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## YOU CAN GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE THIS SUNDAY

### Bone Marrow Drive at Wilmington JCC has potential to help leukemia victim

By Lynn B. Edelman, Editor

Wilmingtonian Judi Feinson and her brother desperately wanted to help their sister, Linda Feinson-Lowenthal in her fight against Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML). When they learned that a bone marrow transplant was her only hope for a cure, they immediately volunteered to be donors. Unfortunately, while they were perfect matches for one another, neither was suitable for Linda.

According to statistics from the National Marrow Donor Program, the Feinson family situation is common. Only 30% of patients like Linda will find a matched donor within their family. 70% of the 30,000 men, women and children in the United States who suffer from leukemia and other life-threatening diseases must search for an unrelated marrow or blood stem cell donor.

The family hopes that by broadening the representation of Ashkenazi Jews in the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Registry, Linda and thousands like her will have a chance to live life to the fullest. You can join the more than 75,000 Jewish donors listed in this invaluable international resource.

Indeed, the West Orange, New Jersey woman has much to live for. She was diagnosed with AML in December, 2002 when she was five months pregnant with her third child. She endured months of treatment and gave birth to a beautiful daughter who is beloved by her father and two siblings, both under the age of eight. In December of 2003, almost a year to the day of her initial diagnosis, she learned that cancer has once again invaded her body. She spent the recent holidays in New York Presbyterian Hospital and remains hospitalized while doctors try to get her into remission.

If you are of **Eastern European Jewish ancestry**, you may be her only hope. Tissue type is inherited and many ethnic groups, including

Jews, are underrepresented in the donor pool. "Even if you are not a match for my sister, you can do a mitzvah for so many others who are awaiting the gift of life," said Judi Feinson.

Please support the Feinson family in this fight for survival! Jewish Family Service of Delaware is sponsoring a donor registry drive this Sunday from 10:30 am - 3:30 pm at the Wilmington Jewish Community Center. Eligible donors must be between the ages of 18 and 60 and enjoy good health. The testing is simple, bloodless and pain-free. Volunteers will swab prospective donors' cheeks for cells, which will be submitted for analysis. All qualifying donors will be entered into the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Registry.

Even if you don't fit the marrow donor criteria, you can still help through a donation of time or money to offset the cost of testing or to further medical research into Leukemia and other blood-related diseases.

All four branches of Judaism (Orthodox, Conservative, Reform



This Sunday you can give the gift of life to leukemia victims like Linda Feinson-Lowenthal.

and Reconstructionist) support and encourage organ and tissue donation. According to Orthodox Rabbi Moses Tendler, chairman of the Biology department of Yeshiva University in New York City and chairman of the Bioethics Commission of the Rabbinical Council of America, "If one is in the position to donate an organ or tissue

to save another's life, it's obligatory to do so, even if the donor never knows who the beneficiary will be."

The Torah says that "to save one life is to save the world." This Sunday, you can participate in the mitzvah of *matan chaim*: the gift of life.

How many opportunities does one get to be a hero?

## SHARON COOL ON ASSAD OFFER

By Leslie Susser, JTA

Once upon a time, a Syrian president calling for peace talks would have been met by Israeli leaders rolling out the red carpet.

But Bashar Assad's recent overtures toward Israel, first made in an interview with the New York Times, have failed to excite Israeli decision-makers.

The chief of Israel's military intelligence branch, Maj. Gen. Aharon Farkash Ze'evi, says Assad is serious and should be put to the test, but Prime Minister Ariel Sharon doubts the Syrian leader's sincerity and questions whether giving up the strategic Golan Heights in return for peace with Syria is as much in Israel's interest as it once was.

At the same time, right-wingers in Sharon's Likud Party who fear

the prime minister may be sucked into negotiations against his better judgment are doing what they can to prevent talks with the Syrians.

As Israeli leaders weigh the pros and cons of reopening negotiations with Damascus, Ze'evi and other generals make a strong case for taking up Assad on his offer to negotiate.

They say Israel should exploit favorable geo-political conditions that may not recur to get a good deal from a weak and isolated Damascus. America is in Iraq, Iran is being cautious and there is a lot of international pressure on Syria, especially from the United States.

Together, the factors add up to a window of opportunity that shouldn't be missed, the generals say.

If Assad is not serious about peace, they say, negotiations will soon expose his insincerity — so

Israel has nothing to lose.

The generals also argue that if the Palestinians aren't ready for peace moves and Sharon instead opts for "unilateral disengagement," negotiations with Syria could soften the expected international criticism.

But Sharon and most of his Cabinet have doubts about the wisdom of renewing a peace process with Syria. The prime minister doesn't think Assad is serious about peace, and even if he were, the price — the return of the Golan — is too high.

In recent Cabinet meetings, Sharon has made his reservations plain. When Ze'evi reported that Assad was serious, Sharon asked him caustically whether the Syrian president is still backing the Hezbollah militia in Lebanon and Palestinian terrorists in Damascus.

Ze'evi acknowledged that Assad was.

Sharon also told his ministers that he rejected Assad's contention that "80 percent" of the disputed issues already had been already resolved in prior rounds of negotiations between Israel and Assad's late father, Hafez Assad. Those talks foundered on Syria's demand that it be allowed to retain land at the foothills of the Golan, which it conquered in Israel's 1948 War of Independence but which Israel took back in the 1967 Six-Day War.

If talks with Syria are renewed, Sharon said, they must begin from scratch.

Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a former prime minister, was even more blunt. He argued that since his secret negotiations in the late 1990s with Hafez Assad, the "world had changed," and Netanyahu's offer to

cede the Golan in return for peace — an offer later repeated by former Prime Minister Ehud Barak — was no longer valid.

Netanyahu spelled out why: After the American war in Iraq, he said, Syria had become an insignificant and isolated backwater, on the verge of expulsion from the international community. Thus, Netanyahu said, there's no reason to make a deal that entails major Israeli concessions.

The argument was similar to that of the generals — but the conclusion was reversed.

There are other reasons for the government's lack of enthusiasm. Government officials claim that it would be difficult domestically for Israel to negotiate concessions simultaneously on the Syrian and Palestinian tracks.

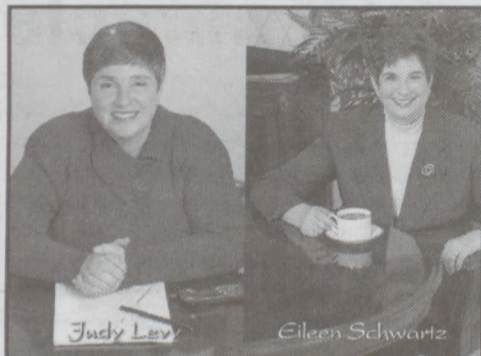
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# EDITORIAL

## Keeping the dream alive

On Monday, January 19th, we honor the legacy of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., a man who died fighting for the dream of a world where men and women of all races, creeds, colors and religions could live together in peace and security. While the major focus of his efforts was to achieve equality for black Americans, he also championed the cause of Jews subjected to anti-Semitism here at home and globally.

The civil rights leader was keenly aware of the common history of oppression and racism shared by Blacks and Jews and was deeply appreciative of the two groups speaking in one voice to protest prejudice.

He was one of the first individuals to speak out against the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union, stating that "...I can not stand idly by, even though I happen to live in the United States and even though I happen to be an American Negro and not be concerned about what happens to Jews in Soviet Russia."

He was also an outspoken advocate for the State of Israel and for the right of all Israelis to live in peace and security. Shortly before he was assassinated, he defended his stance on Zionism before a hostile audience at Harvard University. "When people criticize Zionists they mean Jews,

you are talking anti-Semitism," he said.

A new wave of anti-Semitism has rocked our security both here and abroad. We cannot remain silent in the face of virulent anti-Israel protests on college campuses, violence against rabbis and arson attacks on Jewish museums and synagogues. We must articulate our outrage through letters to the editor, appeals to legislators and diplomats both locally and globally.

We must stand up for ourselves but we don't have to stand alone. Now is the time to rebuild our historic coalition with the African-American community. Our two peoples marched together in Washington, D.C., Selma, Alabama and other cities throughout the United States to protest segregation and racial bias. We shared a heritage of slavery and oppression and a commitment to making America a better place for our children and grandchildren.

Martin Luther King knew that racists do not discriminate between Blacks and Jews. We face a common enemy-bigotry. Let us face him down together!

Shabbat Shalom,

*Lynn B. Edelman*  
Lynn B. Edelman, Editor

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A true Chanukah miracle

The attempted suicide bombing at ORT Alon Junior High School in Yokneam stood out among other recent attacks and attempted incidents in Israel. According to IDF officials, it was the first time Palestinians are known to have deliberately targeted Israeli children.

At this time of year when we commemorate miracles, it is nothing short of a modern-day wonder that the two terrorists sent by Palestinian Islamic Jihad were intercepted en route. Yet one must also marvel at the inner strength of ORT Yokneam's 950 students and teachers. The day following the incident, attendance was high because, as the school's principal Dr. Rivka Tzafir noted, "Most students and teachers felt that, despite their fears, there was nowhere else they would rather be right now than at school."

