performance of the Bush administration. The Bush campaign has become the most negative in modern times, because they cannot run on their own record. They have to make the American people forget their record and try to tear down Sen. Kerry, a celebrated war hero. Consider the following:

* With tax cuts heavily benefiting the most wealthy and with slow economic growth, the administration has squandered massive, hard-earned government surpluses under President Clinton (the first in five decades) and created a sea of deficit spending as far as the eye can see. This year will see the largest federal deficit in American history. This means passing along a massive debt burden to our children and grandchildren, less investment possible in education, health care and the environment, enormous stress on Social Security and Medicare;

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Kerry's road map leads nowhere



Martin Peretz

By Martin Peretz

Like many American Jews, I was brought up to believe that if I pulled the Republican lever on the election machine my right hand would wither and, as the Psalmist says, my tongue would cleave to the roof of my mouth.

According to the Bible, of course, these are actually the feared consequences of forgetting Jerusalem. Now, while there are many reasons one might want to vote for John Kerry, remembering Jerusalem — remembering to stand up for the State of Israel — is not among them.

It is true that candidate Kerry's campaign pronouncements have been unexceptionable from the pro-Zionist point of view. Yes, he flip-flopped on the miles of trenches and fences Israel is building to defend itself from the plague of terrorism, first attacking it as "another barrier to peace," then accepting it as "a legitimate act of self-defense."

He has also floundered concerning what can be expected of Yasser Arafat. Just as

Arafat was launching the second intifada in 2000, Kerry asserted optimistically that we must "look to Chairman Arafat to exert much greater leadership." Three days later, he portentously declared the obvious on "Face the Nation," calling the Israel-Palestinian conflict "an extraordinarily complicated, incredibly deep-rooted problem."

What made this problem so extraordinary and incredible? "Arafat, has forces around him, underneath him, close by him, that are working against what he is doing," Kerry said by way of exoneration. (And, to sustain the moral equivalence of the parties in his head, Kerry added, "The same is true of Prime Minister Barak" — which was nonsense, as there wasn't a single such person in Barak's circle.)

By now, to be sure, Kerry thinks that the chairman's support for terrorism has already rendered him unfit as a partner for peace. And his votes in the U.S. Senate (like all but a handful of senators') have been routinely friendly to Israel.

So why am I still exercised about John Kerry?

It's the ramifications of his foreign policy in general, especially his fixation on the United Nations as the arbiter of international legitimacy, proctor of that "global test."

Save for the American veto in the Security Council, Israel loses every struggle at the United Nations against lopsided majorities. In the General Assembly and Human Rights Commission, Muslim states trade their votes to protect aggressors and tyrannies from censure in exchange for libels against the Jewish state. The body's bloated and dishonest bureaucracies are no better, as evidenced most recently by the head of the U.N. organization for Palestine refugees, who has just defended having Hamas militants on his staff.

I've searched to find one time when Kerry — even candidate Kerry — criticized a U.N. action or statement against Israel. I've come up empty-handed. Nor has he defended Israel against the European Union's continuous hec-

toring.

Another thing that bothers me about Kerry is the deus ex machina he has up his sleeve: the appointment of a presidential envoy. It's hard to count how many special emissaries have been dispatched from Washington to the Middle East to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict. What's easy to see is that none of them has gotten to "yes."

In recent years, both George Tenet and Gen. Anthony Zinni have served in this meaningless position. And who would Kerry designate? He first suggested the sanctimonious Jimmy Carter and James Baker, Bush 41's secretary of state.

Then he found out — why he didn't know this is another matter — that both Carter and Baker were deeply distrusted by the Israelis and by American Jews. There was no mystery as to why. Carter (well, how does one say this?) is not exactly a friend to the Jewish nation and, besides, his favorite politician in the Middle East was the mass murderer Hafez Assad. A huge beneficiary of Saudi business, Baker was adept at pooh-poohing concerns about Israeli security.

So we are left with Kerry's other putative designee, Bill Clinton, whose national security staff was so mesmerized by the mirage of a quickie Israel-Palestinian peace at the end of his term, that, according to the 9/11 report, it couldn't be bothered take out Osama bin Laden after the attack on the USS Cole. Clinton succeeded in squeezing Israel into the extravagant Camp David and Taba formulae, but failed to get Arafat to go along. At least for Israel, these proposals are now toast.

For his part, Kerry grabs at any showy idea to demonstrate his sense of urgency. As a response to militant Islam and to encourage moderate Muslims, the presidential aspirant proposed that "the great religious figures of the planet" — he mentioned the pope, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Dalai Lama — hold a summit.

To do exactly what?

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in which Islam is not, in fact, a threat," Kerry said, "And to isolate those who are, and to give people the strength to be able to come together in a global effort to take away their financing, their freedom to move, their sanctuary, and so forth."

This muddled foolishness reflects Kerry's sense of politics as desperate theater. Another simply showy idea he proposed (to Tim Russert on "Meet the Press") was to insert U.S. troops between Israel and the territories, as part "of some kind of very neutral international effort that began to allow Israel itself to disengage and withdraw." Now, if anything would put American soldiers in harm's way it is such a move, exposing our men and women to fiercely competing gangs of suicide bombers and other killers.

Kerry asserts that it is "Israel's presence [in the territories that] puts Israel in difficult circumstances and obviously creates an enormous handle for Osama bin Laden for all the radicals and extremists to hang on to." But this stands history on its head. It is not the occupation that caused the conflict. It is the very existence of Israel — even within the unbearably narrow 1949 cease-fire lines.

To project his Middle East bona fides, Kerry has bashed George Bush dozens of times for supposedly showing no interest in Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking, for breaking a continuum going back at least 30 years.

"Some clichés," wrote the dovish Israeli journalist Aluf Benn in the even-more dovish Israeli newspaper Ha'aretz, "become permanent features in public until someone takes the trouble to check out their validity."

Which is what Benn did. And what did he find? The Bush administration "has been far more involved than any previous administrations in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and has courageously presented the two sides with practical objectives and demands."

Kerry seems to have nostalgia for the peacemaking ways of Bill Clinton. But what Clinton actually bequeathed to George W.,

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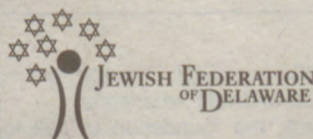
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NCJW hosts public affairs forum

The Wilmington Section of the National Council of Jewish Women will explore issues around providing care and comfort to those with chronic illnesses or near the end of life during a November 9th forum at the Brandywine Country Club. "Live Life to the Fullest: Care and Comfort Near the End of Life" is targeted at patients and their families.

A panel of experts will speak about hospice and palliative care during the program, which is scheduled from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Local agencies will display information and provide materials about their services.

"The topic is relevant to everyone...said Marci Aerenon, NCJW Wilmington Section president, adding that "We wanted to provide an opportunity to educate people about some of the services and support systems that are available in our community."

Speakers at the forum include: Martha C. Frost, LCSW, Jewish Family Service of Delaware, Older Adult Services; Willo Carey, executive director, WHY? Wider Horizons; Susan Lloyd, MSN, RN, president/CEO, Delaware Hospice, Inc.; Regina Tyler, MSPC community liaison and educator of Compassionate Care Hospice and John Goodill, MD, director and Joanne Skillman, FNP-C, MSN, RN coordinator/nurse practitioner of the Pain/Palliative Care Program at Christiana Care Health Services.

