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Delaware Teens Savor A Taste of Israel

By Lynn Edelman
Editor

Sixteen area 8th graders recently reinforced their commitment to Jewish education by participating in *Ta'am Yisrael* - a taste of Israel. Escorted by Community Teen Director Robyn Schwartz and Caryl Marcus-Stape, the young people met with teens from Arad-Delaware's Partnership 2000 community, climbed Masada, dug for artifacts at Beit Guvrin, worshipped at the Western Wall, floated in the Dead Sea - and somehow found the time to eat and sleep.

This seven-day intense adventure is designed to reinforce the students' religious school studies and give them a hands-on appreciation of the ties that bind Diaspora Jews to the Jewish State. The students came from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Temple Beth El, Congregation Beth Emeth and Congregation Beth Shalom. The students were subsidized by their synagogue, the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Jewish Community Center - making this an affordable and enjoyable experience.

Schwartz has been working closely with the Community Foundation for Jewish Education of Metropolitan Chicago which piloted the *Ta'am Yisrael* program in 1998. Thanks to the connections of Rabbi Dan Satlow of

Congregation Beth Shalom, the Delaware youth earned the distinction of being the first non "Windy City" residents to participate in this unique Israel program. One hundred and seventy Chicago teens joined the Delawareans, sowing the seeds for meaningful pen-pal (or email) relationships.

For Schwartz, who first traveled to Israel as a 21 year old, touring Israel with a group of 8th graders gave her a fresh perspective on the Jewish homeland. "It was exciting to see Israel through the eyes of 13 and 14 year olds - it opened up my eyes to all new experiences," she said.

Ben Warheit of Beth Emeth Congregation termed the trip "amazing." The group went to bed early one night to "rest up" for the 2:30 a.m. climb up Masada. Their reward was "a spectacular sunrise over the mountains."

Warheit felt his religious school studies "come to life" as the tour guide described the massacre that had taken place on the very land where the students trod.

Warheit enjoyed meeting teens from Arad and will host two members of the Arad String Ensemble when they come to Delaware next month. An aspiring musician, Warheit is looking forward to attending the Ensemble's performance at the Wilmington Music School



Delaware teens savor a taste of Israel.

on April 11th.

He felt his heart beat faster as he touched the Western Wall. "I have never before felt more spiritual or more connected to my Judaism," he said, urging all teens to participate in an Israeli travel experience.

In addition to Warheit, *Ta'am Yisrael* participants were: Ilene Bloom, Congregation Beth Shalom, Elizabeth Cobin, Beth Emeth Congregation, Justin Draper and Rebekah

Kaplan, Temple Beth El, Russel Katz and Karen Kleiner, Beth Emeth Congregation, Robert Lattin, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Pamela MacDonald, Briana Mamberg and Alan Plotzker, Congregation Beth Shalom, Beryl Schragger, Temple Beth El, Julie Sternberg, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Daniel Suher, Beth Emeth, Michael Xarhoulakos and Sarah Zydney, Beth El.

Birthright Israel

By Jeff Dovberg
University of Delaware

Before going to Israel, I had heard many different stereotypes and ideas about Israeli people and about the land itself. The pictures that I had in my mind of what Israel itself looked like were on the lines of a barren desert with herds of nomads. Of course, I knew this not to be true, but nonetheless - I didn't know what to expect.

What I found when I arrived in Israel was a very pleasant change from my expectations. Not only weren't the Israelis arrogant or 'stuck-up' - as the rumors told, but they were friendly, and aesthetically beautiful. Without a doubt - the faces were a

change from those which inhabit the United States. I was satisfied to find that my negative expectations about Israel/the Israelis were without foundation. My only expectations that were fulfilled were positive ones - about the spiritual, mental, and emotional effects that the trip had on me.

My roommate mentioned to me one day that he was going to Hillel to apply for a 'free trip' to Israel. When I asked him about it, he gave me a website address for Birthright Israel. Upon checking out the website, I learned what the trip was about, but couldn't find the dates.

Originally, someone had told me that it was going to be over New Year's - and I couldn't make that. I always ring in

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Fall Opening for JCC Full-Day Pre-School

Newark Site to Serve Infants Through Pre-K

By Lynn Edelman
Editor

Working parents in the greater Newark area will enjoy peace of mind next fall. September 2000 is the targeted grand opening for the JCC Full Day Pre-School Center, which will provide a high quality Jewish day care environment for 50 children aged six weeks through 4.

Located on 420 Willa Road near College Avenue and Park Place in Newark, the Center is near the University of Delaware campus and is accessible to 195 and other major highways. It will be open five days a week from 7:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

"We're excited to offer parents the only Jewish full day pre-school program in the greater Newark area," said Jeffrey S. Metz, executive director of the Jewish Community Center. "We will operate this new site utilizing the same high caliber of programming and staff that our North Wilmington Center is known for," Metz said, adding that "both pre-school programs closely adhere to guidelines established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children - which sets the highest standards in the nation."

Children will enjoy Shabbat and Jewish holiday programming as well as an introduction to the Hebrew language. Parent education programs will also be offered so that families can reinforce the rituals and celebrations introduced in the classrooms.

Adina Mattes, chairperson of the Greater Newark Outreach Committee, explained that a 1995 Demographic Study determined a real need for a full-day Jewish pre-school in



The New JCC Full-Day Pre-School

this area. "The Jewish population is steadily growing in this region which includes several communities in neighboring New Jersey and Maryland," she said. The Study gave credence to what working parents like Mattes already knew - the current half-day pre-school program offered at Temple Beth El was insufficient to meet the needs of families who work full-time outside the home. The JCC will continue to administer this half-time program when the new facility opens in the fall.

Mattes credits a number of organizations and individuals in the Delaware Jewish community for helping to make the dream of a Jewish full-day pre-school program a reality. "The Jewish Federation of Delaware expended both staff and financial resources while individuals like Toni Young and Gene Danneman ensured that project became a high priority on our community's agenda," she said.

Metz and his staff are actively interviewing candidates for Center director, classroom teachers and support staff. For additional information about the new Newark site, please call Susan Gentry at (302) 478-5660, ext. 242.



Students visit Israel over Winter break.

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COMMUNITY FOCUS

Scott Mackler, Lynn Snyder-Mackler To Be Honored



Scott Mackler, and Lynn Snyder-Mackler

Scott Mackler, MD, Ph.D., FACP and Lynn Snyder-Mackler, ScD., PT will be honored with the Jewish Life on Campus Award, Sunday, April 2, 2000 from 11:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the MBNA America Hall on the University of Delaware Campus.

The award, which is presented jointly by Hillel and UD President David Roselle, honors individuals who have helped to enhance the quality of Jewish life on the University of Delaware campus.

The Macklers have been actively involved in the local Jewish com-

munity since they arrived in Delaware 10 years ago. For the past nine years, they have rotated service on Hillel's Community Board of Directors. Scott also serves on the board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware where he co-chairs the Newark outreach effort.

Lynn Snyder-Mackler is a member of the board of directors of the JCRC and serves Newark Hadassah as Membership Vice President.

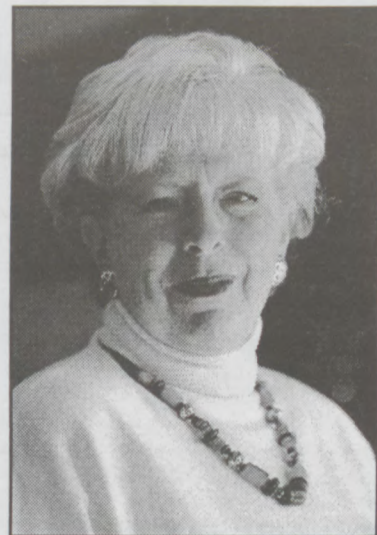
Both Newark residents are active members of Temple Beth El

and are former chairpersons of the synagogue's Social Action Committee.