While this is the first time a school was directly marked for attack, it certainly is not the first time ORT students have been impacted. Since the onset of the Intifada in fall of 2000, the ORT Israel family has lost 47 of its students and graduates to terrorism. Many others have been injured. ORT has established a trauma-counseling program encompassing all of its educational establish-

ments and continues to provide security installations to protect its students and staff.

"Our mission obligates us to maintain the security and spirit of our thousands of students and employees, and we must do everything possible to uphold this mission, especially when the population targeted by these criminals is young boys and girls," stated Zvi Peleg, Director General of ORT Israel, after hearing of the foiled attempt.

As a member of the Board of Directors of Women's American ORT, the largest private financial contributor to the World ORT, my heart breaks that the money we must fund security in addition to labs and equipment and educational programs. Yet I embrace Zvi Peleg's commitment to the ongoing security of his students and teachers, which not only protects those in the ORT family but makes coming to school a little easier emotionally as well. And this is critical: Education like the one provided by ORT Israel ensures the future of Israeli students and, by extension, the future of the country.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Rosenberg  
Wilmington

## Photo Of The Week



A Palestinian youth throws rocks at Israeli border police officers as other demonstrators run, during clashes in the West Bank village of Budrus, near the Green Line with Israel, southeast of Tel Aviv, Sunday Jan. 4, 2004. Bulldozers are clearing the ground for a section of a 450-mile security fence around the West Bank. Clashes erupted when Palestinian demonstrators protested against the construction. CREDIT: Brian Hendler/JTA

## A warmer winter for Israeli soldiers

As you may be aware, I have been collecting money to buy thermal underwear for soldiers and border police in the Jerusalem sector. Last week, my family brought over three full duffels, totaling about 60 sets. As of today, I have enough money to bring over another 50 or so sets. Do you know anyone going over to Israel who might be willing to carry a bag of underwear? I will arrange for a friend to get the clothing on the other side,

and can also supply the duffel. There is a possibility that Israeli customs would charge an 18% duty on the clothing. I will give anyone carrying the clothes a copy of the receipt so that the value can be established, and will reimburse them for any duty they have to pay. I can be contacted with any questions at dmargules@bmf-law.com.

Thank you.  
David Margules

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### Dry Bones A THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR...



## FEDERATION FOCUS

### Message from the Executive Vice President



**Samuel H. Asher**  
Executive Vice President

The holiday season often offers us an opportunity to catch up on movies and at least one family meal at a Chinese restaurant.

This year's movie selection has been better than average, despite some redundancy in themes. I think "Rise of the Machines" was the first movie to come out which was a sequel to two previous movies - "The Terminator" and "Judgment Day". Somewhere amidst all of this computerized demolition was the promise of redemption for the human beings. There is the familiar good vs. evil theme here pitting the good guys in the white hats (John Conner, et. al.) against the bad guys in the black hats (the computers or terminators). This is a familiar theme to American moviegoers. My son liked the "Rise of the Machines" because he felt it tied up all the loose ends of the previous two movies in the trilogy. We Americans don't like loose ends.

"The Matrix Revolutions" was another trilogy sequel. The special effects in the first movie in the series - "The Matrix" - awed us all. The second, "The Matrix Reloaded", also was well received. All three conveyed the common theme of the good people vs. the evil computers. However the anticipated role of this latest sequel, "Matrix Revolutions", was to explain much of what the previous movie left unanswered. I was comfortable with the somewhat "open-ended" ending, which allowed the computer empire and the remaining human beings to live in a kind of cease-fire. They had the option to either peacefully co-exist or to fight again on a future date.

JR Tolkien's epic fantasy "Lord of the Rings", read by many of us older folk back in the days when computers, except in their most primitive forms, did not exist, has been retold for a new generation in three "cinematographical" servings. The third movie, called "The Return of the King", did a wonderful job of tying together all three movies. In fact, without the cooperation of all of the good forces (hobbits, wizards, and fairies, etc.), the dark side could not have been conquered. Here there were no loose ends, good triumphs over evil once and for all.

However, in real life, we live in a world where there are plenty of loose ends. There is an old story about the man from Mars who is beamed down to observe planet earth and decide if there should be a first contact made. The

Martian makes his way to the United Nations, where he feels he may gain some insight into the way the world operates. He sits in on a number of sessions and hears nothing but horrible information about the State of Israel. So, he goes to Israel to observe this example of the worst that the planet earth has to offer. Much to his surprise he finds a democratic state that values human rights, cares for the vulnerable in its society and plays an important role in the world and amongst its people. How could he have seen Israel in such a bad light? This is one of the loose ends that confront all of us today.

We thought that after the Holocaust and with the establishment of the State of Israel, anti-Semitism would disappear. We thought that Jews would be more secure. Yet, more than 50 years after its creation, the fight for security of the Jewish homeland continues. The return of virulent anti-Semitism is at our doorstep and is manifest in the recent bombing of a synagogue in Turkey and in the rise of anti-Semitism in France, England, and all over Europe. The new form of anti-Semitism uses Israel as the reason for making anti-Semitism politically correct. The protocol of the elders of Zion, dating back hundreds of years, is being quoted again. This old barb is being trotted out on Egyptian television programs in 2004. So in this day and age, the right of Jews to live in their own country still has to be defended. We are still engaged in a fight of good versus evil and we

choose life. We support Israel and world Jewry against those who would have us destroyed. But is this story only about the Jews and Israel versus those who want an end to the Jewish State (the Palestinian Authority is still teaching its children that Tel Aviv is part of Palestine). Is this conflict larger than some might think?

So here is where art imitates life or visa-versa. At the General Assembly of the United Jewish Communities, in Jerusalem, six weeks ago, I attended a session on the war on terrorism. It focused on how the United States and the Middle East's only democracy (Israel) are at the forefront of this war on terror. What was made very clear, however, is that this isn't a regionalized confrontation between Israel and its neighbors. It is a much larger confrontation between western nations and those militants tied together by al queda and other terrorist groups. The target is not just Israel or the United States; it is the western way of life. The conflagration takes epic proportions when Donald Rumsfeld, the United States Secretary of Defense, refers to some 39 nations that are cooperating with us in a worldwide war on terror. Indeed, as we watch the terror alerts in this country go from yellow to orange and we watch flights get cancelled coming in from Mexico and France and other flights are escorted by US Air force jets at times, we know that things have truly changed.

So I return to the three trilogy movies with a common theme of

mankind's struggle to survive. How realistic are these depictions of an evil force that targets women and children in wanton and random acts of violence? Are these attacks in the Middle East, Europe and other parts of the globe tied together? Do we indeed face a despicable enemy bent on destroying democracy and western values?

If we answer yes to these questions, then we must stand firm and acknowledge that Tel Aviv is just one target in a war waged against all nations who cherish the liberties and values protected by a free society.

We stand firm by continuing to fight for what is right. We must continue to build our Jewish community by working with those agencies and organizations that embody our values. We must exercise our right as Americans to vote, to volunteer and give to the causes that we believe in.

Our Hasbara and JCRC Committees are ever vigilant, monitoring the media for articles that demonize Israel on a regular basis. Our campaign raises money to keep our community growing. Our Jewish communal agencies and synagogues do the day-to-day building of our community.

If you'd like to participate in our Federation Annual Campaign, call Todd Polikoff at (302) 427-2100 or email him at [todd.polikoff@shalomdel.org](mailto:todd.polikoff@shalomdel.org). Join our Hasbara or JCRC Committees, contact our JCRC Director Jack Zigon at [jack.zigon@shalomdel.org](mailto:jack.zigon@shalomdel.org) or 302-427-2100, ext. 30.

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**Todd Polikoff**  
Campaign Director

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paign was born.

These days it takes a little bit more than half shekel to run our community and assess all of our needs. One thing has remained the same; the annual campaign of the Jewish Federation is the central *kupah* or fund of the Jewish community of Delaware. It is the source of most of our community's planning, allocations and services. The annual campaign allows the Jewish Federation to create a blueprint for our community and our constituent agencies to implement the plans.

Jews and non-Jews throughout our state have been touched by the Jewish federation in many ways, most of which they may be

unaware. Whether it is playing volleyball at the JCC, counseling through JFS, educating children at Einstein or Gratz, having a kosher meal at Hillel or adding dignity to the lives of elderly men and women at the Kutz Home ... this is the Jewish Federation. The Federation is both behind the scenes effecting change and leading the way in advocating for the Jewish community. It is seamless and global. It is your connection to the Jew around the corner and around the world.

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Annual Campaign and carry on a timeless tradition of tzedakah. Be counted among the other members of our community who give to the central fund to ensure that all Jews, no matter where they may live, will receive care based on our principles of learning, caring and social justice. No other organization, Jewish or not, can have as dramatically positive an impact on the Jews of Delaware than the Jewish Federation of Delaware. We can change the world; we just can't do it alone.

Please feel free to contact me regarding the Jewish Federation of Delaware annual campaign at 302-427-2100 ext. 16 or [www.shalomdelaware.org](http://www.shalomdelaware.org).

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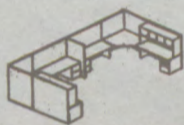
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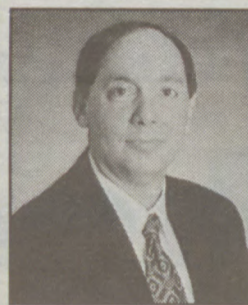


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# DELAWARE DIMENSIONS

## Scenes from the JCC Chanukah Hoopla

The cold, wintry weather of December did not stop the crowds from warming themselves in the glow of the JCC Chanukah Hoopla.