NCJW is a volunteer organization dedicated to improving the lives of women, children and families. Previous forums have focused on domestic violence, bullying, gun control, education reform and dating dangers.

For more information about the November 9th event, please call Marci Aerenon at 302-652-7778 or email Maerenon@aol.com.

Beth Emeth to host Family Shabbas Dinner

If you joined Beth Emeth in 2003 or 2004 or are currently considering membership, you and your family are invited to be guests of the congregation at their annual New and Potential Member Shabbat Service and Dinner. The event is planned for Friday evening, November 12, 2004. Dinner will be served in Beth Emeth's social hall at 5:00 p.m. New members and their families will be blessed and honored at the service, which will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the chapel. The Oneg following the service will provide an additional opportunity for members of the congregation to welcome new and potential members and enjoy a relaxed chat following the service.

Families and individuals who are considering joining Wilmington's reform Congregation, Beth Emeth, but who haven't yet made the commitment are especially welcome to attend this event and learn more about the congregation. There is no charge for this dinner, but since it will be prepared by a host of volunteers, it is essential that you make your reservations by November 3, 2004 by calling Adele Kessel at 302-478-0776.

Membership information may be obtained by calling Verna Schenker at 302-478-6673. Spend an evening at Beth Emeth and learn why so many families have chosen to join this congregation.

Kristallnacht Remembered

In remembrance of *Kristallnacht* (Night of Broken Glass), November 9, 1938, the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee is sponsoring a talk on Sunday, November 14, 2004, at 3 PM in the Brandywine Hundred Library, Foulk Road.

The speaker is Dr. Willard Fletcher, retired Professor of History at the University of Delaware. He was a member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Commission during the planning and building of the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC.

Dr. Fletcher will discuss the Alexandria Project - a forty-year effort to microfilm the German military, political, economic and other records captured by the United States and Britain at the end of World War II. Dr. Fletcher was involved in the initial selection and microfilming and currently is participating in the publication of the catalogues to that collection. The materials have been used over the years as an archival witness to Nazi war criminal cases and at the present time as an aid in the recovery of stolen assets.

The Brandywine Hundred Library is the repository of the Preston Holocaust Collection, a resource for the community on the Holocaust.

Beth Emeth celebrates 50 years

Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington invites the community to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of its building at an "Oldies Dance Party," Saturday, November 6, 7:30 pm till 11:30 pm in the synagogue's Social Hall.

In celebration of the building anniversary, the synagogue will honor Jack Topkis and Leonore Myers, members of the original Building Committee.

The cost is \$50 per person and includes light refreshments. Please dress for dancing.

All proceeds will be used to support the 50th Anniversary Activities Fund. All contributions are welcome. For additional information, contact Chuck Marcus at 791-9118.

Set sail with Adas Kodesch

The entire community is invited to attend Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth's 120th Anniversary Cruise, on Saturday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. The "cruise" will feature a live and silent auction, as well as an open bar, gourmet hors d'oeuvres and desserts, live music, juried artwork and exquisite items.

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Kerry's road map

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says Benn, was "an Israeli-Palestinian war and a total collapse of the hopes that flourished in the 1990s. The height of the peace process during the Clinton era, the Camp David summit in July 2000, was a classic example of inept diplomacy, a rash move whose initiators failed to take into account the realpolitik, misunderstood Arafat and brought upon both Israelis and Palestinians the disaster of the intifada."

By contrast, Bush has committed Ariel Sharon to a Palestinian state and to a withdrawal from some, though certainly not all, of the settlements. In return, the president has recognized that the most populous and strategically pivotal settlements would remain in Israeli hands and has also ruled out what would be suicide for Israel, the return of Palestinian refugees after 56 years. The Palestinians have not yet signed on to these particulars. But they are the

future details of any peace.

Bush's empathy for the government in Jerusalem is particularly remarkable, because empathy was altogether foreign to both Bush pere and his secretary of state. One can only imagine the horror of 41 and James Baker (to whom the president may actually owe his office) in seeing the inheritor become a true ally of Israel.

Yet there it is. And with his understanding of, and sympathy for, the Israeli predicament, Bush has coaxed from Sharon an agreement to withdraw unilaterally from all the Gaza settlements and from four in the West Bank - something even left-wing governments, as Benn puts it, "were afraid to do."

Kerry, meanwhile, appears ready to formulaically follow the failed precepts of the past, complete with photo-ops and multiple interlocutors. This is a road map to nowhere.

Martin Peretz is the editor in chief of *The New Republic*.

AKSE cantor to sing for 76ers

Cantor Joel Kessler of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth will sing the National Anthem at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia on December 12, 2 p.m. immediately prior to the game between the Philadelphia 76ers and the Milwaukee Bucks. Cantor Joel's performance is part of the Jewish Community Day observance begun last year by the Sixers. Tickets for the game, which normally cost \$39 are being discounted and sold by Adas Kodesch for \$29. If you are interesting in supporting Cantor Joel and attending the game, please call the synagogue office at 762-2705 by November 10th.

Dover artists on display

Wilmington College is holding an Art Exhibit featuring 5 Dover artists at its Dover Site on Route 13 South near the entrance to the Route 1 By-Pass.

The exhibit is located in the main lobby of the College's new colonial style building and is open to the public during regular business hours daily.

Irving Levitt has 16 major pieces in the exhibit, which opened on Oct 1, 2004 and will run until November 19, 2004.

On October 29th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. the College will host a "Meet the Artists" reception. Refreshments will be served.

WILM Radio host to speak at Beth Shalom Brunch

John Watson, WILM Radio talk show host, will be the guest speaker at Congregation Beth Shalom's first brunch of the season on Sunday, October 31 at 10:00 a.m. Watson will discuss the recent

sale of WILM and other timely topics that might be covered on his radio program.

Cost of the brunch is \$5.00. Please call the synagogue office (654-4462) for reservations by Oct. 27.

Kerry's record

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* The President will be the first since Herbert Hoover to have no net job creation over a four-year term. Indeed, we have lost over a million private sector jobs;

* Poverty levels have increased significantly over the past four years and the number of Americans without health care coverage has increased to some 45 million;

* Per capita incomes are stagnant and not keeping up with the rise in inflation;

* The administration has taken the country to war in Iraq based upon faulty premises, threatening alliances; and

* Far from uniting the country, as prom-

ised in the 2000 campaign, "wedge" issues have been used to divide Americans.

This is hardly the foundation to call for four more years.

I will be proudly and enthusiastically casting my vote for John Kerry and John Edwards on Nov. 2. I hope overwhelming percentages of American Jews will do so as well.

Stuart E. Eizenstat was chief domestic policy adviser to President Jimmy Carter. In the Clinton administration, he was U.S. ambassador to the European Union, undersecretary of commerce, undersecretary of state and deputy secretary of the Treasury. He was President Clinton's special representative on Holocaust-era issues

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GLOBAL JEWISH NEWS

Christopher Reeve found Israel 'super'

By JTA Staff

Christopher Reeve, the paralyzed actor who was an inspiration to so many, himself drew inspiration from a trip he took to Israel in 2003.

"It was one of the most rewarding trips of my life," Reeve said after the trip in a JTA interview. "It was really a privilege to have been there, not just because they treated me so well — that was great — but because of the people we met."

Reeve, who made his name playing "Superman," died last week at 52. The cause of death was heart failure stemming from an infection.