The couple lead vital professional lives. Scott is a physician scientist on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania where he studies drug addiction. Lynn is a physical therapist and professor at the University of Delaware where she studies knee injuries.

They are the proud parents of two sons, Alexander and Noah who attend the Charter School of Wilmington.

AEA Honoree Establishes Endowment Fund



Sarita Gross

Albert Einstein Academy (AEA) is pleased to announce that Sarita Gross, who will be receiving the Lifetime Trustee Award at its 30th Anniversary Gala, will establish a permanent Endowment Fund. This Fund will perpetuate her life-long commitment to Albert Einstein Academy. Gross offered the gift as a "Challenge Grant," which means the fund will be based on a match of all monies up to \$100,000 that are donated to AEA through this year's Tribute Campaign.

The Gala dinner dance, which will be held on Saturday evening, April 1, 2000 at Winterthur, will also pay tribute to Toni and Stuart B. Young as they receive the 2000 Community Builder Award.

Funds raised via the Tribute Campaign are applied to maintain AEA's Scholarship Program along with numerous special projects held throughout the year. Albert Einstein Academy, founded in 1970, is the only Jewish day school serving the State of Delaware and the surrounding Brandywine Valley offering its students an outstanding and comprehensive secular and Judaic program. It is a constituent of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. "This is a unique opportunity for the school," said Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Head of School, adding that "We hope this challenge to Albert Einstein Academy will motivate our loyal supporters to consider an extra generous gift this year." If you would like to contribute to this matching fund or if you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Bernhardt at 478-5026. She would welcome a chance to meet or speak with you.

For more information regarding the April 1st Gala, please contact Debbie Nachlis, Director of Development at 478-5026.

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EDITORIAL

Purim - A Time To Celebrate

Usually, a Letter to the Editor is written in response to an editorial. This week, in the spirit of Purim, we've turned things topsy-turvy. So moved were we by the sentiments expressed by Wilmington's Bishop Michael Saltarelli in the letter that appears below that we created an editorial responding to his remarks.

The Reverend speaks eloquently of the need for people to be mindful of past differences yet look ahead to a time when "enemies are transformed into friends". This is the goal of the negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, set to resume in Washington next week. After a month long impasse, Israeli Prime Minister Barak and Palestinian Authority Chairman Arafat took matters into their own hands—meeting face-to-face in an attempt to break the deadlock.

Their efforts apparently bore fruit as both leaders agreed to a redefinition of terms for a 6.1% withdrawal of land from the West Bank in April- a third and final

redeployment by July and a final peace accord by the original deadline of September 13th.

Both leaders will send delegates to the Washington talks as negotiations will coincide with Pope John Paul II's historic visit to the Holy Land. Although he is not the first pope to visit Israel, he is the first Vatican leader to give her official diplomatic recognition. He also is the only pope to publicly acknowledge the pain that Jews suffered during the Holocaust and to understand their need for a strong Israel to ensure that history does not repeat itself.

How prophetic that his personal pilgrimage, coming during one of the holiest seasons of the Christian calendar, coincides with the efforts of a Jew and a Muslim to make peace.

According to Bishop Saltarelli, "If peace is to ever grace our war-weary world, it will be because the Lord changes minds and hearts. He can, and we pray that he will."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Message Of Reconciliation

We are fast approaching one of the most spiritual times of the year for Christians and the Jewish people. Passover and Easter are the celebrations of freedom and redemptive love.

For Catholics, the six weeks of Lent are a time of preparation and self-examination, a time to recover who we are as believers. Too often during the last millenium we have forgotten Christianity's deep foundation in Judaism.

Over the centuries we have betrayed the Gospel message of redemptive love by ignoring or cooperating in violence against the Jewish people. Especially in this century, too many Christians-including Catholics, have been most shamefully a countersign to the message we believe and profess.

We must not forget the past, as Elie Wiesel warns us, "To forget is to become the executioner's accompish." Pope John Paul II says to us, "To remember the past is to commit to the future."

If our sin-scarred earth is ever to enjoy a measure of peace, justice must be joined to reconciliation. As much as we struggle for human rights, our eyes have to focus on a

more distant horizon, where enemies are transformed into friends, where hands that have been laced in hate are linked in love. If our deepest yearning is not for oneness, the oneness of all God's children, then our memories will never reap their cherished reward.

Because our hope is not in ourselves, both Jewish and Christian believers can sing with the Psalmist, "You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my Youth."

If peace is to ever grace our war-weary world, it will be because the Lord changes minds and hearts. He can, and we pray that he will.

I pray that as we begin another century in our Jewish-Christian relationship, we will approach our common roots of faith with a new respect and love for one another in asking the Jewish community's forgiveness.

May God, who causes peace to reign in the highest heaven, let peace descend on us, on all Israel, and the entire world.

Sincerely yours,
Most Reverend Michael A. Saltarelli
Bishop of Wilmington

Columnist Stands By Her Review

I was very pleased to see that my recent review of Last Night of Ballyhoo stimulated a letter to the editor; at least I know people are reading my column!! As with any theater review there will always be those who disagree with the critic and that is as it should be. The arts mean different things to different people and since Ballyhoo won a Tony Award it must have struck a chord with many people. Unfortunately I was disappointed with the script (not the performance which was quite good), but that is the way of the world. However, I must clear up the mistaken impression that the letter writer had about my criticism of the use of Sephardic

Hebrew in the play. Of course I am well aware that Sephardic dialect was used in Palestine (and then Israel) as early as the beginning of the 20th C. That was not my point. Sephardic Hebrew was NOT used to the best of my knowledge in Atlanta, Georgia in the 1930's and 40's! The persons depicted in Ballyhoo were of German and East European extraction not Sephardic and, therefore I believe it was totally inaccurate for them to speak Sephardic. The two Rabbis I consulted agree with me, I might add.

Sincerely,
Paula Shulak

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PARSHA PLACE

Week of March 18 Tzav Leviticus 6:1-8:36

DON'T LET THE FIRE GO OUT!
Gerald M. Kane

The first seven chapters of the Book of Leviticus can be perceived as an operations manual. It contains specific instructions to the priests on how to conduct sacrifices in ancient times. This central book of the Pentateuch serves a timeless purpose. Modern readers can regard these Levitical instructions as a metaphoric guide for the attainment of our own spiritual and ethical sanctity and sanity.

An excellent example of this approach can be found in the opening verses of this week's Torah portion, Parashat Tzav. What at first glance appears to be a menial, albeit sacred, housekeeping task is a profound statement about the importance of kavanah—the mindful attention we should bring to all aspects of life.

In the first six verses of chapter six of the Book of Leviticus, the procedures related to the ritual of the *olah*—the burnt offering—are reiterated. What is added in this section and not found in the earlier exposition in chapter one of Leviticus is a series of statements concerning the maintenance of the altar fire itself and the area around the sacrificial altar. These procedures all emphasize the goal of keeping the fire on the altar burning day and night. (Leviticus 6:2, 5, 6)

Each morning, we are told, the priests must gather the ashes around the altar and take them to a clean place outside the Israelite camp. (Leviticus 6:4) What is particularly puzzling is the instruction that before they remove the ashes, Aaron and his sons are to put on their best "Shabbat clothes"—to dress in their linen ceremonial vestments to clean up the altar. (Leviticus 6:3) The question is: Why were Aaron and his sons instructed to don their finest linen robes and breeches to remove the ashes from the altar? There is no doubt that in gathering the ashes, the priests would soil their garments.