Our menorahs have been put away but the memories of this special day can be rekindled by the following snapshots.

**Photos and Captions by Joel Glazier**



Elliott Waxman and Lillian Balick help serve the latkes and chips at the Hoopla restaurant.



Jennifer Miller helps Jessica Miller, with creative sand art.



Bernie Bank shows off a unique dreidel design to son David Bank and daughter-in-law, Susan.



Albert Einstein Academy students Scott Shlossman, Josh Leviton and Eli Horden display the student-made cards that were a popular item for Chanukah and other occasions.



Eva and Jay Goldman find the perfect Hi-Tech LCD Menorah for their new Wilmington home.



Rabbi Chuni Vogel helps Steven Howard with t'filin prayers at the special Western Wall display in the JCC.

## Hillel Board of Governors ensures significant vitality of Jewish people

By Susan Detwiler

### Special to the Jewish Voice

How do you ensure the significant vitality of the Jewish people? Engage college students.

Avraham Infeld, Interim President of Hillel: Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, issued this challenge to engage college students to the joint boards of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and Hillel Student Center. and Delawareans Yetta Chaiken, Bennett and Alice Epstein, Pearl Kristol, and Lynn and Scott Mackler responded. Each has committed to support of Hillel at University of Delaware by accepting an invitation to serve on its Board of Governors.

"There is a special energy that college students have that we can't let go to waste," said Bennett Epstein. "All that talent and energy must be channeled into a positive Jewish identity. It is important for all of us to support the work that Hillel does with these students."

Yetta Chaiken is positive that the

importance of Hillel on campus cannot be overstated. "Students come to campus and may be subject to anti-Semitism for the first time in their lives. They need to know that there are people on campus who can help them find each other, and who have created a safe haven for Jewish life at the University," she said.

Modeled on the International Board of Governors of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, Hillel at University of Delaware established a Board of Governors to formally acknowledge those who have made a long-term commitment to sustained leadership support of the organization. These special individuals believe in the Hillel mission of ensuring the significant vitality of the Jewish people through engagement and empowerment of Jewish college students.

Members of the UD Hillel Board of Governors will receive periodic communications on the state of Jewish youth in the world, and specifically how the students at

University of Delaware reflect the trends and habits of the wider Jewish community. They will have opportunities to meet privately with speakers and major Jewish leaders who come to campus, as well as receive invitations to special events hosted by Hillel: Foundation for Jewish Campus Life in Washington, DC and elsewhere. Although as Governors they are not specifically responsible for the operation or management of Hillel, they may also choose to serve as voting members of the Board of Directors or any of its committees.

Individuals who are nominated to the UD Board of Governors commit to a minimum gift of \$5,000 per year for a minimum of three years. This parallels the International Board of Governors of Hillel Foundation, of which Edgar Bronfman, Edith Everett, and Michael Steinhardt are notable members, which requires a minimum gift of unrestricted funds of \$50,000 in unrestricted funds.

Hillel Student Center at the

University of Delaware has served Jewish students at University of Delaware since 1948. There are approximately 1500 Jewish students at University of Delaware, between 8% and 10% of the student population. Hillel provides religious services and social, educational, and leadership opportunities for Jewish students on campus, and promotes an interest in Israel and the welfare of the greater Jewish community.

UD Hillel is a part of the largest Jewish campus organization in the world, Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, an organization committed to creatively empowering and engaging Jewish students. Its long-standing dedication to building Jewish identity, while nurturing intellectual and spiritual growth in a pluralistic community, positions Hillel as a leader in building a stronger Jewish people and stronger Jewish future.

For more information about the Board of Governors, or Hillel Student Center at University of



Lynn and Scott Mackler

Delaware, contact Susan Detwiler, Executive Director, at 302-453-0479, or [sdhillel@udel.edu](mailto:sdhillel@udel.edu).

Susan Detwiler is the Executive Director of the Hillel Student Center at University of Delaware.

# ENDOWING THE FUTURE

## JFF Organizes Long Term Donor Society

This new society recognizes men and women who have contributed to the Federation/United Jewish Appeal campaign for 25 years or more.

The long term donor society is a program of the Jewish Fund for the Future, the endowment arm of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. We are compiling a list of members for this recognition society. The unique program will honor people who are a vital part of the Jewish tradition of tzedakah. For thousands of years, Jews have answered their obligation to establish justice by being righteous, compassionate, and by helping our local and global Jewish family.

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## Endowment Fund Highlight

Pat Spiegel Chalpin, of blessed memory, established **The Gilbert J. Spiegel Memorial Fund** with the Jewish Fund for the Future in 1991. The Fund supports leadership development programs of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

The Gilbert J. Spiegel Memorial Fund has supported many leadership development programs over the years. This past summer Scott Kaplan received a grant from the Fund to support his attendance at the B'nai B'rith Chapter Leadership Training Conference. His essay reflecting his leadership development experience is featured on this page.

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## In the words of Scott Kaplan...

First of all, I would like to thank the Jewish Fund for the Future for helping me go to CLTC. It was the best two weeks I have ever experienced.

Usually the first thing we did after breakfast everyday was leadership class. Program planning was taught and that would help me in my position as S'gan (first vice president in charge of programming). There were, as well, things that I could bring back to other board members that would help them in their positions, like decision-making, communication, membership recruitment and retention, and setting goals.

In addition to those sessions, we were given classes from which to choose. Each person could pick a class that was the most interesting to that person. Choices were fundraising, parliamentary procedure, working with an advisor, and conflict resolution. I took fundraising and parliamentary procedure.

We also chose a special interest group. People chose from music, dance, creative writing, newspaper, arts and crafts, and a Holocaust remembrance program. Each group put together a project that they showed to the rest of CLTC on the last night. I decided to do arts and crafts.

Each day we also had at least an hour of Chofesh, or time to just relax and do what we wanted. Almost every day we had a period where we learned Israeli dances or Rikudim. There were also song sessions where we learned camp songs both in Hebrew and English.

Just like at home, there were chapters. Each chapter elected a board and chose a name, a number, colors, a mascot, etc. On the second day, elections were held. I ran for Godol, or president, which five other people ran for as well. In the fourth round, it was narrowed down to me and one other person. He ended up beating me. I then ran down for S'gan and won. I planned two programs. The first one was to increase chapter unity; the second was an oneg program after Friday night services in which all of CLTC took part.

On the topic of services, we put all services together. Each chapter did either a Friday night or Saturday morning service. We chose the prayers and put our own twist on the service. One group had us walk around the camp like the Jews who had wandered in the desert. There were also morning services every day. These were optional unless your chapter planned it. Every chapter planned two morning services as well. We also had Havdallah services.

I gained many new friends at CLTC whom I will keep for many years. I still communicate with many of them, and in fact, one weekend this summer I visited some of them in Allentown. Once again I would like to thank you for helping me attend this amazing leadership training conference.