Reeve surprised even his doctors when he was able to move an index finger years after the 1995 horse-riding accident that crippled him.

In addition, repeated electrical stimulation of the muscles gave him sporadic sensation in other parts of his body — and he never gave up the hope that he would walk again.

Reeve also became an activist, addressing the U.S. Congress on the benefits of research that could help para- and quadriplegics.

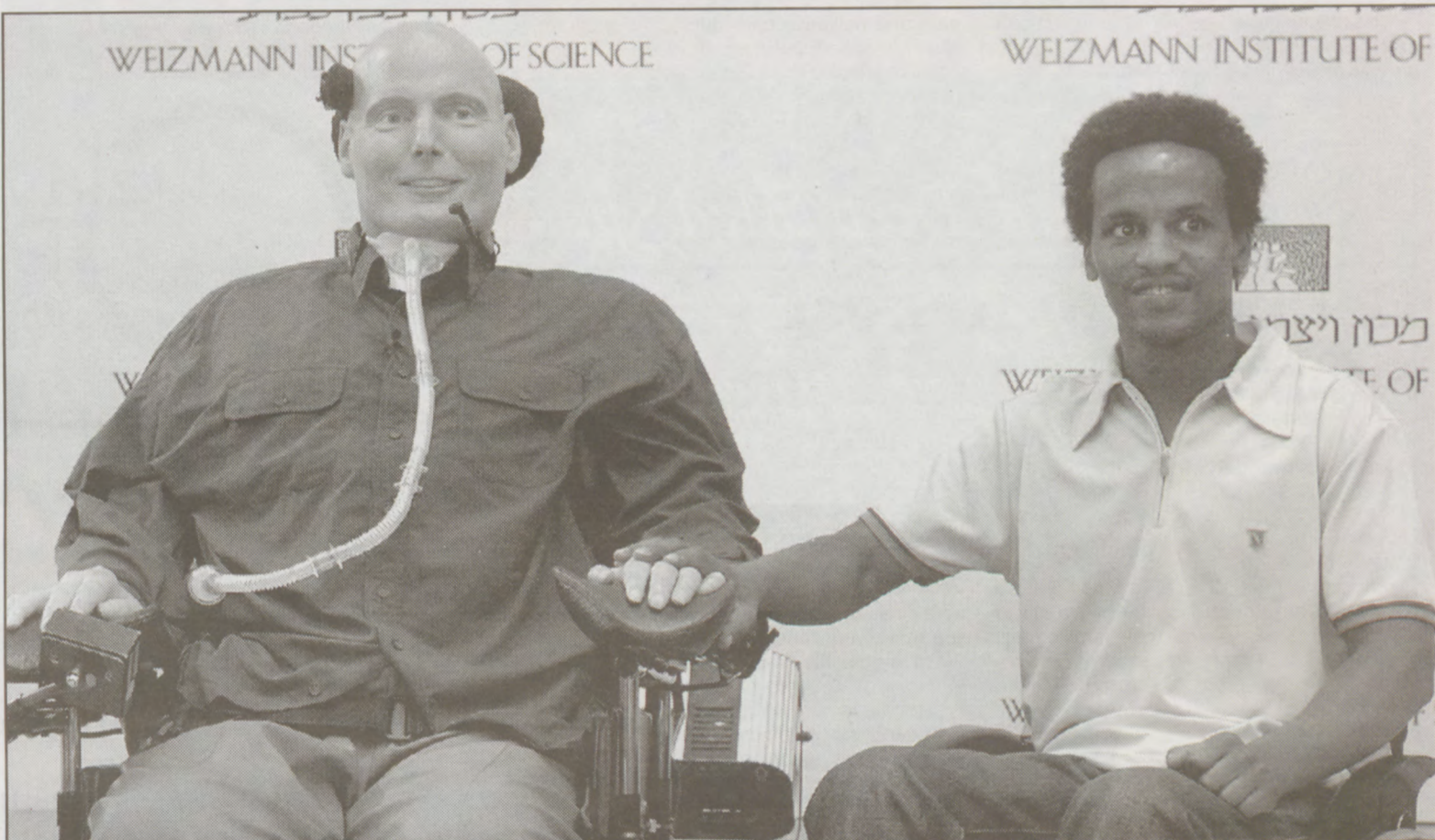
It was in this role that he visited research institutions and rehabilitation centers in Israel. He was particularly interested in the work of neurobiologist Michal Schwartz, of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, and scientists from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

During his trip to Israel, Reeve also visited the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, a Beit Halochem Rehabilitation Center and the Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer.

He also met with scientists from Hebrew University, where researchers are working on creating purified lines of human embryonic stem cells.

Scientists there already have demonstrated the ability of stem cells to become new heart tissue, he said, and are doing cutting-edge work in computational neuroscience, the study of how the brain and nervous system work.

"That technology is moving along very rapidly in Israel," Reeve told JTA. "The United States is giving away its pre-eminence in biomedical research because of pressure from social and religious conservatives, and it's particularly disturbing because polls show that 70 percent of the American public is in favor of all forms of stem-cell research."



Actor Christopher Reeve, left, smiles as he sits with Elad Wassa, an Ethiopian immigrant paralyzed in a Palestinian suicide bombing, during a news conference at the Weizman Institute in Rehovot, Israel, July 29, 2003. Photo by Brian Hendler/JTA

President Bush has allowed federal funds for research using existing embryonic stem-cell lines from 2001, but few of those lines are still viable today. His Democratic challenger in next month's presidential election, Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.), favors expanding federal funding for

stem-cell research.

During the most recent presidential debate, Kerry called Reeve a "friend of mine," adding, "I want him to walk again."

Reeves' trip to Israel was organized by the Consulate General of Israel in Los Angeles and sponsored, in part, by the

Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles.

Reeve said he came away from his trip to Israel with a sense of the courage of Israeli scientists and the importance of science to the Jewish state.

He also left with admiration for the average Israeli.

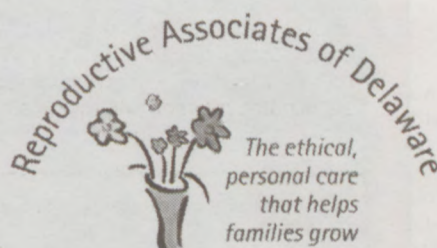
"I sensed the precariousness, the fragility of everyday life," he said. "I got a real sense of people working together, of a great deal of mutual respect — that the Israeli people are very full of life, full of energy, and they seem to make the most out of every moment."