How often have you felt the need to put on a particular piece of clothing to lift your spirits or to dress up for a particular occasion? Wearing a special piece of clothing such as a "good luck" hat or a favorite tie can often put you into a more mindful state. I have heard it said, "If you're dressed up on the outside, then you're dressed up on the inside." By instructing the priests to put on their finest clothing for the removal of the ashes from the altar, the Torah seems to emphasize the need for the priests to pay close attention to what might appear to be the most inconsequential details of their special work.

We, too, sorely need such reminders to keep us focused on the present. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, of blessed memory, said, "God is in the details."

It seems more than a coincidence that we read Parashat Tzav each year on Shabbat Hagadol—the Shabbat preceding the celebration of Pesach. The Torah and the Jewish calendar send us a very strong message: As we rid ourselves of the chametz of old habits, we are being given a chance to begin anew to pay closer attention to the details in our lives. With kavanah, we put ourselves into a more attentive mind-set that enables us to better perform the mitzvot. With a clearer focus and a stronger desire to fulfill the mitzvot, we can insure that our own fires will not go out.

Gerald M. Kane is the rabbi in Las Cruces, NM.

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Cohen Foundation Gift Perpetuates Philanthropy



Harry C. Cohen

By Lynn Edelman, Editor

Harry C. Cohen lived his life in affirmation of G-d's response to Cain's query "Am I my brother's

keeper?" The Odessa émigré, who achieved financial success in Wilmington as the owner of a grocery and a furniture store, felt indebted to his adopted homeland. He repaid the debt by reinvesting the profits from his businesses into the community he grew to love.

Recently, his daughter, Sadie Toumarkine, continued her late father's philanthropic interests by presenting the Jewish Federation of Delaware with a \$38,692.24 check from the Harry C. Cohen Foundation. Since its creation in 1959 with initial assets of \$1,250,000, the Foundation has bequeathed more than \$3 million to a wide variety of institutions and synagogues locally and in Israel. The Foundation maintains an ecumenical focus, supporting such community organizations as

hospitals, Toys for Tots and the Needy Family Fund.

In the Delaware Jewish community, Foundation beneficiaries include the JCC, the Kutz Home and the Federation. This year's allocations to the three agencies total \$90,952.04. Through the years, the JCC has received \$419,056.99, the Kutz Home, \$345,979.87 and Federation, \$516,803.25 for an impressive total of \$1,281,840.11.

These Jewish agencies were dear to Mr. Cohen's heart. He and his friend, Charles L. Belfint, spearheaded a campaign to transform the vacant Adas Kodesh Center at 512 French St. into a viable Jewish Community Center. The campaign was successful – resulting in the 1934 opening of the YM/YWHA. The forerunner of the Jewish Community Center

was inaugurated with Lou Simon as president and Isadore Solod as executive director.

Regarded as a visionary, he was among the first to chart the migration of Delaware's Jewish community into the northern suburbs. In 1945, he offered \$50,000 for a campaign to build a new YM/ YWHA in the suburbs. Although his offer was not accepted, Mr. Cohen set aside \$58,077.10 for this purpose.

Mr. Cohen was a committed leader of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, serving as treasurer and campaign director. In 1940, he asked Milton Kutz, then Federation president to undertake a survey about Jewish education in Wilmington. The survey led to the establishment of the Associated Hebrew School in 1943.

Harry Cohen and Milton Kutz each pledged \$25,000 to Federation in 1946—the most substantial campaign contributions in Federation's history. Two years later, he led his committee to raise a record \$27,000 for the Jewish National Fund. The JNF president at that time, Judge Morris Gothenburg of New York, traveled to Delaware to present the men with a deed for a 250-acre colony in Israel.

Although physically weakened by a stroke in 1953, Harry Cohen's commitment to philanthropy remained strong until his 1957 demise. Indeed, through the Harry C. Cohen Foundation, his life-long commitment to tzedakah is perpetuated, continuing to touch the lives of both Jews and non-Jews in Delaware and Israel.



By Rachel A. Gross, Esq.
Endowment Director

You have \$350,000 in your estate, after debts and taxes. You and your spouse have two children who are both married, each with two children of their own. Your son is irresponsible and your daughter is "perfect". Both sets of grandchildren are little angels. (If this little scenario is too contrived for you, use your real-life situation.)

Now ask yourself this question: How do I want my hypothetical three hundred and fifty thousand dollars distributed at my death?

Pose the question to yourself

when you're eating alone or taking a relaxed coffee break. Pull out your pen and reach for your paper napkin. Start doodling. How much to family? How much to charity? Any bequests to friends? Doodle away.

You can toss it away afterward, but the little exercise will get your juices flowing ... and may help you get past any reticence you now have about doing an official will. It might also lead to a revision of a will you already have in place. Major decisions often start with a few marks on a paper napkin.

Doodling an informal will encourages you to think through family issues, such as parental responsibility, individual needs,

lifestyle choices, potential use and personal initiative. Doodling leads to the who, the why and the how much of wealth disbursement.

You may not have a million dollars or maybe you have 20 times that amount. Whatever the size of your estate, some of the issues will be the same. For example, will you leave it all to family? Will you include a charitable bequest for the Jewish community? And if you do choose to help the Jewish community through the Jewish Fund for the Future, will you establish an endowment fund or make an unrestricted gift to be used where needed most? Will you give a set amount, or a percentage of your estate?

Who will you appoint as your personal representative to handle the probating of your estate? And if you have minor children, who will be the guardian(s)? What about trusts and trustees and contingency trustees?

Doodling opens up all sorts of interesting thoughts. And questions.

In fact, your casual doodling may lead to discussions with a spouse or family members. It may prompt a meeting with you attorney or other estate-planning advisor. It may even lead you to call Rachel Gross, Endowment Director at the Jewish Fund for the Future to schedule a confidential meeting to discuss these matters. A

meeting with Rachel will not only answer some of your questions, but will also help you to consider things you haven't even thought about.

To set up an appointment or to ask a question, use the handy response form below, or call (302) 427-2100 extension 19.

Making a will is a serious and important matter. It may be the most important document you ever sign. In fact, it is so daunting for some that is never gets done. Perhaps a little doodling is a good idea.



Rachel A. Gross, Esq.

Doodle A Will

Post Plenum Pondering

By Susan Shaffer
JCRC Director

It was a heady time to attend the Jewish Council for Public Affairs Plenum which met in Baltimore February 27-March 1. The Plenum formulates policy for the JCPA – an umbrella organization of 122 agencies and 13 national groups policy which gave expression to a strongly united Jewish voice. Our Delaware Jewish Community Relations Council is proud to be part of this organization.

The JCPA Plenum is the highest public policy formulation body of the agency where hundreds of delegates, more than 300 in 2000, representing community relations councils and national agencies, vote on a variety of resolutions which fall under three task forces the agency covers: Jewish Security and the Bill of Rights, Equal Opportunity and Social Justice, and Israel and Other International Concerns. Local JCRC's, such as ours here in Delaware, use these adopted resolutions as guidelines for local policy setting and program planning.

Fifteen Resolutions were adopted on a wide range of issues, from those of local/national interest: 1) Reaffirmation of JCPA Support for Jewish Day School Education; 2)

Resolution Calling for The Passage of Meaningful Gun Safety Legislation; 3) Resolution on Public Education and the Charter School Movement; 4) Resolution on National Energy Policy; 5) Resolution on Living Wage and Low-Income Workers; 6) Resolution on Support of Long Term Health Care for Holocaust Survivors; 7) Resolution Declaring a Moratorium on Imposition Of The Death Penalty; 8) Resolution on Racial Profiling by Police Departments; 9) Resolution on Confederate Flag; 10) Resolution on Regarding Athletic Team Names, Mascots, and Logos; and those of International concern; 11) Resolution on the Middle East Peace Process; 12) Resolution on Jewish Security in Argentina; 13) Resolution on Austria; 14) Resolution on the Lipstadt/Irving Trial and 15) Resolution Welcoming Pope John Paul II's Upcoming Trip to Israel.