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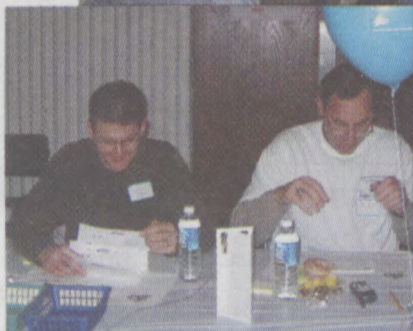
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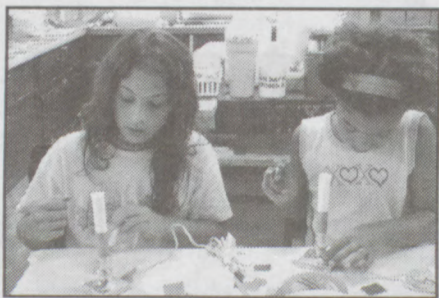
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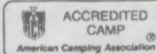
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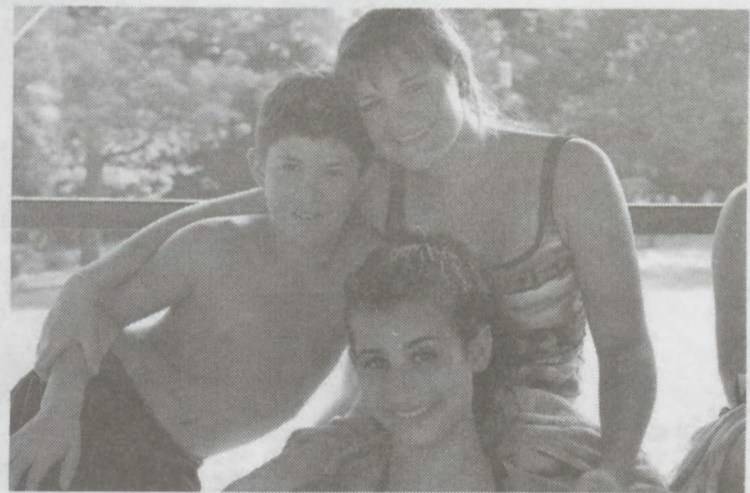
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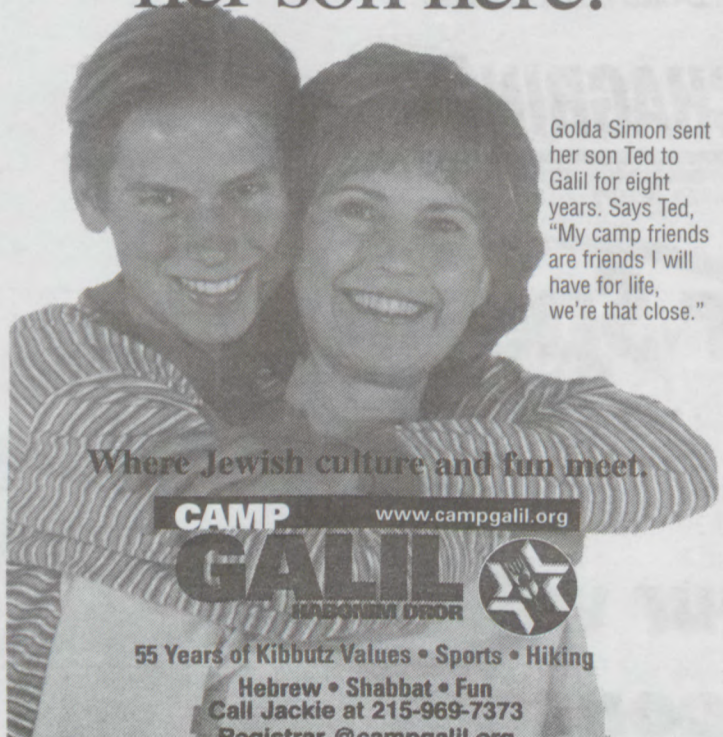
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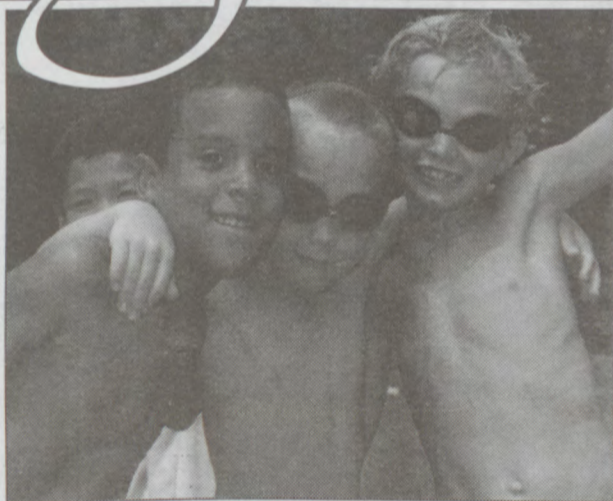
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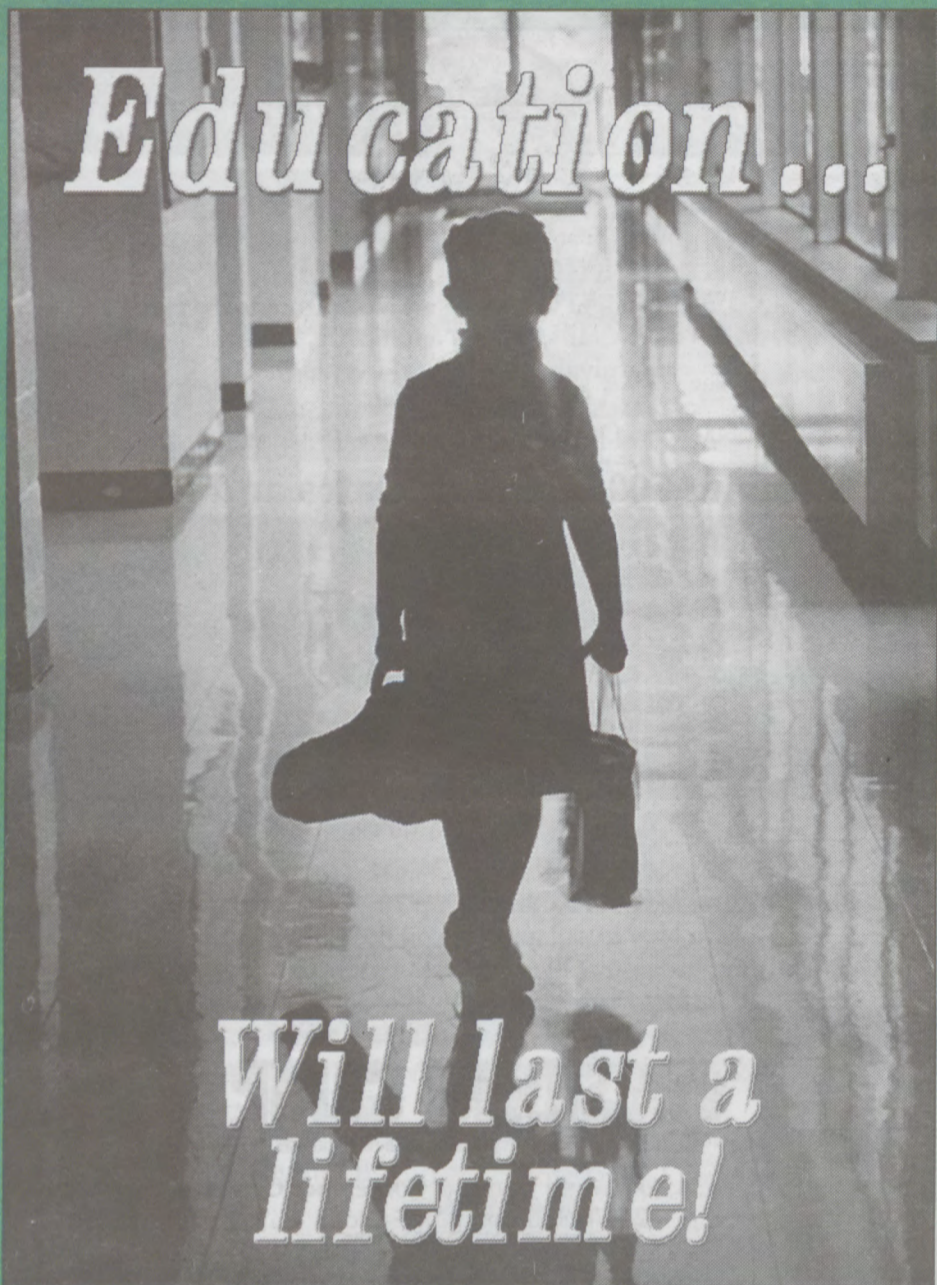
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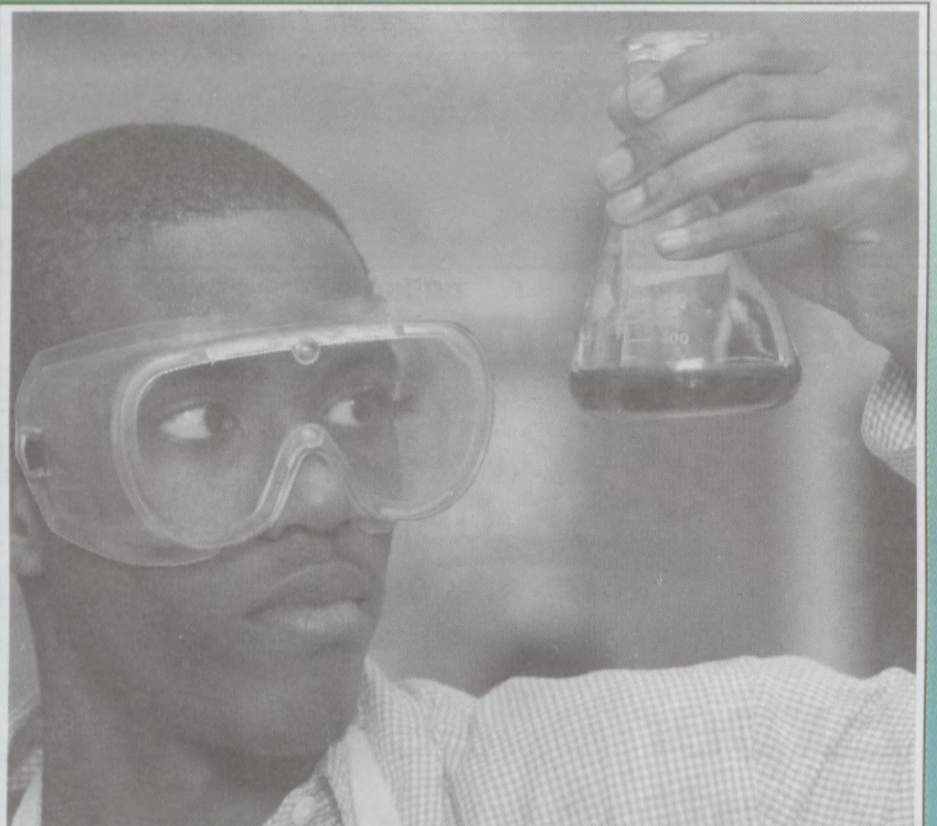
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title of his talk is "Hebrew as Judaism - The Tie That Binds". The talk will be in English. Dr. Lowin is also the author of HEBREWSPEAK, a book on the Hebrew language as a key to understanding Jewish culture. He has also written a book on the literary universe of American-

Jewish writer Cynthia Ozick, as well as more than twenty articles on Jewish narrative art in the works of, among others, Cynthia Ozick, Primo Levi, Elie Wiesel, David Grossman, Philip Roth, and Joseph Heller.