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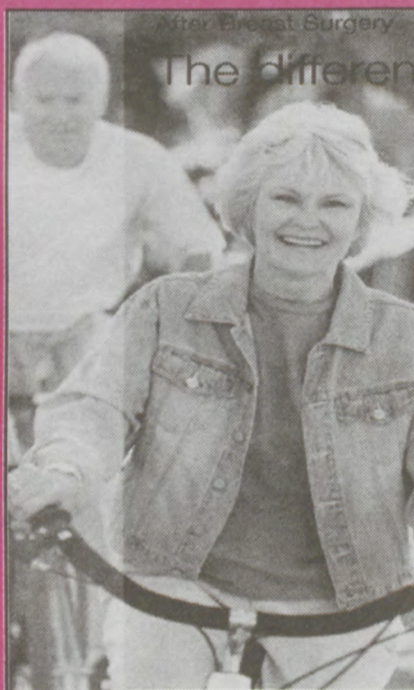
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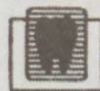
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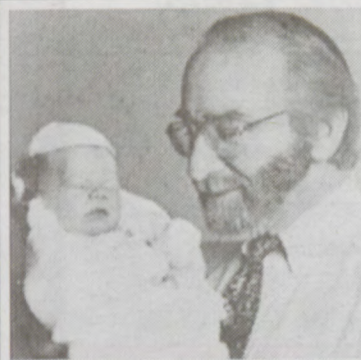
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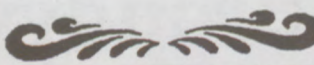


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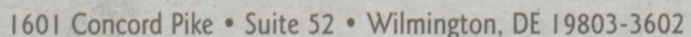
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SNAPSHOTS FROM ISRAEL

WDEL Radio's Rick Jensen broadcast live from Israel last week, visiting with high-level government officials, survivors of terrorist attacks and Delawareans who have made aliyah.

The broadcaster and his wife, Nancy, traveled with Jewish Federation of Delaware President Barry S. Kayne and his wife, Reiko and Jewish Community Relations Committee Staff Coordinator Jack Zigon.

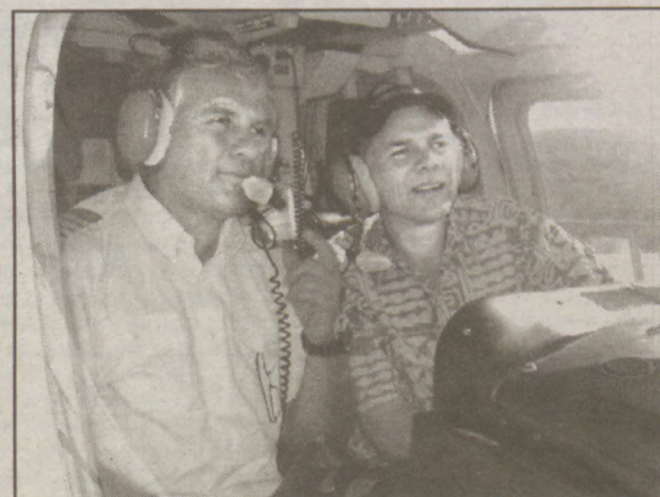
Enjoy the snapshots from this historic journey.

Because many of you might not have been able to listen to Rick Jensen live during his 9AM-Noon time slot last week, or you want to hear a particular interview again, we have archived all of the interviews at the Rick Jensen/WDEL trip web-site:

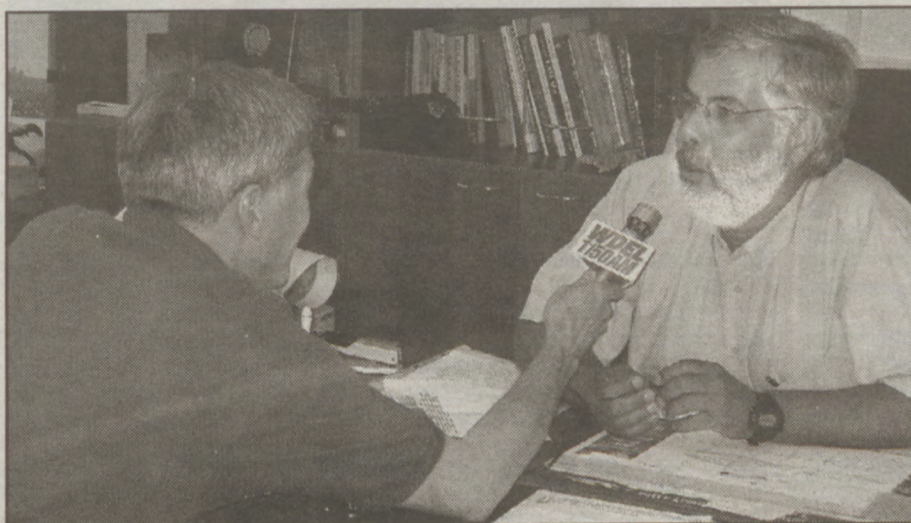
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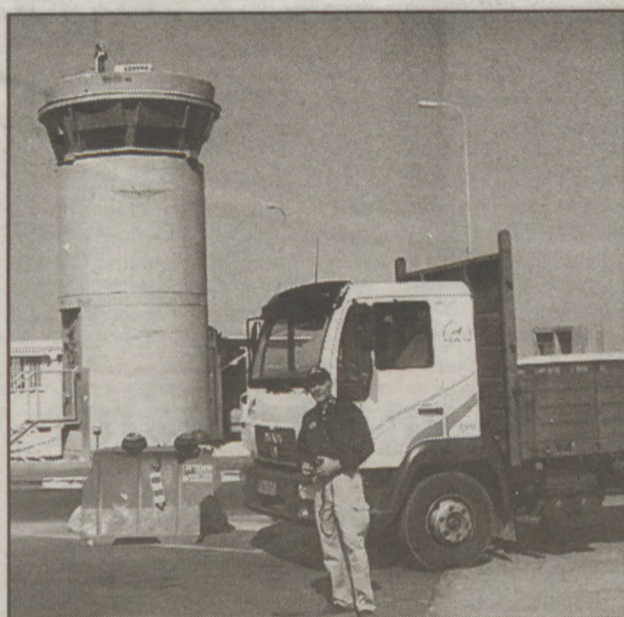
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PERSPECTIVES

Israel's Armenians feel intifada's squeeze

By Gil Sedan, JTA

It was a solemn procession: A line of Armenian clergymen clad in black robes quietly followed the bearer of a cross through the narrow alleys of Jerusalem's Old City.

They were returning from prayer at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher when a young yeshiva student approached the clergymen and spat at the cross.

After the initial shock, Archbishop Nouhan Nanougian, second in rank to the Armenian patriarch, lost his cool and slapped the young student.

After a brief scuffle, police intervened and summoned the yeshiva student for questioning. A magistrate's court ordered him to stay out of the Old City for 75 days.

On Oct. 14, four days after the incident, the student, Mattan Zvi Rosenthal, 21, returned to police headquarters, accompanied by a rabbi, to apologize. Archbishop Nanougian accepted his apology.

Still, Bishop Aris Shirvanian, director of ecumenical and foreign relations for the Armenian Patriarchate, told JTA, "This is nothing new."

"It's quite common," he said. "It happens all the time. If not every day, then at least every week."

Since the outbreak of the intifada four years ago, Israel's Armenians have felt the squeeze of living among warring peoples. Israel has taken small steps toward addressing their situation, but Jerusalem's Armenian leaders would like to see more done.

A foreigner could hardly tell the difference between the Old City's Jewish and Armenian Quarters: In each, one narrow alley leads to another, and the homes look largely similar, though the Armenian houses often are hidden behind heavy iron gates.

"Life hasn't been the same ever

since the Intifada," said Ani Hekmanian, a young hairdresser who used to work in the Jewish part of Jerusalem.

With the outbreak of the Palestinian intifada, the city's Armenians, as well as other Christians, found themselves caught between radical Muslims and Jews fearful of anyone who was not Jewish.

"I once walked in Givat Shaul," a predominantly charedi neighborhood at the western end of Jerusalem, "with my cross hanging on my neck, when suddenly a young man approached me and spat in my face. I was shocked. I didn't know what to do," Hekmanian said.