Dr. Mark Wagman, Chairman of the Delaware JCRC Task Force on Public Education attended the policy-making session. He "was thrilled" that the JCPA Plenum adopted a statement of support for Jewish day school education, which "endorses the significance and value of Jewish Day School education and

calls for increased individual and communal support for Jewish day schools." This adoption follows a long history of single-minded emphasis on public education alone by most policy leaders in the Jewish community. Hopefully, there will be an increasing realization that both public and Jewish day school education should and must be strongly supported and improved, and the support of one does not necessarily take away from the other. Perhaps next year they can adopt a statement supporting another important institution for Jewish education, the Talmud Torah (afternoon and Sunday religious school).

The Plenum provided a forum for a wide-range of speakers who shared their vision with the group. Such notables included Honorable Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Lieutenant Governor, Maryland and the Honorable Martin O'Mally, Mayor, Baltimore, MD., Senator Paul S. Sarbanes, Maryland, Representative Benjamin L. Cardin, Baltimore, MD., and Theodore R. Mann of Philadelphia, recipient of the Albert D. Chernin Award.

At a General Session on "Building One Nation: Race, Ethnicity and Public Policy," the guest speaker was Kweisi Mfume,

President and Chief Executive Officer, the National Association for the Advancement Of Colored People (NAACP). Mfume dealt with issues ranging from affirmative action to drugs to AIDS to police misconduct to vouchers to "light skinned" blacks. He also commented on Jewish-black relations, the effects of infighting in both communities, and ideas on how to revive the coalition. Mfume's presentation left Wagman "hopeful that, through increased communication and mutual understanding, there could be more constructive partnership between the black and Jewish communities at the national and local level."

The session on "Catholic-Jewish Relations: Reflections and Observations" was chaired by Rabbi Joel Zaiman of Baltimore, with the main speaker being H.E. William Cardinal Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore, and the response by Rabbi A. James Rudin, National Interreligious Affairs Director, American Jewish Committee. Dr. Wagman's response to this presentation was that "Catholic-Jewish relations have come a long way, yet still have a long way to go."

Wagman also attended a workshop on Church-State Separation.

He learned that the ultimate constitutional status of vouchers is not at all certain; with the current Supreme Court the outcome would rest on Sandra Day O'Connor's vote.

A highlight of the Plenum was the visit to "The Hill." The Delaware delegation was small but strong, consisting of Josh Schoenberg, a sophomore at George Washington University, Josh Romirowsky, a freshman at University of Maryland, and myself. With Schoenberg in the lead (as an intern in Senator Biden's office, he really knew his way around the halls, tunnels, passageways and underground "railway"), we visited with representatives from Senator Roth's and Congressman Castle's office. We presented the resolutions which had just been passed and urged our local politicians to support the organized Jewish positions. Of course, no promises were made, but Castle did say that he was in support of most of the gun legislation.

If you would like additional information about the JCPA Plenum or would like a copy of the complete resolutions introduced during the Conference, call (302) 427-2100, ext. 17, or e-mail your request to Shalomdel@aol.com.

INSIDE DELAWARE

Exchange Fosters Special Friendship



Delaware Gratz students enjoy forging new friendships. From left are Erica Imber, Emily Cohen, Yana Avdeeva and Brian Bernstein

By Emily Cohen

It has been a little more than a month since Yana Avdeeva moved into our house, but it feels as though she's always been a part of our family. Yana and I first met when she began attending some of my classes at Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School at the JCC.

An average day for me now includes much more singing and dancing, and constantly learning new words in Russian. Yana always has an anecdote to share, an expression in a foreign language, and a new way to make us laugh. She is always full of energy and has made life at home much more exciting. We are proud to say that there are now five kids in the Cohen family, not just four. And for once, although I am still the baby of the group, I have a sibling who is close to my age.

In addition to being entertaining and hilarious, Yana is an extremely hard worker. In the Ukraine, she earned a gold star for excellence in academics. Recently, she won an essay contest for exchange students from Russia and the Ukraine. As her reward, she traveled to Washington, D.C. last month to participate in Panim El Panim—the Washington Institute's Jewish teen leadership seminar. Yana and I really enjoyed the experience.

Yana has also joined me in B'nai B'rith Girls. I serve as president of the Wilmington chapter and I really enjoy watching her get involved in B'nai B'rith Youth Organization activities. I also hope to get involved in her life in the Ukraine.

I spoke to her mother briefly on the phone and practiced my ever-increasing Russian vocabulary. I told her "minya zavut Emily" (my name is Emily) and wished her

"spokonoy noche" (good night). Hopefully, one day, Yana and I will travel to the Ukraine together, and I can learn more about her life in her homeland.

My only regret about this experience is that it didn't start sooner. Sadly, Yana is only staying for us for six months. In June, she will return to the Ukraine. We all hope that she will be able to return to Delaware next fall to attend college here.

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Sabra Camp at Camp JCC in Delaware has a number of interesting day trips and programs for area teenagers. Among the many teen travel experiences planned are excursions to Niagara Falls, Disney World and New York City. Robyn Schwartz, Community Teen Services Director, will return for her second summer to direct this program for young adults entering seventh through ninth grades.

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Rappaport will conduct this program that includes training in first aid, CPR, child development, program planning and conflict resolution. CITs receive hands-on experience working with children. Program graduates are given first consideration for employment as JCC Camp counselors the following year.

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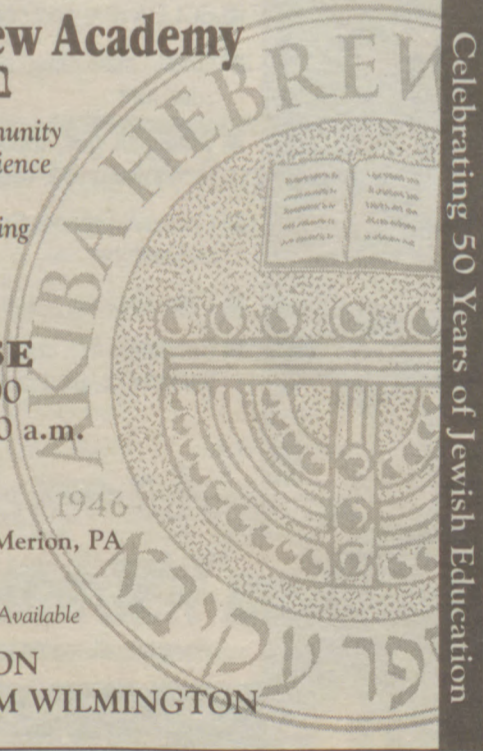
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Temple Beth El Girl Scouts Celebrate Shabbat

Explore Delaware Jewish History at AKSE Brunch



Brownies experience the joy of Jewish scouting at Temple Beth El. In the front row, from left are Jillian Romao, Emily Wolfe, Sylvia Boyd, Hannah Kaplan, Megan Kennedy, Marlee Caine and Sofia Szanto. Bringing up the rear are Elana Friedman, Shana Mattes, Jennifer Kelman, Alyse Lewkowitz, Brianne DeFroda, Jackie Wahlquist and Sarah Halbert.

Last month, the Brownies of Girl Scout Troop 1198 hosted their first-ever Girl Scout Shabbat at Temple Beth El in Newark. The troop, comprised of 15 second grade girls, led the congregation in songs, prayers, and readings. Brownies also presented a sermon on "What the Girl Scout Law Means to Me", with each girl reading a section that they had written about the law.