Lowin received his Ph.D. in French and Italian literature from

Yale University, and has held faculty appointments at Yale, the University of Miami, Touro College and Yeshiva University. He has been a Fulbright Fellow at the Sorbonne in Paris, and a Jerusalem Fellow at the Hebrew University in Israel. He was recently a featured speaker in the

Humanities Program of the New York Council for the Humanities.

This free public lecture has been arranged by the Chug Ivri, a Wilmington-based Hebrew-speaking circle, with the support of the Anna E. Finger and Ruth Gordon Memorial Trust.

### Humanitarian Entrepreneur to Speak

Matthew Meyer, son of Ellen and Bob Meyer of Wilmington, will speak at Friday night services, Jan. 30, at Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom. Meyer, the co-founder of Ecosandals.com, an internet distributor for sandals manufactured by some 30 residents of a shantytown outside Nairobi, will discuss his personal odyssey.

Meyer was a recipient of the 2003 Jefferson Awards, the so-called "Nobel Prize of Public Service." He received The Samuel S. Beard Award for Greatest Public Service by An Individual Under 35 Years of Age. This award, named after Delaware's Sam Beard, has been

given in past years to such diverse recipients as astronaut Sally Ride, Apple founder Steven Jobs, singer Faith Hill, and cyclist Lance Armstrong. This is the first time that this award has been given to a Delaware resident.

In 1992, while a junior at Brown University, Meyer studied abroad in Kenya. There, he was exposed firsthand to how human beings survived in a developing world slum. Along with a Kenyan peer, Benson Wikyo, Meyer founded Ecosandals.com, which now sells footwear around the world.

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History of Zionism", taught by Dr. Albert Goodman, and from 8:00 to 8:50 PM, "Living American Jewish History", taught by Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, or "Advanced Beginner Hebrew", taught by Sue Paul. The cost of the series is \$10 for two classes. The deadline for registration is January 30th.

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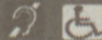
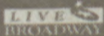
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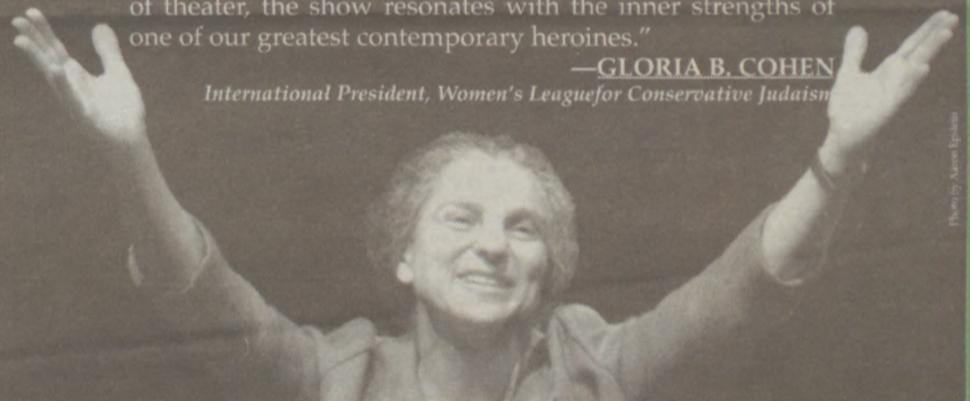
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# GLOBAL JEWISH NEWS

## Jewish leaders blast E.U.

By Philip Carmel, JTA

Just last month, they thought they had turned over a new leaf. But now it seems that relations between the European Union and Jewish leaders have sunk to a new low.

On Monday, the European Commission said it would postpone a conference on anti-Semitism — announced after break-the-ice talks last month — after two senior Jewish leaders wrote an Op-Ed accusing the European Commission of anti-Semitism.

Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, and Cobi Benatoff, president of the European Jewish Congress, wrote that anti-Semitism could be expressed by both action and inaction.

"Remarkably, the European Commission is guilty of both," they wrote in the Op-Ed, printed Monday in Britain's Financial Times.

The anti-Semitism initially was manifested by the release of "a flawed and dangerously inflammatory poll which purported to name Israel the greatest threat to world peace," Bronfman and Benatoff wrote.

It was then compounded by the commission's decision to withhold a study by an E.U. monitoring center "that reported on the involvement of Muslim minorities in incidents of mounting anti-Semitism," they wrote.

"Let us not mince words: Both of these actions were politically motivated, demonstrating a failure of will and decency," the Op-Ed said.

Reijo Temkinnen, senior spokesman for the European Commission, sharply denied the allegations.

"We have never, ever censored a study into anti-Semitism, and you won't find a single

person who will tell you otherwise," he told JTA.

The study was ordered not by the commission but by E.U. member states, Temkinnen said, though he admitted that the commission was represented on the board of the Vienna-based research body that oversaw the study.

Similarly, he pointed out, the poll the Jewish leaders cite, which found that 59 percent of Europeans regard Israel as a threat to world peace — more than any other country — "is a reflection of public opinion, not of E.U. policy."

Temkinnen also said he was "shocked" by the timing of the article by Bronfman and Benatoff.

"I don't know where it comes from," he said in a telephone interview from Brussels. "They were present at the meeting" with the European Commission's president, Romano Prodi, in Brussels last month.

Jewish leaders had requested the meeting following months of disagreements between the European Jewish Congress and the European Union. A delegation led by Benatoff agreed with Prodi that the commission would convene a special seminar on European anti-Semitism in February.

However, Temkinnen said Prodi now wished the seminar "to be put on hold," since "the atmosphere is not conducive."

"It takes two to tango," Temkinnen said. "The basis for dialogue is not to accuse one another publicly."

Elan Steinberg, executive vice president of the World Jewish Congress, denied that the article by Bronfman and Benatoff had backfired.

"Quote the contrary — it was a wake-up

call, and a necessary one, to the unchecked threat that anti-Semitism is posing to Europe," he said.

"Soothing words at this point are insufficient," he said. "The defense of the Jewish people is not taken lightly, and we are facing the greatest surge of violent anti-Semitism outside of Israel since the Second World War."

The call to postpone the seminar stunned EJC heads in Paris, especially as it appeared to contradict directly Temkinnen's own comments to a Brussels news conference minutes earlier.

Agence-France Presse reported that Temkinnen said the seminar would go ahead as planned "to offer to the different parties the occasion to debate the theme of anti-Semitism, following the different commentaries which have arisen in recent months."

After learning from JTA of Prodi's threat, the EJC's executive director, Serge Cwajgenbaum, contacted the European Commission, which confirmed the postponement.

Steinberg in New York said Jewish groups still had several options: They could hold the seminar on their own, without the European Commission. Alternatively, Italy had expressed a willingness to sponsor it, he said.

Cwajgenbaum said the Op-Ed by Bronfman and Benatoff had not personally accused commission members of anti-Semitism.

"The commission, as the executive branch, is collectively responsible for the inaction in

taking a stand on anti-Semitism over a period of three years," Cwajgenbaum said. "We are saying they are collectively responsible, not collectively guilty."

However, while "we have some good friends on the commission," he said, "some commissioners have been very negative concerning Israel."

Cwajgenbaum wouldn't specify which commissioners he considered hostile, but it's known that some senior figures — such as External Affairs Commissioner Chris Patten — have angered Jewish leaders by blocking their demands.

Last year, Patten personally lobbied European political leaders to block a motion by more than 150 European Parliament members to enforce strict controls on E.U. funds to the Palestinian Authority, said French E.U. legislator Francois Zimeray, who sponsored the demand.

"They systematically condemn Israel," Zimeray said, "while closing their eyes to the abuse of human rights in Arab states, such as the Syrian Anschluss of Lebanon," a reference to the Nazi invasion and occupation of neighboring Austria.

But Zimeray also stopped short of accusing commissioners of anti-Semitism.

"Nobody can say that their hearts and minds are anti-Semitic, and I'm sure the very idea revolts them," Zimeray said. "But they should be judged on facts, not just feelings."

Bronfman and Benatoff's "article is very strong, but very true," he added.