"Had I complained to police they would have considered me crazy, or would have blamed me for causing trouble," she surmised.

Now she works at home and tries to avoid both Jewish western Jerusalem and the nearby Muslim Quarter.

During the Camp David negotiations in the summer of 2000, the parties reportedly agreed that most of the Old City — the Muslim Quarter, the Christian Quarter and part of the Armenian Quarter — would be handed over to the Palestinians.

The Armenian patriarch, Torkom II, along with his Catholic and Greek colleagues, wrote to the Camp David negotiators, urging them "to ensure that the Christian communities within the walls of the Old City are not separated from each other."

With the collapse of the talks, the issue was removed from the international agenda.

But ask anyone in the alley, and they will tell you — on condition of anonymity — that despite the present difficulties, they prefer the status quo to any new local order.

"We prefer an established state such as Israel, which we know well, over a new Palestinian state," one

young Armenian said.

The Jews and Armenians share certain historical attributes: Both peoples are dispersed and have suffered persecution and abuse. Both have experienced a Holocaust: Some 1.5 million Armenians perished at the hands of the Turks between 1915 and 1923, in what many researchers consider a genocide.

The Armenian population in Israel numbers some 22,000 and considers itself a minority within the Arab minority. It would have been natural for Jews to embrace this population, much as they embraced the Druse community, but Armenians, unlike the Druse, do not serve in the army.

"I am so afraid when I go to the dati," or Orthodox Jewish, neighborhoods, said Anush Hagopian, 25. "During daytime, I conceal my cross."

As she spoke, while walking from the Armenian St. James Monastery, a group of charedim approached from the opposite direction. The Armenian girl and the Jewish group exchanged glances as if through an invisible barrier.

Except for the cross around her neck, Hagopian looks like many Israeli Jews: She dresses casually, with light hair and smiling blue eyes. She studied computer graphics in western Jerusalem but is now jobless, and soon will leave for the United States.

"There is no future here. Everyone is leaving," she said. "We can't even get married, for lack of young men."

The Armenian Quarter is located next to the main street leading from Jaffa Gate to the Jewish Quarter. For Armenians and Jews to cross each other's paths is unavoidable. But rather than saying hello to each other, encounters between them often end with insults — and the venom is not just reserved for cler-



Armenian Israeli Anush Hagopian walks in Jerusalem's Old City.

Photo Credit: Brian Hendler/JTA

gymen, but for women and children, too.

Government Condemns Harassment of Christians

Israel's interior minister, Avraham Poraz, issued a statement condemning the "frequent harassment of Christian clergymen by Jews."

"It is our duty to show tolerance to all religions in Israel," Poraz said, urging Internal Security Minister Gideon Ezra to take all necessary measures to put an end to the phenomenon.

The Knesset Interior Committee also met this week to discuss the matter, an indication that it's now being taken more seriously.

Daniel Rossing, head of the Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christian Relations, said the harassment of Christians particularly is directed at members of the Assyrian and Armenian communities.

Rossing intends to send a circu-

lar to all churches in the Old City, asking them to report any such incidents so police can cope with the matter more effectively.

Yet the key may lie at home and in the educational system.

"I can understand that the hatred comes from generations of Jewish persecution," Shirvanian said, "but it is now the duty of the rabbis to put an end to this hatred."

Following criticism in the press alleging that the rabbinical establishment did not condemn the incidents, Israel's Ashkenazic chief rabbi, Yona Metzger, invited the heads of the Christian denominations in Israel for a meeting next week.

"Despite the fact that we have been neighbors for 37 years, we have no contacts whatsoever with the neighboring yeshivot in the Jewish Quarter," Shirvanian said. "It would be nice to have a meeting sometime."

"Red Dawn" lights the Qassam stricken town of Sedrot

By Sima Borkovski

Special to the Jewish Voice

Sderot, the southern town that started out as a transit camp for new immigrants from North Africa in the 50's, had enough troubles even before it became a target for Qassam shelling. Life was never a 'bed of roses' for this small town of 20,000 people — ever increasing unemployment, its population aging as many of its young people leave it only to be replaced by new immigrants bringing their own adjustments difficulties.

Being close to the Gaza Strip, the town has become a convenient target for constant shelling by Palestinian terrorists turning its citizens' daily life into living hell. Over 350 rockets have fallen on the southern town, causing only little damage to property most of the time. This, as well as being located in the southern outskirts of Israel influenced the belated response of Israeli government to the shelling. On June 28 the city's luck ran out when an advanced Qassam rocket hit a kindergarten, killing a four year old child and a 49 year old man. The child's moth-

er was critically wounded.

The IDF's special organization of Home Front Command stepped in with its soldiers offering the city's terrified children some comfort and guidance. "The counselling we gave on that particular occasion was intended mainly to encourage and calm the children after such traumatic event," says Major Tali Versano-Eisman, 29, who heads the Unit for Civilian Instruction. Between the 5th and 9th of September, a time when Qassam shelling was an every day event in Sderot, another large-scale operation was launched. Some 9,000 children of all ages (kindergarten, elementary and high school) and their teachers were taught ways of coping during a Qassam attack. The presumptuous name given to the project was "holding our heads up".

The younger children were given booklets where they were asked to express their fears and also draw the Qassam. Afterwards, a discussion was held in class and they were able to express their emotions and get answers to their questions by the soldiers. "One child drew himself

near the family house and the Qassam was four times his size. We then explained the children that Qassam is only half their size and usually inaccurate. We acknowledged the legitimacy of their fears and part of dealing with fear is talking about it," concludes Versano-Eisman.

The children also practiced finding shelter near walls with no windows and other measures of protection. Yet while the younger children cooperated willingly with the soldiers the older ones were more sceptical and many of them felt like the exercise was a waste of time.

It wasn't long until their training was put to practice. During the holiday of Sukkot Sderot was shelled almost every day and two small children aged 4 and 2 were killed while they were playing outside their house. It was time for a new program.

Liora Sima, a pleasant looking woman in her forties, is the teacher and the headmaster of the "Science Elementary School" in Sderot. Together with her colleagues she participated in another instruction session given by the

Home Front Command on October 10th. This time it focussed on the new system that would give the people of Sderot 20 seconds alert before the Qassam hits the ground.

Though she is the headmaster, Liora is far from being tough and reserved and when she talks about the school. Her voice is filled with warmth and emotion, as if she was talking about her own child. This is a relatively small school with approximately 160 students whose high intellect is enables them to attend this particular school.

"I hear many people complain about the fact that it is merely a 20 second warning, but I say we should be grateful for that as well. Any warning is better than no warning at all," she says. Instead of the intimidating sound of blowing horns the alarm system cries out the odd expression "Red Dawn".

"On the first day of school after Sukkot holiday ended, we had to talk to the students and let them express their feelings, especially after two small children were killed.

We also had one girl who was traumatized as Qassam fell near their car while she and her grandparents were in it. Her grandmother was hospitalised and she was treated by our regional psychologist even before school started," she reveals.

It seems older children has a tendency to repress their fears while the younger ones are more open and willing to talk about them.