The troop meets at the synagogue twice a month after Sunday School for an hour and a half. Formed in 1997, the troop conducts service projects, creates craft projects and participates in field trips. This spring, troop members will camp at the Chesapeake Bay Girl Scout Council "Country Center" Camp, located in Hockessin.

Members of Troop 1198 are: Alexa Berger, Sylvia Boyd, Marlee Caine, Brianne DeFroda, Elana Friedman, Sarah Halbert, Hannah Kaplan, Jennifer Kelman, Megan Kennedy, Alyse Lewkowitz, Shana Mattes, Jillian Romao, Sofia Szanto, Jackie Wahlquist and Emily Wolfe. Troop leaders are Aileen DeFroda, Laurita Halbert, Corey Romao and Betsy Wahlquist.

Rabbi David Geffen, former spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom and a founder of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware, will speak on "Jewish Life in Delaware", Sunday, March 26, 9:30 a.m. at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. The community is invited to attend.

Rabbi Geffen left Wilmington in 1977 to make aliyah with his wife,

Rita and their three children, Avie, Elissa and Jeremy.

While in Israel, Rabbi Geffen created "The American Heritage Haggadah". He returned to the United States to become spiritual leader of Temple Israel in Scranton, PA.

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What A Big Heart You Have!

Kutz Home resident and a boy share a special friendship



Ruth Turner

By Kathleen Wereszynski

Kind, nurturing, social, loves to bake, Ruth Turner, an 89-year-old resident of The Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, a skilled nursing facility in Wilmington, Delaware, had all of the qualities of a superb grandmother - except for one thing. She had no grandchildren of her own.

So when local resident Beth Keil contacted the home to find a compatible "grandmother" for her then four-year-old son, Austin, Ruth jumped at the chance. "He reminds me of my son when he was little," Ruth says. "I get great pleasure out of helping care for Austin."

Initially, Beth sought out an older companion with an objective of helping Austin deal with a speech/language disability. "Austin's auditory processing - the hearing of verbal language and the speaking of it - is developmentally delayed," she explains. "He does really well when people speak slowly to him. We thought having an older buddy would help with that."

For more than a year, Austin and Ruth have been meeting regularly, and lately those visits have increased to weekly. Ruth has a toy box in her room, full of games and activities for Austin. Playing "Candyland" is one favorite pastime. On other visits, the boy sits attentively while Ruth reads to him. They also draw pictures and color. "Sometimes Austin just likes to snuggle with her," Beth says.

Special occasions also bring Austin and Ruth together. The Keils celebrated Ruth's eighty-ninth birthday with her in December, and she attended a music recital at Austin's school. "I don't think there are enough relationships between older adults and small children," Beth says. "Ruth is part of our family."

Ruth, who grew up in a small western Pennsylvania town, attended school through eighth

grade in a two-room schoolhouse. Like many other young women during the Depression, she began working full-time at age 14 to help her family with the bills, serving as a cook and maid in the home of a prominent local politician. "I worked there until I got married," Ruth recalls. She and her husband, the late Elmer Turner, had two sons.

Since arriving at Kutz Home after a six-week hospitalization, Ruth has been unable to sit still. "I love to go for walks with the [facility] dog and help out with bingo," she says.

She also is the resident pastry chef, decorating the cakes for the nursing home's monthly resident birthday party and assisting the staff with baking cookies.

Beth says she has noticed improvements in her son over the past year, thanks to the stimulation of school and the one-on-one time

with Ruth. "He really looks forward to meeting with her," Beth says.

In addition, Austin has grown more comfortable with the place his adopted grandma calls home. "[At first], I think it felt foreign to him," says his mother. "Now he feels very comfortable there and can navigate around the nursing home."

The five-year-old has even made another friend there. Once timid around George, the Kutz Home dog, Austin now looks forward to playing with him under the watchful eye of his "Miss Ruth."

"They don't know what to call me, so they started calling me 'Miss Ruth,'" the resident says laughing. "And sometimes Austin calls me 'Grandma,' which I don't mind at all."

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the New Year with my family and it was something I couldn't break.

When I found out that the trip was not only NOT over New Year's, but that it coincided with my Winter break - I was ecstatic. I applied online immediately. For one reason or another - a trip to Israel had never been convenient for me before. There had always been a shortage of money, or the timing ran into something else. But this trip was well-timed - and there was no issue with paying for it. It truly was PERFECT.

The list of highlights - at least for me - is endless. The Wailing Wall was amazing. Honestly, when I first saw it, I was slightly disappointed. It didn't appear the way I had thought it would. It seemed smaller, and as though my expectations had ruined my experience.

By the time I was finished with my Wailing Wall experience - not only was my shirt soaked from tears, but I had an entirely new outlook about myself as a Jew. It wasn't so much the appearance of the wall that mattered - but the spirituality and the emotion attached. I felt as though my family was at the wall with me, and that brought warmth to my heart. I thought of the millions of people that had touched the wall in that same spot that I did - and I burst into tears. The holocaust memorial next to the wall that read in Hebrew - "Yarzeit" - also held a great impact on me.

"Yad Vashem"-the Israeli Holocaust Museum was another amazing experience. I have been to the museum in Washington, D.C., and there truly is a difference. While the American version is larger, and more in depth in memorializing the Holocaust - the Israel version held deeper personal meaning for me. Just the fact that it was in the Jewish Homeland-viewing the exhibits in the presence of Israelis-changed my whole view of the museum.

The Children's Memorial of "Yad Vashem" ran through me ~ unleashing a broad range of emotions. At first, I was filled with anger, then hatred, and all the way through the spectrum until finally I was drained of all feeling. I would

rather not get into detail as to what the memorial was - but it was something that in EVERY aspect touched me - and added heavily to the fact that I will NEVER forget - for the rest of my life - what happened to our people during World War II.

From the Wailing Wall - to the Hebrew street signs, every piece of Israel intensifies my love for Judaism. Even when I had gotten too little sleep the night before, or was emotionally exhausted from the previous days' activities - I still loved EVERY aspect of what we did. I gained something new during this trip that I have had to fight with all of my life.

Growing up in Virginia, there were very few Jews where I lived. In my high school, I attended classes with a total of three Jews. The stereotypes and ignorance that I was forced to endure - are a large part of the reason for my coming to the University of Delaware. I needed more Jews in my life. I needed more people who knew how I felt - whose mothers use Yiddish words every once in a while -and who know how to pronounce the word L'Chayim" without the sound of a 'K' in it. This has always been important to me.

When I traveled to Israel, I found not only thousands of people who knew these things - but thousands of people who were feeling about Israel the way I was. It occurred to me one day that Israel is - without a doubt - a Jewish state. While there are other religions and peoples that occupy the land - I believe it belongs to the Jews. For that reason, simply being there - on that soil, hearing the language spoken on the street as it was by my ancestors, and seeing the language of the torah on a street sign changed me as a Jew. With every word of Hebrew that I heard or learned, my sense of Jewish pride was intensified.

Upon arriving back in Virginia, I felt a void. I felt as if that sense of Judaism all around me was gone. But slowly I realized that while I was no longer IN Israel, it existed strongly in my heart nonetheless. So, in response to the question - How did Israel affect me as a Jew? - I would say that it affected me in every way possible.