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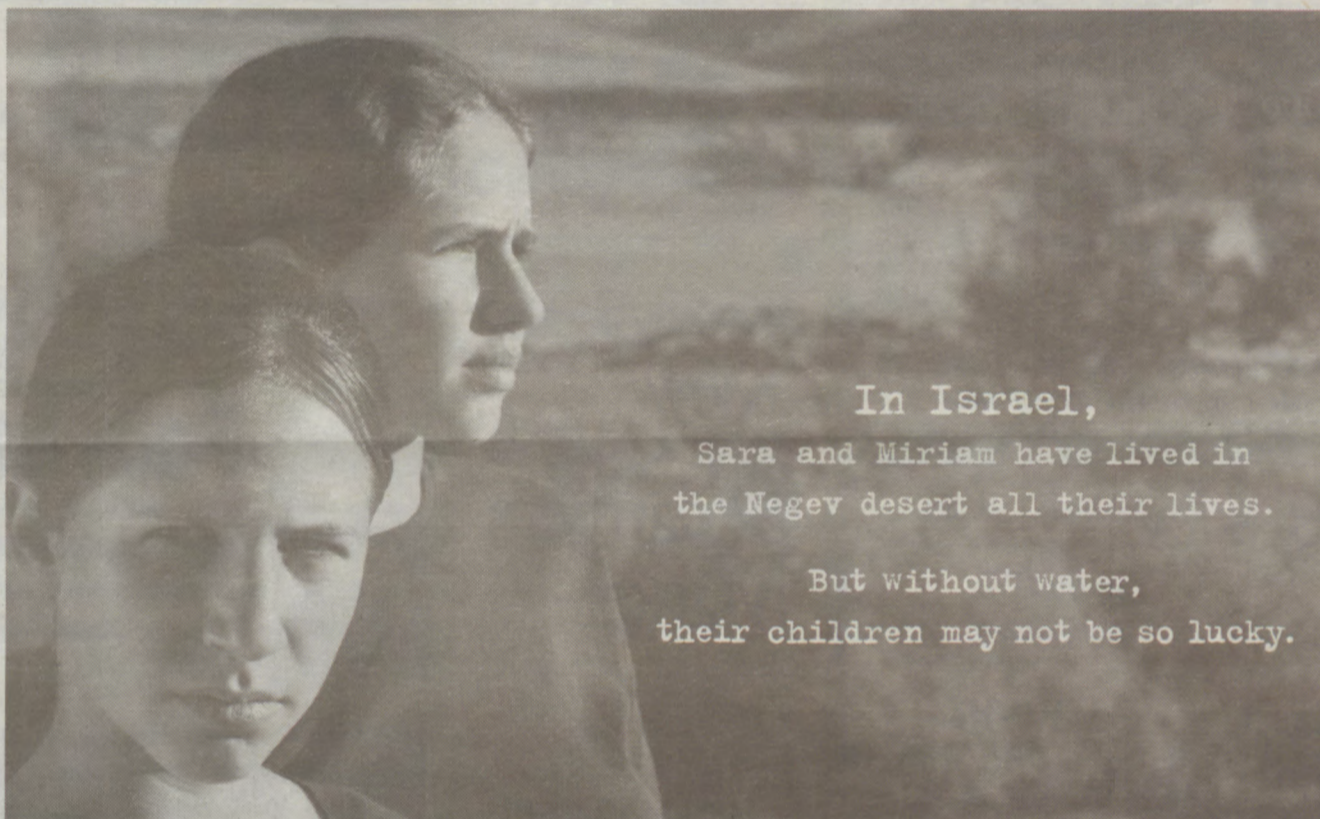
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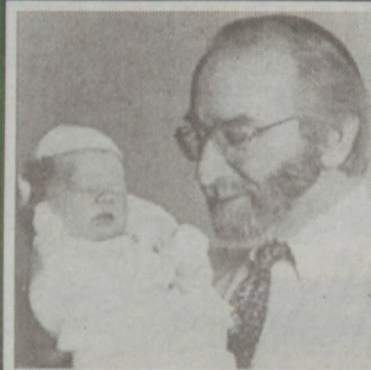


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# MATTER OF OPINION

## Similar fighting techniques

By E. E. Jaffe

Israel has been fighting the latest Palestinian Intifada since its inception three years ago. Suicide bombers have been a major weapon employed against Israeli targets. The only way to defend against these evildoers is to stop them before they reach their targets. Failing that, in some instances, the Israeli Armed Forces have resorted to bombing or otherwise destroying the bomber's houses or other living quarters. Although this has not stopped all suicide missions, it has sent an important message to the suicide bombers' families and communities.

Since the signing of the Oslo Agreement in 1993 Palestinian terrorist organizations have sent 70 suicide bombers on missions against Israeli targets. Fortunately not all have succeeded. Several months ago Yediot Ahronot published a description of typical suicide

bombers. About half of them have an academic background, of whom about half have high school diplomas, 83% are single, most are between 18 and 23 years of age, and about 60% come from the Gaza Strip. In light of the educational background of about half of the suicide bombers they must be undergoing a thorough brainwashing to make them believe that they will have a great future after committing suicide. What utter nonsense. It is a true contradiction in terms. Defense against these bombers is difficult but not impossible. Unusual steps have to be taken.

The Wiesenthal Center recently announced that it was asking people worldwide to sign a petition asking President Bush, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and French President Jacques Chirac to introduce a U.N. resolution declar-

ing suicide bombings crimes against humanity. Before or if this acted upon other measures must be taken to defend any potential victims against this madness.

To prevent such suicide attacks inside Israel, the country is now erecting a wall of separation between Israel and the Arab populated areas. Many countries, including the U.S., have expressed misgivings about the wall of separation. Israel continues to build the wall, which according to responsible government sources can be easily removed once a true and verifiable peace accord has been reached.

America finds similar problems in Iraq and is therefore making an effort to learn from Israel what specific methods are successfully employed to prevent attacks on the civilian population. Ordinarily the general public never learns about foiled operations and the methods

utilized in their prevention. During the past few months, delegations of military and civilian American officials visited Israel to learn details about the prevention of terrorist attacks. The undersecretary of Homeland Security Asa Hutchinson visited Israel in order to promote an enlargement of US-Israeli cooperation on Homeland security. Military officials have made similar contacts, even toured high tech Israeli defense firms, to advance cooperation and learn from Israeli experience, tactics and techniques used in combating any Arab insurgencies. The U.S. military is already emulating Israeli approaches in the war in Iraq. In fact in recent operations the U.S. used some Israeli tactics successfully. These operations are usually not widely publicized. The use of special wires to protect certain areas and bombing of perpetrator's houses has been

employed. In addition, American soldiers have bulldozed or otherwise rendered useless a number of buildings, which were determined to be harboring guerrillas or their collaborators. The cooperation between Israel and the U.S.A. is being broadened and extended. Another area of incipient collaboration is the protection of airplanes against hand held missile launcher attacks during takeoffs and landings.

Recently, the Russians have experienced a series of similar suicide attacks in and around the area of Chechnya. Some attacks have taken place in Moscow. They experienced 11 attacks in the last 7 months. Let us see how they handle these evil deeds without hurting their own people. Will they start emulating Israeli tactics? Time will tell. Clearly this is a time to close ranks and help one another to fight the enemy on all fronts.

## Goodbye Herzl

By Nechemia Meyers

Every other day someone seems to be coming up with a new plan to solve the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but none has been so radical as that proposed by Jerusalem author Daniel Gavron in his new book "The Other Side of Despair—Jews and Arabs in the Promised Land", just published by Rowman and Littlefield. The only way to solve the problems of the Jewish state, says Gavron, is to abolish it.

Had the settlements not been established over the Green Line, Gavron contends, "the quandary might be avoided by a two-state solution and Israel and Palestine existing side by side in reasonable harmony. But the massive settle-

ment construction in the West Bank has sealed its fate. If Israeli Jews now wish to secure their long-term future in the region, they must agree to abdicate Jewish sovereignty and move swiftly, while the balance of power still tilts in their favor, to a multiethnic democracy."

His use of the term emphasizes his political naivete. There are no multi-ethnic democracies in the Middle East and aren't likely to be in the foreseeable future. The rising tide of Islamic fundamentalism threatens a Jewish presence in the area and, for that matter, is also likely to silence any moderate Arabs who might countenance such a presence.

This objective situation

notwithstanding, Gavron stubbornly believes that a shared state is possible. And even if the Arabs were to win a majority of seats in its legislature, "Jews would have no reason to fear that they would then slaughter us in our beds." He also believes that "the aspirations of Jewish history, religion and culture can be fulfilled in a country where Jews and Arabs share sovereignty, a country perhaps to be the State of Jerusalem."

This is nonsense. If the Jews don't have their own sovereign entity they won't have the tools for maintaining the Jewish character of society. In such circumstances, a majority would probably conclude that there was a greater possibility of leading a meaningful

Jewish life in the State of California than in the State of Jerusalem.

It goes without saying that Gavron's solution would leave the Jews of the Diaspora cold, with no more interest in their co-religionists here than in the Jews of Kazakhstan. Moreover, they would lack any incentive to support the cultural, scientific and educational institutions that might survive the transition envisioned by the author.

Gavron's prognosis is based on the assumption that Jewish settlement beyond the 1967 armistice lines is irreversible, and this may no longer be the case. The majority of Israelis have clearly reached the conclusion that demographics

must determine borders, that the Jewish state, however small, must be predominantly Jewish.

### The Rest of the Book

Preceding his ideological thesis about the State of Jerusalem, Gavron presents fascinating interviews with 16 Israelis and Palestinians, among them politicians, combatants and bereaved parents from both sides. This is his 11th book, among them several volumes on the history and geography of Israel, as well as a thoughtful analysis of the problems of the kibbutz movement.

British-born, Gavron has been living in Israel since 1954.

## Pedagogy of Hate

by Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

If you want to know what's really at the heart of the Palestinian conflict with Israel, don't ask the politicians or the diplomats. Go to the new experts: Palestinian children. Unlike the rest of the world, they've been paying close attention to what their leaders and educators have been teaching them and they are ready to practice what they have been taught.