"When we talked to the students about their activities during the holiday, I noticed that the older ones kept talking about their trips outside of Sderot. When I asked one of the girls why did she travelled so much she said that she was scared to be in Sderot and she is still scared now. The younger children were more open and talked about their fears. Many times we see some of the older children cringe whenever they hear the sound of a Qassam falling, even if comes from a distance. We let them keep their mobile phones on so their parents can contact them. This call is important for both sides as both

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JEWISH ARTS AND CULTURE

Jewish Theater ... Alive and Well in New York City

By Joel F. Glazier

350 years after the first Jewish settlers arrived in the land now known as New York City, culture buffs can find a plethora of stage productions of special interest to Jewish audiences.

On, Off, and off Off Broadway

Currently the Eastern European shtetl, Anatevka, has returned to Broadway in a revived production of the hit, *Fiddler on the Roof*. The new cast starring Alfred Molina and Randy Graff is at the Minskoff Theatre on Broadway, reportedly has lost none of its staying power and is delighting both new and repeat audiences.

Picon Pie, a play about the legendary actress Molly Picon is in production Off Broadway at the DR2 Theatre on E. 15th Street. This location is not far from the area where Yiddish Theatre used to thrive featuring actresses such as Molly Picon. Recalling life on the Lower East Side is *A Stoop on Orchard Street*, which has recently passed its 200th performance. The musical set around 1910 is at The Mazer Theatre on E. Broadway.

Right on the real Orchard Street in the small Tenement Theatre is



Jewtopia's writing team of Bryan Fogel and Sam Wolfson.

The Emigrants, a series of works by and about new immigrants and the difficulties adapting to a new land today. Also, as part of the celebration of 350 years of Jewish Life in America, a new American musical, *The Immigrant*, about history, G-d, and the American Dream is on at Dodger Stages on W. 50th Street.

Even after 350 years since the

first Jewish settlers arrived in what is now New York City, from Recife, Brazil, a Jewish community has grown, succeeded and continues to thrive in the theater world, influencing many areas of entertainment and culture.

"JEWTOPIA" - a new comedy about Jewish life

As Golda's Balcony heads west

to Los Angeles early in 2005, Los Angeles has finally let Jewtopia leave as one of the longest running comedy hits in that city. Basically it is a story of a gentile who wants to marry a Jewish girl, because he believes he then will never have to make another decision. However, as the gentile man (portrayed by Bryan Fogel, who really was raised in a Modern Orthodox home) studies, learns and observes his Jewish friend's (played by raised Reform Sam Wolfson) world, he becomes endeared to the way of life in which "parents and grown children talk by phone several times a day; one always complains in restaurants; and to never admit one is in perfect health." The comedy is heavy on stereotyping and at times exaggerated characters, but one ends up laughing with the performers and not so much at them.

Gentile man Chris O'Connell wants old buddy, Jewish man Adam Lipschitz to instruct him on how to pass as a Jewish man at Jewish singles functions. In return Chris teaches Adam how to be more successful in the world of J Date, the online Jewish singles site, which Chris refers to as Jewtopia. As the play continues through humorous

encounters with a rabbi and his family, Adam's family Seder and a series of Jewish dates, Chris and the audience seem to see those familiar (to Jewish people) ways, scenarios and habits as very positive, life sustaining and culturally rich.

"Take one hour to say good bye before leaving family gatherings; never be seen at a NASCAR car race; and forget about using mechanical tools" are three of the behaviors Adam instructs Chris. Chris is not a fast learner, but after undergoing a circumcision and finding who he thinks is a perfect Jewish girl, Chris proudly sings out "I'm a Jew now and Next Year in Jerusalem". The ensemble ends the two hours of culture clashes with one last episode with Adam's newly found surprise girl of his dreams. Chris is to marry Jewish and Adam, well, may or may not be on a new path of discovery.

Jewtopia is directed by Iran-born Jewish director John Tillinger, who had previously directed *Say Goodnight Gracie* and the drama, *Judgment at Nuremberg*. JEWTOPIA has finished previews Off-Broadway at The Westside Theatre on W. 43rd Street. (www.JewtopiaPlay.com).

Novel presents 'novel' look inside Israel's army

Infiltration

By Yehoshua Kenaz

Steerforth Press, South Royalton, VT, \$19.95

Reviewed by

Martin M. Roffman, Ph. D.

I enjoy reading military history books, whether factual or fictional. Thus, when I saw the cover of *Infiltration*, I was attracted to a book proclaiming to be a fictional novel about recruits passing through basic training in the Israeli Army during the mid 1950s. The book cover actually understates the case; Kenaz really deals with a wide variety of interpersonal flashpoints and manages within a single volume to update these ongoing interactions in an artistic although bulky manner.

During the 1950s, Israel's Army served a dual role, that of protector of the state and integrator of the highly diverse populations comprising its society. Nearly all citizens performed their mandatory service and in the process, really learned how to live with each other. For this novel, Kenaz selects main characters from a mixture of city-born Ashkenzim, kibbutz "Old Guard", European concentration camp survivors, and Sephardim from Arab countries. He emphasizes the social conflicts that arose between

his characters and carefully documents how the training staff encouraged and many times forced large doses of attitudinal change along with the standard physical and military training.

Infiltration begins at the earliest stages of basic training and tracks the main characters through their struggles to withstand physical rigors of training. Kenaz prefers to write in a style that challenges the reader. He does so by withholding necessary contextual information so the reader must guess who is speaking with whom, and under what circumstances. I almost felt that Kenaz withheld this information merely as a literary device to challenge the reader in a way that emulates physical challenges experienced by the main characters during basic training. If he intended to do this, he succeeded because I felt severely challenged trying to remember details of conversations that the characters had 20 pages prior during the course of a 600 page book.

As an example of the lack of context, here is how he introduces the story:

"At the last minute my life unfolded in front of my eyes. Like a movie or a bunch of slides flicking past with a quick, jerky rhythm. Images in black and white, the quality rather poor, as if they had been

slightly eroded by the passage of time. Or like a dream, only without the literary, sometime baroque, ambience that accompanies dream images..."

This introductory material continues for several more pages before Kenaz explains that the "flickering" mentioned above is what the main character experiences while being choked in a head-lock and caused to pass out during a training exercise.

The common thread linking characters in *Infiltration* is that each of them suffer from minor disabilities that keep them out of normal basic training. Kenaz demonstrates an uncanny ability to describe their personalities. The kibbutz character, for instance, could not understand why he wasn't being groomed for combat but eventually, the social pressures he felt led him to commit

suicide. The Sephardim were cast into low status roles within the platoon and usually wound up fighting discrimination from their fellow recruits. Interactions between the training staff and recruits were quite realistically described in highly contrasting power struggles.

I could not retain all the detail Kenaz presented and in fact, began to rebel against it. He may have chosen this writing style assuming that readers would interpret it as artistic. Unfortunately, my attention drifted and I found it objectionable to read paragraphs that exceeded one or more pages in length. I never before encountered a book written in slow motion, whose characters analyzed every action from multiple perspectives before acting. Toward the end of the story, Kenaz recanted and actually substituted real action in place of multiple issue analysis.

By that time, however, I had invested so much energy reading this book that I continued doing so just for the sake of finding out how it ended. It became a personal goal to finish the book just to achieve it.

The Hebrew version of *Infiltration* was originally published in 1986 but the English translation was released in 2003. For the most part, the translation was clean and understandable although there were occasions where a Hebrew idiom seemed to mistranslate, and also few spelling errors. These, however, were minor and in the grand scheme of this book, did not affect the reader's understanding of the material. The story has redeeming value. It's just buried deep and needs sifting from the excessive chaff that covers it and passes for artistic freedom on the part of the author.