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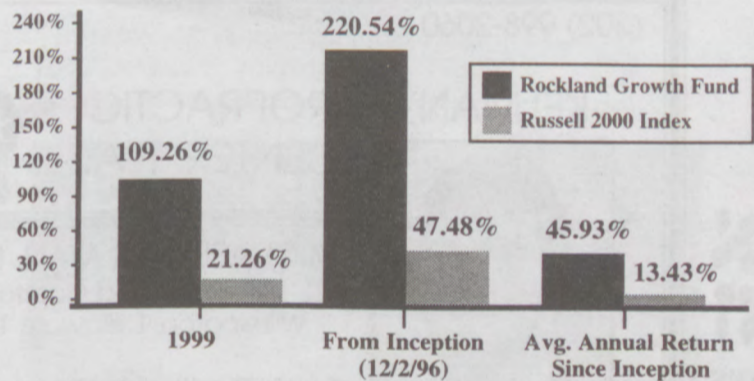


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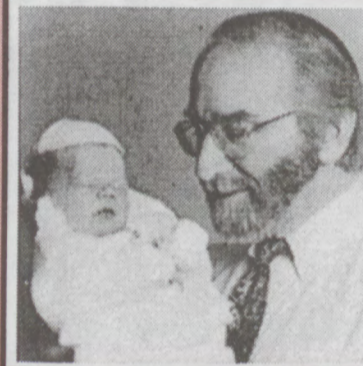
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The first ever Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School wedding will take place March 19, 2000. Natalie Heiman and Richard Roisman met at Gratz more than ten years ago, having come from two different synagogues, Congregation Beth Emeth and Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. Our Community High School has successfully achieved one of its goals: we have brought together members of the Delaware Jewish community who did not know each other, and in between lines of the Talmud and dikduk, have made a marriage! "May this be the first of many!" said Marlene Milunsky, Gratz principal.

Natalie's grandmother, Cissie Golden, is a devoted and long-standing volunteer at Delaware Gratz, working every Sunday in the Gratz office. Cissie takes delight in helping out at Gratz wherever she sees a need. Last year, Cissie had 1,000 pencils made up with the Gratz logo, and donated them to the school, along with hundreds of notepads, also made up with the new logo! Natalie's sister Aileen is a graduating senior at Gratz this year. Their mother, Tina Heiman, has been an active board member for many

years, and is chairing the Gratz Yearbook Committee this year.

The couple - Natalie, an attorney and Richard, an engineer - will reside in the Maryland/DC area.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Inside Editions - "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant

Review By Paula Shulak

Rarely do I pick up a novel and allow myself the luxury of a few hours of unmitigated relaxation. Such is the hustle and bustle of modern life (even in retirement) that my reading is generally confined to research, preparation for the many classes which I now teach, or magazines and newspapers. But at the suggestion of a friend I recently bought a copy of a 1997 book entitled "The Red Tent" written by an author who heretofore has confined herself to producing "how-to" books for modern Jews (such as *The New Jewish Wedding*). I knew only that this was a historical novel of sorts based on the life of the usually overlooked daughter of the

Patriarch Jacob, whose name, Dinah, is briefly mentioned in the Torah. What an unexpected surprise to discover such a magnificent gem instead!

This is an intensely vivid retelling of some of the familiar stories in the Bible but with such an unusual twist that your mind is captivated and you find yourself drawn into the lives of these Biblical characters in a way you never thought possible. Dinah, Jacob's only daughter (maybe you never knew there would have been 13 tribes if women's lib had arrived a few centuries earlier), recounts the "inside" tales of how Jacob, Leah, Rachel, Bilhah and Zilpah really lived their lives. The red tent, symbol of that most pre-

cious possession, the sisterhood and life-giving capability of all women, is the central focus of the book because it is there that the secrets, dreams and yearnings of its characters are fully revealed. Dinah was the only girl, the sole inheritor of her four mothers' rituals, stories and wisdom. And they were overjoyed to have her!

"...the reason women wanted daughters was to keep their memories alive. Sons did not hear their mothers' stories after weaning. So I was the one...In the ruddy shade of the red tent, the menstrual tent, they ran their fingers through my curls, repeating the escapades of their youths, the sagas of their childbirths. Their stories were like offerings of hope and strength

poured out before the Queen of Heaven..."

And Dinah proceeds to share with us the "inside scoop," so to speak, about what really happened with Laban and Jacob; about what caused her brothers to kill the man she loved (not who was her rapist); and about what kind of person her Grandmother Rebecca actually was. This is, of course, all drawn from the fertile imagination of Anita Diamant. She uses the fertile field of contemporary Midrash to flesh out the bare bones of the Torah and creates for us a mesmerizing look at what went on behind the scenes of the sketchy Biblical drama to which we have become accustomed.

Dinah flees her homeland after

her lover is cruelly murdered by her brothers and lives out the rest of her life in Egypt where her path eventually crosses that of her now famous brother Joseph. Hers is not a happy, fulfilled life but she comes to terms with the lot she has been given and makes the best of it. This novel is imaginative, compelling and fascinating in its way of taking the skeleton of Torah and bringing it to pulsing life for us. I highly recommend "The Red Tent" to women especially, but it also should be of interest to the male of the species if for no other reason than it gives one a wonderful glimpse inside the female psyche. My husband enjoyed this book as much as I did!

Flying Rabbi Lands Jewish Book Award

By Brianne Korn
JTA

A flying rabbi has landed a Southern Jewish author a literary award.

Memphis-born Steven Stern is among the authors honored with one of almost 20 National Jewish Book Awards chosen from more than 400 titles and announced earlier this month by the Jewish Book Council.

"We are the people of the book and we honor that," said the council's director, Carolyn Starman Hessel.

Stern's book, "The Wedding

Jester," whose tales have been dubbed magic realism, won for best fiction.

"It's always nice to get a little recognition, but I don't understand why certain contemporary fictions are pronounced magic realism," Stern said of the box in which critics have placed his works. "What puts the magic in magic realism?"

"Fabulism is a more appropriate label," he added.

Stern, influenced by the works of Isaac Babel and Bernard Malamud, penned his latest as a collection of short stories in which fantastic tales are steeped in Jewish folklore and

tradition.

"The tradition that I come out of has more to do with Jewish folklore and mythology than it does with magic, he said, though a flying rabbi does make an appearance in his latest work.

Raised in Tennessee, Stern's family was affiliated with a Reform temple that "was divested of any element of tradition. I thought I was a Methodist until I was about 35, he quipped.

After working in a folklore center in Memphis, Stern began to visualize the "literary relation to Jewishness."

"The Wedding Jester" arose out

of Stern's frustration with his progress, or lack thereof, on a novel that never made it to press.

"Every time I hit a wall, I'd write a story," he said.

The title story was influenced by a trip Stern took to the Catskills region of New York with his mother. After viewing the desolate landscape and rustic ruins, Stern was saddened by the end of an era that once boasted popular hotels with comedians catering to Jewish crowds.

"I was so unhappy I tried to redeem it by writing a story about the place," he said.

What resulted was the tale of a

bride possessed by the spirit of a dead comic.

"Heretics or Daughters of Israel?: The Crypto-Jewish Women of Castille" by Renee Melammed won the categories of Sephardic Studies and Women's Studies, marking the first time in the awards' history that one book won in two categories.

"I always considered myself interdisciplinary," Melammed said. "This goes to prove it."

The *National Jewish Book Awards* will be handed out at a ceremony set to take place March 23 in Newark, N.J.

Maryland Concert Celebrates Jewish Music

The Harford Jewish Center/Temple Adas Shalom in Maryland will host THREE CANTORS IN CONCERT: A TOUR THROUGH ONE JEWISH WORLD on Saturday evening, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. Cantors Susan Berkson, Laura Croen, and Michael Shochet will sing accompanied by Penina Plotkin.

Cantor Berkson received her Master of Sacred Music from Hebrew Union College in 1989. She was the recipient of the Award of Excellence in Cantorial Studies from Hebrew Union College in NY

and currently serves the Harford Jewish Center. In addition she has performed at an interfaith service at the Washington National Cathedral.