For instance, children interviewed on PA TV last week state clearly and without reservation that Israel has no right to exist, and that their goals for which they're willing to sacrifice their lives is Israel's destruction and the expulsion of all Israelis.

"They [the Jews] came to take Palestine, that is Tel-Aviv, Jaffa, Haifa, Acco, Ramle. All these cities belong to Palestine," one youth explains in the broadcast, echoing years of standard Palestinian Authority (PA) indoctrination. And because he is convinced that Israel has no right to exist: "We hope,

hope, hope and I emphasize these things, that the Arab countries and the foreign countries, all the countries of the world, will support the Palestinians and will expel the Israelis."

"We must expel all Israelis from Palestine. Because Israel - there is nothing called 'Israel' in the world. The Israelis [came] from Holland, America, Iran."

The children are seen promising they will keep fighting, generation after generation, "until they liberate Palestine."

Furthermore, they don't fear death in the struggle because it is Shahada - Death for Allah. "Even if all the Palestinian children, Palestinian youth, Palestinian women, and Palestinian men die, we will not surrender!"

None of this is surprising to anyone who has been paying attention to what goes on in the PA educational system and its educational TV. Israel is erased from PA maps, schoolbooks and historians deny Israel's history and right to exist, and educators at all levels teach

that Israel is a foreign colonial implant.

Despite PA claims to the contrary, its textbooks continue to delegitimize Israel and dismiss it as a foreign occupier: "Palestine faced the British occupation after the First World War in 1917, and the Israeli occupation in 1948." [National Education, Sixth Grade, p. 16]. Children are taught that all of Israel is part of "Palestine". For example: "Among the famous rocks of southern Palestine are the rocks of Beersheba and the Negev." About "Palestine's" water sources children are taught: "The most important is the Sea of Galilee..." [Our Beautiful Language, Grade 6, Part A, p. 64; National Education, Sixth Grade, pp. 9-10].

Such messages of delegitimization have been affirmed by Prime Minister Ahmad Qurei. He is on record as rejecting the idea of Israel as a Jewish state. "President Bush said that Israel is a Jewish state, which is a cause for our concern. This should not have been said." [Al-Nahar-Lebanese and Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, June 15, 2003].

PA affiliated historians frequently appear on educational TV to reinforce this message. Just last week historian and educational TV host Dr. Isam Sisalem reiterated what he has said on numerous broadcasts, that Jews "... have no history or connection to this land" and are nothing but a "cancer" planted by Britain to control the Middle East.

In the same educational broadcast last week, another historian resurrected The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, the infamous anti-Semitic forgery citing it as one of the foundations of the First Zionist Congress in 1897.

"...The Zionist movement began at the Basel Congress to plan the exploitation of the powers struggle, and the struggle of Europe over the Middle East..." said Dr. Riad Al-Astal, a history lecturer at Al-Azhar University in Gaza.

Consequently when we view children on PATV who say they want to destroy Israel, to liberate "Tel-Aviv, Jaffa, Haifa, Acco, and Ramle," and to

expel the Jews, we are seeing children who are accurately regurgitating the sentiments inculcated and reinforced throughout PA society.

Indeed, years of anti-Israel indoctrination have been alarmingly effective in teaching PA youth that the Jews have no link to Israel, that Israel has no right to exist and that the overriding goal of the next generation — even at the cost of their lives — should be to eliminate Israel.

The essence of the conflict is Israel's very right to exist — not the question of borders, territories or refugees. Peace negotiations that do not address the PA's educational system and its indoctrination will be short-term paper agreements doomed to failure.

Palestinian children have already figured this out. Perhaps the rest of us need to stay after school.

*Itamar Marcus is director of Palestinian Media Watch (PMW). Barbara Crook, a writer and university lecturer based in Ottawa, Canada, is PMW's North American representative.*

# MILESTONES

## In Memoriam

### BARNETT

Robert Everett Barnett of Wilmington died December 10th at Wilmington Hospital. He was a respected chemist who was involved in the development of Fiberglass. He held key leadership roles in companies that designed and manufactured industrial equipment for environmental safety.

Mr. Barnett served with the Department of Defense during World War II, rising to the rank of Army captain. He received numerous commendations for his scientific contributions to the war effort.

He was a long-time member and former officer of the Jewish War Veterans. He was appointed to the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs where he served as advisor to its chairman and chaired the Commission's sub-committee on establishing a veteran's home in Delaware.

Survivors include his wife, Helen W. Barnett; daughter, Diana Barnett and her husband, Ted Haiman, and their son, Jeremy Weintraub; sons, David Barnett and his wife, Rita, and their children, Carmen and Jeffrey, and Edward Barnett and his wife, Janet, and their children, Judith and Zachary; and brother, William Barnett and his wife, Dorothy and their children.

Services were held on December 12th at Beth Emeth with interment in Beth Emeth Memorial Park.

Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, Congregation Beth Emeth.

### COONIN

Jacob "Jack" Z. Coonin, 81, of Villa Monterey, died January 1st. He owned "Jack" Coonin, Jewelers on Market Street in Wilmington for 52 years and was nationally acclaimed for his collection of Remington fire arms.

During his distinguished military service as a member of the Army Air Force during World War II, he helped pioneer 3-D aerial photography for target acquisition. He made history in 1945 by photographing the mushroom cloud following the atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima, Japan.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Fay Coonin; his sons, Judge Robert Coonin and his wife Sally and Nathaniel Kurt Coonin; three daughters, Susan Jill and her husband, Jay Kogon, Lisa Marsha and her husband Chaim Schecter, Shayna Elena Coonin, and ten grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on January 4th from Schoenberg Memorial Chapel with interment in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to either Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802 or Chabad Lubavitch, 1811 Silverside Road, Wilmington DE 19803.

### FRANKEL

David M. Frankel of Webster Farm died December 30th. He was a past president of Congregation Beth Emeth's Couples Club and

was a long time member of the synagogue. Mr. Frankel was a partner in the CPA firm of Frankel, Petrucci, Steinberg and Co. of Bala Cynwyd, PA. He also was trained as a Certified Financial Planner. He had been a leader in several civic and service organizations.

Survivors include his wife, Lois; sons, Bruce and Keith; daughter, Dr. Karen Heffler and her husband, Curt; brothers, Herman and Stephen; grandchildren, Lauren, Daniel, and Rachel Heffler. Funeral services were held on January 2nd at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel with interment in Beth Emeth Memorial Park.

The family requests that contributions in his memory be made to Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802

### GOLDSTEIN

Naomi Hope Goldstein, nee Aronoff, died December 9th at the Kutz Home, where she had been a long-time volunteer. She also was an active member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, participating in both the choir and the Women's Tefillah Group.

Mrs. Goldstein is survived by her husband of almost 60 years, Jacob; her three children, Eric Goldstein and Riva Brown, both of Wilmington; and Abram Goldstein of Baltimore, MD; and her six grandchildren, Deena and Nicole Goldstein, Julius and Albert Brown and Gregory and Maxim Goldstein.

Funeral services were held on December 11th at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel. Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

### ISAACSON

Martin M. Isaacson, 77, of 7321 Society Drive, died December 9th. A certified public accountant for 52 years, Mr. Isaacson was a past president of both the Delaware Society of CPAs and the Brandywine Country Club.

He was a devoted family man who will be missed by his wife of 54 years, Beryl; his children, Robert, Donald and Julie; and his grandchildren, Kevin, Megan and Jill. Also mourning his passing are brothers, Bernard, Daniel and George.

Graveside services were held on December 12th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to either the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809 or to the American Diabetes Association, 10 West 10th Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

### LEWKOWITZ

Adam Lewkowitz, 17, a junior honor student at Christiana High School died January 6th. He was on the Vikings baseball team, a member of Business Professionals of

America, and was included in Who's Who Among High School Students.

He is survived by his parents, Debby and Leonard; a sister, Alyse; grandparents, Barbara Bookbinder, and Melvin and Trudy Bookbinder; great grandparents, Elsa Lewkowitz, and Gerald and Edith Bratspis; aunts; uncles; cousin; and friends at Christiana High School.

A funeral service was held on Friday, January 9th, at the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington. Interment was in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Rd. Shiva will be observed at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 10th, Sunday, January 11th, and Monday, January 12, at 1 Hidlins Way, Dunsmore Woods.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Rd., Newark, DE 19711.

### LIMMINA

John A. Limmina, Sr., 65, of Green Acres, died suddenly on December 12th.

He was a 1956 graduate of Salesianum High School and attended Goldey Beacom and St. Joseph's Colleges.

Mr. Limmina was employed for the past five years at ATI Systems and formerly at Hercules and the United States Postal Service. During the Vietnam War, he served with distinction as an Army medic.

He was an avid baseball fan who also enjoyed dancing, travel and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian (Silverman) Halberstadt Limmina; son, John A. Limmina, Jr.; brothers, Anthony Calvaresi, Rosario and Ignatius Limmina; sister, Clarine Manerchia; grandson, Ryan; stepsons, Jamin Brett and Jeremy Brian Halberstadt and his beloved springer spaniel dogs, Gilbert and Cookie.

Funeral services were held on December 16th with interment in Lombardy Cemetery.