Tupperware highlighted in film



Photo and outline by Joel Glazier

Laurie Kahn-Leavitt, currently in the Women's Studies Program at Brandeis University, recently spoke at Hagley Museum in Wilmington. She produced, directed and wrote the film, *Tupperware!* which examines the role of women's social networks, especially among ethnic and minority groups, in the success of the plastic food storage product line. "After the development of the 'Wonder Bowl' with its burping seal in the late 1940's, the DuPont Company, advertised that its polyethylene was used in the product" Kahn-Leavitt relates. The Hagley Museum Library was helpful in the research for the film which not only has been shown in PBS but now is quite popular at gatherings in Israel where food preparation and preserving is so important!

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MILESTONES

In Memoriam

AUGENBLICK

Jean N. Augenblick, 87, of Philadelphia, died September 30th. She is survived by her son, Kurt and his wife, Kristie of Wilmington; grandsons, Aaron and Adam of Brooklyn, NY. Private graveside services were held in Montefiore Cemetery, Fox Chase, PA.

GREEN

Arthur N. Green Age 76 of Wilmington, DE, died peacefully on October 16, 2004.

Mr. Green retired in 1988 after 36 years with ICI Americas and Atlas Chemical Industries. He traveled extensively with his work, serving in a variety of senior managerial and leadership positions both in the U.S. and abroad. He was a past-president of the Atlas Globe Club.

He graduated in 1949 from Brown University, where he lettered in tennis. Art earned advanced degrees from the University of

Massachusetts (Lowell) and the University of Delaware. He founded and was President for nine years of the Brown University Club of Delaware, and received an Alumni Service Award from Brown in 1991. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1954-1959.

For many years he was Chairman of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America in Northern Delaware. He was a regular volunteer for Read Aloud Delaware, Wheels, the Delaware Association for the Blind, the Astra-Zeneca Ambassador Program and Meals on Wheels.

Art had many interests and hobbies, most especially in athletics, education and the arts. He was a charter member of the Wilmington Ski Club, performed with many local theater groups, including the Wilmington Drama League, the Lyceum Players, the Unitarian Players, and the Strand Theater Summer Stock Company. His life-

long love of tennis led to his serving as the President of the U.S. Tennis Association's Delaware District (1986-88), and Vice-President of the Middle States Section in 1989. He was a member of the Academy of Lifelong Learning where he served on a number of committees.

He was born in Lowell, Massachusetts on May 31, 1928, and made his home in Wilmington for over the past forty years. He is survived by his daughter, Leslie Green Shapiro, his sister Sylvia Gerson, of Massachusetts, his brother Morton Green of Florida, and his longtime friend, Glenda Green.

There will be a private burial in Lowell. A memorial service was held in Wilmington on Friday, October 22, 2004.

The family suggests that contributions may be made to the Academy of Lifelong Learning and

the Delaware Tennis foundation.

LIPSCHULTZ

Albert Leonard Lipschultz, formerly of Kennett Square, PA, died September 13th in the Delray Community Hospital, Delray Beach, Florida. He was 84 years old. An automotive machinist, Mr. Lipschultz was the co-owner of The Kennett Auto Parts in Kennett Square.

During World War II, he was a Technical Sergeant attached to the 152nd Armored Signal Company, 12th Armored Division. His division liberated the Landsburg Concentration Camp near Dachau in Germany. His photographs of the first day of liberation are part of the archives in the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Lipschultz was an avid photographer and a ham radio operator.

He is survived by his brother, William Abram and sister-in-law,

Molly of Delray Beach, and two nieces, Madelyn Joy Lipschultz, of Venice, California, and Jan Susan Kolchinsky, of Moorestown, New Jersey.

A memorial service was held in Florida. The family requests that contributions in his memory be made to a Jewish organization of the donor's choice.

SIVAKOFF

Roslyn Sivakoff, 82, of Wexford, died October 18th. She is survived by her husband, Murray; sons Alan (Sharon) and Sheldon (Ilene); brothers, Jack and David Reiff; grandchildren, Scott, Gregory, Elissa and Beth.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, October 20, 2004 in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Rd.

Memorial contributions are requested to Delaware Hospice, 100 Clayton Bldg., 3515 Silverside Rd., Wilmington, DE 19810.

NACHAS NOOK

Cabelli and Orenstein to wed

Rosanne and Michael Cabelli are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Tamar Cabelli to Nathaniel Orenstein, son of Ted Orenstein and Naomi Krasner of Newton, Massachusetts.

Sara is currently pursuing a doctorate in epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Nathaniel is completing his final year at NYU School of Law.

A late spring wedding is planned, and the couple plan to reside in Boston.



Sara Cabelli and Ted Orenstein

Gelman and Glazier to wed

Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Gelman of Wilmington are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Julia Susan Gelman to David Mark Glazier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Glazier of Wilmington. The wedding will be held at the Hotel DuPont in July, 2005.

Julia graduated from A.I. DuPont High School in 1997 and received her B.S.N. from the University of Delaware in 2001. She is currently employed as a nurse at Pennsylvania Hospital while also pursuing her Masters degree in Nursing at Thomas Jefferson University.

David is a 1997 graduate of Brandywine High School and received his B.A. from the University of Delaware in 2001. He is currently employed by Clipper Magazine.

Julia and David live in Philadelphia, PA.



Julia Gelman and David Glazier

Sandler named Fellow

Sheldon N. Sandler, a partner in the Employment Law Department of Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, has become the first Delaware attorney elected as a fellow to The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

Sandler was inducted into the College during a ceremony in Atlanta, the site of the American Bar Association Annual Meeting. Election to the College is based on sustained contributions to the field.

Sandler joined the firm in 1981 and helped to build the state's largest employment law practice.

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the parent and the child needs this reassurance that everything is okay."

However fear is not confined to the children, as their teachers cannot remain indifferent to the recent outcomes of Qassam shelling. "Once we heard a Qassam fall, and the students instead of following the army's instructions, ran to the window to see where it hit the ground. Their teacher was apparently in a panic herself and couldn't control them. Unfortunately several minutes later, another one fell. This time the children and teacher followed the instruction and ran to stand by a windowless wall".

Danielle Feirberg, 8.5, a delicate looking girl with long brown hair and blue eyes, says she was afraid after hearing the Qassam fall. "I was afraid that it would happen to me. I was concerned that the windows might break. During the holiday a Qassam fell

in my neighbourhood on the road but I knew what I should do, that I had to stay away from the windows and stand by the wall. On one hand, I am afraid of Qassams but on the hand, I don't want to leave Sderot because all my friends are here and I love this town," she says in a quiet voice.

Her friend, Berta, 9, with big brown eyes and fair hair says she wouldn't want to leave Sderot. "I once heard my teacher say - 'I was born here and here I shall remain' - this sentence affected me very much. After the soldier taught us I felt safer. Before she explained about the Qassam I was sure it was much bigger and when she said it was smaller than me I didn't feel so scared. I wish they could come several times a week. It would help us feel more secure. Also children can forget what to do - I wouldn't mind them coming twice a week," she concludes.