Cantor Michael Shochet is the first cantor of Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church, VA, and prior to that served as the cantor of Temple Sinai in New Orleans for 4 years. He is also a graduate of Hebrew Union College's School of Sacred Music in New York. He produced an educational documentary for Public TV entitled THE CANTOR: A CALLING FOR TODAY. In addition

to his work with Rodef Shalom, he is the Secretary of the American Conference of Cantors and sings in a quartet, Beignet Yisrael, which sings traditional Jewish folk songs with "a New Orleans flavor."

Cantor Laura Croen received her Master of Music from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY and her Master of Sacred Music from Hebrew Union College. She has been featured on WNPR and performed for 2 years with the Israel Cantorial Mission. She is the Cantor of Temple Sinai,

near Chevy Chase, MD.

Penina Plotkin conducts the Ohr Kodosh Synagogue Choir and Kol Nava, the choir of the JCC of Northern VA. She earned an Artist Diploma from the Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music and Dance in Jerusalem, and later a Bachelor of Arts degree from UCLA, where she studied under Johana Harris and Aubie Tzerko.

The Harford Jewish Center/Temple Adas Shalom is located in the historic city of Havre de Grace, Maryland, about 50 minutes from

Newark, DE. Take I-95 south into Maryland, and exit at route 155North/Earlton Road. This is the first exit after crossing over the Susquehanna River. Stay right at the split (north) and bear right onto 155. Within a mile you will see the synagogue on your right surrounded by a lot of land. Make a right at the synagogue and enter the long driveway. Cost of the concert is \$10/adults; \$5/age 18 and under. For more information, please contact the center at 1-410-939-3170 or <http://www.hjcmd@yahoo>.

Fabulous Children's Theater

By Paula Shulak

The Delaware Children's Theater has done it again with their current production of Aesop's FABULOUS FABLE FACTORY. This is a tale with lively music, clever choreography and most important a message to the audience with every moral that is enacted. It is a shame that so many children today are not familiar with Aesop's fables and the lessons they teach. This is just another example of the loss to society which came about with the popularity of TV and computers. Kids just don't read or hear the classics any more.

The energetic and scintillating cast of FABLE FACTORY deserves great plaudits for their

production, directed by Marie Swajeski with Betty Moudy in charge of music. To a person, they displayed exuberant energy as each fable unfolded and they took on a myriad of ever changing roles. The premise is simple; a little boy named Monroe (Eric Miller) stumbles onto Mr. Aesop and his machine which grinds out fables at a rapid clip. The boy joins the workers as the official moral writer for each tale produced, and finally has to decide if he wants to remain with the factory forever or return home to his normal life. Along the way we are treated to several wonderful stories including The Tortoise and the Hare, City Mouse and Country Mouse, The Grasshopper and the Ant, The Lion and the Mouse etc. Lynne

Lew, Jeff Santoro, Betsey Beattie and D. Preston Lee III were all wonderfully versatile in their many incarnations, including the various animals named above. And it was a real delight to see three members of the Healy family (Victoria, Dan and father Bill as Mr. Aesop) join in the merriment. That is one of the nicest things about DCT - it is definitely a family affair.

Most of this sparkling cast has grown up with Marie Swajeski as their mentor, having arrived at DCT when they were 6 or 7 and appearing now as young twenty-something's. The contribution to Delaware's theater and cultural life that Marie Swajeski has made is nothing short of miraculous. Working on a shoestring, she has managed over the years to develop

a whole generation of performers and audience members. Our city and state owe her a debt which we can repay by supporting such wonderful performances as FABULOUS FABLE FACTORY. The show continues through March 19 at the theater on Delaware Avenue. Reservations can be made by calling 655-1014. And if you miss this show CHARLOTTE'S WEB is their next offering in a month or so. I recently saw a so called "professional" production of Aesop's fables at Cecil County Community College which was totally inferior to DCT. We have a fabulous home grown children's theater in our midst which surpasses any of the traveling companies which are brought into our state. Let's support them fully!

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AROUND OUR JEWISH WORLD

Middle East Newsbriefs

Barak cancels withdrawal plan

JERUSALEM (JTA) - Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak canceled plans to give up a West Bank village on Jerusalem's fringes to Palestinian control.

Barak's reversal came only hours after the Israeli media reported that he intended to transfer control of Anata and two other villages near Jerusalem.

The reports prompted Israeli hard-liners, including Natan Sharansky, a member of Barak's government, to flock to Jewish settlements near Jerusalem to show their opposition to the plan.

Syria worried about Barak weakness

JERUSALEM (JTA) - Syria is concerned about what it sees as the weakness of Israeli Prime

Minister Ehud Barak and his government, a British journalist considered close to Syria leader Hafez Assad said this week.

Patrick Seale said Syria is worried about the Knesset's recent preliminary passage of a bill that would make it harder for a referendum on a peace deal to pass.

Pope asked to slam Israeli policy

JERUSALEM (JTA) - The spir-

itual leader of Hamas called on Pope John Paul II to condemn Israel's hold over eastern Jerusalem during his pilgrimage to the Holy Land next week. Sheik Ahmed Yassin also said the Arab-Christian relationship "has always been good and Allah told us to be nice to them."

IDF plans Lebanon withdrawal

JERUSALEM (JTA) - Israeli army officials formulated a plan for a unilateral withdrawal from southern Lebanon, according to the Israeli daily Ha'aretz. The plan, code-named "Morning Twilight," calls for the creation of a 500-yard buffer zone north of Israel's border with Lebanon.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Ehud Barak told a Knesset committee that Israel would withdraw from parts of the Golan Heights only after Syria normalizes ties with the Jewish state. He also said there are now no direct or indirect contacts with Syria.

Clinton urged to wait for 'Iran 13'

WASHINGTON (JTA) - A Los Angeles congressman is mobilizing colleagues to urge President Clinton not to lift an embargo on Iranian products until 13 Jews awaiting trial on charges of spying for Israel are freed.

Rep. Brad Sherman (D-Calif.) said in a letter to the Clinton administration that opening U.S. markets to Iran would be "poten-

tially catastrophic for the accused, as well as the larger Jewish community in Iran."

Following the victory of moderate parties in Iran's February elections, U.S. officials have been exploring ways to support Iranian reformers.



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Spring Phonathon To Be Held In Newark

Volunteers are needed on Sunday, March 26th to have conversations with community members on behalf of the 2000 Jewish Federation Annual Campaign.

A phonathon organized by Gene Danneman, Ann Herman, Adina Mattes, and Linda Oster is being held at the Newark office of Dr. Mart Amick, 3105 Limestone Road, 1 block west of the intersection of Milltown Road.

Volunteers are welcome to participate in one or both phone shifts - 10:00 a.m.-noon and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

An informational briefing will be held for all volunteers during the first half hour of each shift.

With more than 2000 Newark Jewish households, programs and new initiatives to reach out to residents in the area include the Newark Jewish Community Center Without Walls and Jewish Family Service of Delaware Relationship Center located on East Main Street; a JCC Pre-school held at Temple Beth El; Hillel in the University of Delaware; and a JCC Full Day Pre-School on Willa Road scheduled to open in the Fall. Primary recipients of Jewish

Federation of Delaware's Annual Campaign include Albert Einstein Academy, Gratz Hebrew High School, Hillel at University of Delaware, the JCC, Jewish Family Service and the Kutz Home.

Funds raised also support the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Joint Distribution Committee which operates in 60 countries throughout the world. Reaching out to others on behalf of tzedakah is a mitzvah.

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IT'S PURIM – PUT A SMILE ON YOUR PUNIM

Lots Of Goodies For Purim (get it?)