The family requests that contributions in his memory be made to the Silverman Scholarship Fund, c/o Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

### MOYED

Ralph S. Moyed, 73, of Wilmington, died January 4th in Christiana Hospital. Mr. Moyed's career as a news reporter, political analyst and columnist with the News Journal spanned more than 40 years. He won numerous awards for his work including the prestigious Associated Press Managing Editors' Award for Public Service, given for the series written by Mr. Moyed and fellow reporter Jay Harris of Delaware's heroin trade. The series led to the arrest of eight dealers. He began his journalism career as a copy boy at the new defunct Philadelphia Evening

Bulletin - the same day he graduated from high school. He later continued his education at Temple University in Philadelphia and at New York University.

Prior to joining the News Journal staff in 1961, he worked as a general assignment reporter with the Lancaster, PA Intelligencer.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Myra Moyed; his daughter, Nancy Leah Dunlap and her husband, Alexander of Wilmington; his son, Mark Goldberg of Philadelphia and three grandchildren, Jonathan, Michael and Gabriel Dunlap. Mr. Moyed was pre-deceased by his son, Jonathan Moyed who died of cancer in 1987.

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, January 7th at Temple Beth Emeth. The family requests that contributions in his memory be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Delaware, 100 West 10th Street, Suite 209, Wilmington, DE 19801.

### SCHIFF

Sol Schiff, 86, of Parkside, PA, died December 30th at home. He was the owner of Sammy's Cancellation Shoe Stores in Chester, PA and Claymont, DE. He enjoyed sales but truly loved his avocation, performing as a circus clown for Nur Temple Shriners. He was also a member of Chester Lodge #236 F&AM.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Leida (Gantz) Schiff; two daughters, Marcia Acero of New Castle, DE and Linda Barr of Parkside, PA; four grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Canter and Katherine Calinoff.

Private services were held in Mt. Jacob Cemetery.

The family would appreciate donations in his memory to Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, 3551 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140.

### ZARETZKY

Jeanette "Jean" Zaretsky, 84, passed away on December 4th in the company of Morton, her husband of 62 years. This former resident of Queens, NY was a committed volunteer for much of her life.

She spent countless hours helping out at the Forwood and Darley Road Elementary Schools in the Brandywine School District.

In addition to her husband, she will be mourned by her daughter, Anita Zetlin and son-in-law, Steve of Wilmington; her son, Howard Zaretsky and daughter-in-law, Terri of Woodbury, NY; granddaughter, Michelle Kutch and her husband, Paul of Newark; grandsons, Shaun and Bryan Zetlin of Brooklyn, NY and Justin Zaretsky of Woodbury, NY; granddaughters, Jodi and Lauryn Zaretsky of Manhattan, NY and great-grandson, Dylan Kutch of Newark. She was predeceased by her brother, Harry Hershowitz; and her sister, Shirley Idelowitz.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, December 7th in Woodbury, NY.

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## MAKING HEALTHY FOOD CHOICES FOR OUR FAMILIES

Please join the Wilmington Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women on Wednesday, January 14th, 2004 for an enlightening discussion with local dietitian/nutritionist Sharon O'Melia Howard. Howard will speak about feeding our families in a world where we are bombarded with confusing messages. We will learn how to read food labels and how to teach our children to make healthy choices.

This free program will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the home of Sophie Longwill, 6 Pheasant Lane, Chadds Ford. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Susan Levinson (302) 478.3322; susanblevinson@aol.com or Judi Feinson (302) 475.7579; judimike@earthlink.net). In addition, if you have any questions for the speaker, please let us know when you RSVP so they can be addressed that evening.

The National Council of Jewish Women works to improve the quality of life for women, children and families and strives to ensure individual rights and freedoms for all. The January 14th program is part of the Wilmington chapter's year-long

emphasis on positive body image and healthy lifestyle.

## SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Sylvia & Isadore N. Silverman Scholarship Fund will be awarding its 15th annual Scholarship to a deserving youth for a Jewish summer experience in camp or Israel. Applications may be picked up at the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth office, Washington Street Ext. and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802, and must be returned by the deadline on March 1, 2004.

The fund was established in 1989 to honor the Silverman's 55th wedding anniversary by their four daughters and many friends.

## NEWARK JCC SLATES FREE FRAUD PROGRAM

The Jewish Community Center Newark is offering a free program to alert the community about Medicare fraud on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. Seniors and caregivers alike will find this free program beneficial. The program presenter will take any complaints about Medicare or Medicaid fraud. Reservations must be made by January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The JCC Newark is located off I-95 on Route 896 northbound, at the corner of West Park Place and South College Avenue.

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Do you know a plie' from a jete'? Congregation Beth Shalom is fortunate to have an upcoming ballet performance given by The First State Ballet Theater on February 1 at 10 a.m. About twenty dancers are expected to demonstrate their art.

Cost is \$5.00 for the brunch and performance. Call Beth Shalom, 654-4462, by January 28.

## HEBREW AUTHORITY TO SPEAK AT JCC WILMINGTON

Dr. Joseph Lowin, Executive Director of the National Center for the Hebrew Language and author of "About Hebrew", a regular feature of Hadassah Magazine, is scheduled to speak at the Jewish Community Center in Wilmington on February 1, 1:00 p.m., in the Senior Lounge. The title of his talk is "Hebrew as Judaism - The Tie That Binds". The talk will be in English. Dr. Lowin is also the author of HEBREWSPEAK, a book on the Hebrew language as a key to understanding Jewish culture. He has also written a book on the literary universe of American-Jewish writer Cynthia Ozick, as well as more than twenty articles on Jewish narrative art in the works of, among others, Cynthia Ozick, Primo Levi, Elie Wiesel, David Grossman, Philip Roth,

and Joseph Heller. Lowin received his Ph.D. in French and Italian literature from Yale University, and has held faculty appointments at Yale, the University of Miami, Touro College and Yeshiva University. He has been a Fulbright Fellow at the Sorbonne in Paris, and a Jerusalem Fellow at the Hebrew University in Israel. He was recently a featured speaker in the Humanities Program of the New York Council for the Humanities.

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A portion of each ticket, which benefits JFS, is tax deductible.

For reservations, call Lynn Brown at 302-478-9411, or mail a check to Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

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## Sharon Cool on Assad Offer

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Advocates of a Syrian move counter that the Palestinian process is not currently going anywhere.

More importantly, Syria today has considerably less to offer than it did in the talks with Barak four years ago at Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

At the time, the thinking was that peace with Syria would bring peace with the entire Arab world. That made sense because Israel and the Palestinians were going through a quiet phase and looking ahead to final status negotiations of their own. The general mood was one of imminent accommodation.

Now that Israelis and Palestinians are locked in a violent struggle, however, there is no way Syria could presume to deliver the Arab world.

Moreover, peace with Syria in 2000 would have nullified the dreaded "eastern front" and the prospect of a major land war against both Syria and Iraq. Now that Iraq has been taken out of the equation, Syria is in no position to launch such an attack on its own.

That means that Sharon has less incentive to give up strategic assets for a peace agreement.

Such dilemmas, though, are still a way off, since Sharon suspects

Assad's statements are aimed primarily at improving his image in Washington — and Sharon doesn't want to be duped into helping him.

Assad, the theory goes, has been shaken by the proximity of U.S. forces in Iraq and by the Syria Accountability Act that President Bush recently signed into law, which provides for more sanctions against Damascus if it continues to support terrorism.

Assad's peace talk is meant simply to get Washington to ease up, Sharon believes.

That reading is, to a large extent, shared by the United States. In late December, U.S. State Department official David Satterfield told a senior official in Israel's U.S. embassy that Washington believed Assad simply is trying to influence U.S. and international opinion. Satterfield said that if Assad were serious, he would have taken steps like clamping down on terrorist groups based in Damascus.

Still, Israel continues to explore the issue, and it has asked U.S. and European diplomats visiting Damascus to relay their impressions. A Likud legislator, Majallie Whbee, also is due to meet Assad soon.

Whbee, a Druse who has played the go-between with other Arab governments before, is close to

Sharon, but Sharon denies that Whbee is an official emissary.

Nevertheless, Likud right-wingers are worried. Agriculture Minister Yisrael Katz's much publicized announcement of new projects and settlements on the Golan clearly was designed to nip in the bud any chance of talks with Syria.

Sharon insists that Katz's announcement was not coordinated with the government and was inaccurate, and he says it gravely harmed Israel's image abroad.

Sharon's bureau chief, Dov Weisglass, insists that no new settlements will be built on the heights, which Israel annexed more than two decades ago, and that the budgets Katz mentioned are intended to develop tourism on the Golan, not to stifle possible negotiations.

So where do things stand? Sharon says he wants tangible indications from Assad that he really wants to make peace, such as a crackdown on Damascus-based terrorist groups and an end the arms flow from Iran through Damascus to Hezbollah.

If Assad meets those conditions, Sharon will be on the spot — forced to make a major strategic decision, one way or another.

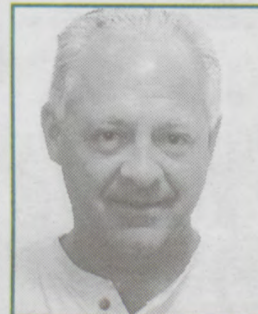
(Leslie Susser is the diplomatic correspondent for the Jerusalem Report.)

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