Daniel Portnoy, 11, is a rather well-built child with dark short hair and round face whose parents

immigrated to Israel from the former U.S.S.R several years ago. He says his father once spoke about leaving the country after a Qassam nearly hit a kindergarten in their neighbourhood. "Still, all of my family and friends live here in Sderot. I wouldn't mind leaving to a closer city like Askalon so I can come and visit them but wouldn't have to endure the Qassams. When we play in the yard during intermission the alert system was heard. At first we were scared and didn't know what to do but then we realized it was only a drill so we calmed down and continued to play."

Two days after the interview was held two Qassam rockets fell, luckily in an open space without causing any casualties or damage. The alert system worked, but citizens of Sderot said that they were confused and didn't know what to do. Some didn't even hear the alarm. Luck seems to be Sderot's greatest protector but even luck has its limits.

COMING EVENTS

RABBI DRESIN TO SPEAK AT AKSE MEN'S CLUB BRUNCH

On Sunday, November 7th the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Men's Club will present Rabbi Sanford L. Dresin speaking on the topic of "350 Years of Jewish Life in North America". Rabbi Dresin has been associated with AKSE for more than 11 years. This fall, he is teaching the course "Modern Jewish History" at the University of Delaware. He served for 26 years as a chaplain in the United States military.

Rabbi Dresin will speak at 10:00 a.m. His presentation is preceded by a breakfast served at 9:30 a.m. The cost of the breakfast is \$4.00.

The event is open to the entire community. For additional information, please call the synagogue office at 762-2705.

UNIQUE HOLOCAUST PROGRAM AT PHILADELPHIA AREA MUSEUM

On Sunday, October 31st, 2:00 p.m., the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia will present a free program on the 1,000 children who were transported to the United States between 1934 and 1945 to escape probable genocide at the hands of Hitler. "Don't Wave Goodbye" presents first-hand accounts of the rescue effort and will pay tribute to the rescuing organizations: American Jewish Committee; American Jewish

Congress; American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; Brith Sholom; B'nai B'rith International; HIAS and the National Council of Jewish Women.

The museum is located on Independence Mall East, 55 North 5th Street, Philadelphia. For additional information, please call 215-923-3811 or visit their website, www.nmajh.org.

BETH EMETH SLATES SHABBAT SPEAKER

Rabbi Jeff Eisenstat, Director of Youth and Camping for the Reconstructionist Movement, will be the guest speaker for Congregation Beth Emeth's annual Keil-Herrmann Lectures. Community members are invited to attend services at 8 PM on Friday, October 29th when Rabbi Eisenstat will speak on the topic, "Lore and Law: A Look at Jewish Traditions". Rabbi Eisenstat will also lead a follow up discussion at Saturday morning Torah Study, starting at 9:30 a.m.

FREE FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS AT JFS

Sponsored by Jewish Family Service; Facilitated by the Delaware Money School

Wednesday, October 27: Road to Long-Term Care—Learn about long-term care insurance, and what is covered by Medicare and Medicaid.

Tuesday, November 16: Raising Wallet-Wise Kids—A must for help-

ing children understand the value of money.

Each workshop is held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington.

Call: Sue Bank, JFS, 302-478-9411

TEMPLE BETH EL TO HOST GIRL SCOUT SHABBAT

On Friday evening, Nov. 12, at 8:00 p.m., Junior Troop 516 of Temple Beth El will lead Shabbat Services. Both the Girl Scout and the Jewish community at large is invited to attend. The troop and Temple Beth El will sponsor the one that follows the prayer service.

BETH EMETH LAUNCHES DRIVING PROGRAM

The Daily Designated Driver (DDD) program, administered by Congregation Beth Emeth's Caring Community Committee, will be functional in October. This program will be available to the entire local Jewish community. Rides cannot be guaranteed, but all efforts will be made to accommodate those in need of transportation. At least a week's notification will be expected unless there is a real emergency need.

Temporarily, Fred DeVries will coordinate the DDD. To request rides or to volunteer, call Fred at (610)388-6135 or (610)909-4288 (cell). Requests will be accepted Monday to Friday, between

9:30a.m. and 4 p.m. [Both phones have answering machines.]

Volunteer drivers are needed Monday through Friday. This is the ideal opportunity for people who are working part-time or who are retired and can still drive others.

GOURMET COOKING PROGRAM AT BETH EMETH

The Beth Emeth Special Events Committee invites the community to GOURMET CHEFS ON A BUDGET, Sunday, November 7, 2004, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Enjoy cooking demonstrations by: Andrea Brandli, Pastry Chef, Sweet Nothings, Kennett Square, PA and opening soon in Wilmington, DE.; Joe DiGregorio, of the Culinary Institute of America and Thom Howell, Executive Chef Hartefeld National, Avondale, PA. Ron Leounes, owner of Leounes' Catered Affairs emcee for this afternoon program at Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Boulevard, Wilmington. Cost is \$25.00 per person. For more information, call Chuck Marcus at 791-9118.

SINGLES CRUISE TO GREEK ISLES

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh and Amazing Journeys will sponsor an 11 night cruise from May 23 to June 3rd for Jewish singles in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. Participants will travel to the Greek Isles and Turkey onboard

Celebrity Cruise's Galaxy ship. Prices begin at \$2,099 and include 11 nights of accommodations, all shipboard meals and entertainment, all gratuities and port charges, customized and discounted tour options, exclusive onboard events, Shabbat and Havdalah at sea, special gifts, contests and prizes, and VIP treatment throughout the cruise. Roommate matching is available upon request. For those who sign on before November 23rd there is an "Early Bird" offer of \$100 off any accommodation. For reservations, pricing information and further details, log onto www.amazingjourneys.net or contact Bill Cartiff at (1800) 734-0493 or e-mail him at bcartiff@jccpgh.org.

The JCC travel program provides Jewish singles from all over the world with the opportunity to travel and meet friends. For more information, a complimentary brochure and/or upcoming travel opportunities, log onto www.amazingjourneys.net.

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS

Support Congregation Beth Emeth's garage sale of "Used, Not Abused" clothing, housewares, pre-owned computer equipment, and more! November 3, 9:00-5:00; November 4, 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00. Donations accepted through Oct. 31. 300 West Lea Boulevard, Wilmington

Plaque Ceremony marks site where Delaware's Jews first prayed

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware proudly paid host to Robert S. Rifkind, chairman of the Governing Board of "Celebrate 350: Jewish Life in America" during a recent ceremony dedicating a plaque at the site of the former Morrow Building. This Wilmington landmark was used for religious services before the establishment of Adas Kodesch in 1898.

The plaque dedication ceremony is a component of **Half a Chance: Stories of Jewish Delawareans**. This exhibit examines the personal stories of over 100 representative Jewish Delawareans. It is jointly pro-

duced by the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware and the Historical Society of Delaware and is funded by the Delaware Humanities Forum and The Jewish Federation of Delaware.

The exhibit is open Monday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until December 31 at The Delaware History Museum, 504 Market Street Mall, in downtown Wilmington.

This local exhibition is staged in celebration of the 350th anniversary of the first permanent Jewish Settlement in North America. (Photos by Eric Crossan)



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Participating in the ceremony are: (from left) Delaware Treasurer Jack Markell, Robert S. Rifkind, Howard Kristol, chairman of plaque dedication program and Russell McCabe, Outreach Services Administrator for the Delaware Public Archives.



Jewish Federation of Delaware President Barry S. Kayne and Stanley G. Budner, president, Jewish Historical Society, unveil the plaque – the first plaque of Jewish significance in all of New Castle County!



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