By **Essa Bissele**

A review of MealLeaniYumm!: All that's missing is the fat! Hardcover-\$33.95

By **Norene Gilletz**

So, sweeties, what could be bad about a beautiful (20 pages of full-color photographs), perfect size (414 pages), convenient (specially bound so pages lie flat while you're cooking), good for us not so always neat cooks (wipe-clean hard-cover)? Nothing could be bad! It's all yummy and interesting. I mean, how many cookbooks do you have in your collection with sections that you actually want to sit down and read! And such catchy titles, of course your First State fresser found them just so clever!

• Ship-Shape Shopping! It all starts out in the shopping cart! If it's not in the cart, it's not in your kitchen. If it's not in your kitchen, it's not going to be in your tummy! So don't be a dummy and shop smart."

• Be able to figure out the label! A low-fat label doesn't always mean that a food is a good choice. Some low-fat foods are high in sugar, salt and/or calories. Many people are tempted to eat more because a food is labeled as "low-fat," taking it as a license to eat as much as they want (not Essele...nooooo!). Portions are the problem!"

• Wrap it Right, – Make it Right. To reduce your exposure to questionable chemicals (e.g., phthalates and bisphenol A), don't microwave food in disposable plastic containers from the supermarket, plastic bags or plastic wrap. When subjected to heat,

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• Hooray for Herbs! Norene gives advice on storing and dry vs. fresh, and lists interesting uses for herbs from basil (in kasha!) to thyme.

• Wise Weighs to Fight Fat and Eat Better! Green cuisine is lean (excluding mint chocolates).

...there are hundreds of healthful hints written in Norene Gilletz' easy-breezy style...there are tons of tips for today's kosher (or not)kitchen...there are 800 healthy, home-style recipes in this cookbook featuring low-fat, high-fiber recipes. "It is a wonderful resource for people with health and weight concerns, part-time vegetarians- or those who couldn't care less but just love good food!"

Well, the Essa-not-so-bissele family loved the Tzadziki (Greek yogurt, cucumber dip).from page 39, which also got the "okay" from the Federation staff and the Greek-born owners of our local "Sandwich Corner." And the Salmon Patties on page 127 were even lighter than Mom-Mom's version.

Norene Gilletz is the leading Canadian author of four kosher cook-books published by Gourmania Inc. She is a food consultant, columnist, cooking teacher, lecturer, and is a certified Culinary Professional. Her company, Gourmania, Inc., publishes cook-books and provides nutritional analysis of recipes for cook-books, food manufacturers and

restaurants.

MealLeaniYumm! is available at Congregation Beth Shalom giftshop and at Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth. I may be fickle, but this cookbook has become my new favorite, hope you like it as much as I do! Please let me know at Shalomdel@aol.com.

But, let's quit hanging around. It's almost Purim and time to put on our poly-Esther aprons and get rolling. (These recipes are used with permission of the publisher)

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The New

"Cream Cheese Pastry"
(version #2—review's option)

1/2 C. tub margarine, chilled
1/2 C. pressed, no-fat cottage cheese (or low-fat cream cheese)

1 C. flour

1. Cut "butter" and cheese into 1" pieces. Combine with flour in the processor. Process with quick on/off pulses to start, then let the machine run until the mixture forms a ball, about 20 seconds. If dough seems soft, add an extra tbs. of flour. Chill dough for 20 to 30 minutes before using.

Yield: two 9" circles of dough. This dough freezes beautifully. Recipe can be doubled easily.

Five Fruit Filling (for Hamentaschen)

1 medium seedless orange (thin-skinned)

1 C. raisins
1 C. pitted dates
1 C. pitted prunes
1 C. dried apricots

1. Cut orange into chunks, but do not peel. Cut away both the navel and the stem end. In the processor, process orange until finely ground, about 20 seconds. Add remaining ingredients and process until finely ground, about 15 to 20 seconds. Scrape down sides of bowl as necessary.

Yield: about 3 cups filling. One cup of filling is enough to fill 12 to 16 hamentaschen, depending on size. Mixture can be prepared in

advance and refrigerated for several days, or frozen.

**Phyllo Hamentashen
(phyllo dough makes an excellent guilt-free alternative to cookie dough)**

4 egg whites
1/2 of an egg yolk
12 sheets of phyllo dough
Five Fruit Filling
Icing sugar, optional

1. Line a cookie sheet with aluminum foil and spray it with non-stick spray. In a mixing bowl, blend egg whites with egg yolk. Place one sheet of phyllo dough on a dry work surface so that longer edge of dough is parallel with edge of counter. Brush lightly with egg glaze. (Keep remaining dough covered with plastic wrap to keep it from drying out.) Cut dough into 6 strips. Place a rounded spoonful of filling 1" from the bottom of each strip. Fold dough upwards once so that filling is covered.

2. Fold the dough like the American flag. First, bring the bottom corner of dough upwards diagonally to meet the left edge, making a triangle. Continue folding upwards and from side to side, until the strip is completely folded. Place triangles seam-side down on prepared baking sheet. Brush lightly with egg glaze. Repeat with remaining dough and filling. (Hamentaschen may be either baked or frozen at this point. Cover tightly and freeze. They do not need to be thawed before baking.) Bake in a preheated oven at 375° for about 18 to 20 minutes, or until golden.

HAPPY BAKING...HAPPY NOSHING...HAPPY PURIM.

The Great Purim Debate

By **Leo Lieberman**

As Tanta Pasha so often repeated, 'Two Jews, three opinions.' And then she would go on to tell her favorite story that the Good Lord in His Infinite Wisdom (so many capital letters!) created Rabbis (again a capital) for this reason.

For, once there was a man and wife who had a dispute which they could not settle, so, of course, they went to their rabbi (this time, no capital) and first the wife presented her point of view. And the rabbi, after listening carefully, replied, "Madame, you are absolutely right." But now her husband had his chance and he pleaded his case. And then the rabbi stated, "Sir, you are definitely right."

The rebbitzen listened to her husband as she sat nearby and thoroughly confused, she spoke up, "Husband mine, how is it that first you told the wife she was right and now you tell her husband that he is right. They both can't be right."

The rabbi pondered for a moment and then said, "You know what. You're right too."

Such is our tradition. That's why we have the School of Hillel and the School of Shammai, each sage taking different points of view. And that is why Tanta Pasha (and me too!) can never understand those who start their conversation with,

"All you Jews are always..." But Tanta Pasha always calms me down and dismisses the speaker with one word, "Anti-semeets. What can you expect?"

And so it is no surprise that we have so many debates. You all remember (and in case you don't, why don't you?) the great Latke Debate that took place every year in my home, over – which is to be preferred as an accompaniment to the potato latke – sour cream or apple sauce? (I know this one must still be going on whenever the month of Kislev appears on the calendar).

But now we are in the month of Adar and with Purim right around the corner there comes another Debate. (This absolutely requires a capital letter.) This discussion occupies the scholar's mind in Hillels from the University of Chicago to Brandeis from the West Coast to the East, North, and South, and on many college campuses. And if it hasn't reached your neighborhood college yet, don't worry it will. So now I'm alerting you to the question on hand: Which is the more important Jewish delicacy in our tradition – the Latke or the Hamantasch?

Now this is takkeh a dilemma. So all the great minds, all the Rabbinical authorities, all the academic scholars met and debated,

debated and argued, argued and discussed. Such a commotion! Such a yelling and screaming! Everyone tried to put aside the differences that separated each other. The Orthodox spoke to the Reform; the Lubavitch sat down with the Reconstructionists; the Conservatives listened to the Hassidim. For once there was sholem in the Jewish community.

The President of the Hillel organization spoke up. "It is as if the Messiah is here. Now there remains only one problem to be resolved, so let us vote: will it be the Hamantasch or the Latke?"

Immediate hands went up. "Are

the latkes made with coarsely grated potatoes?" Another hand, "The Hamantasch are prune or poppy or apricot?" "What does it matter?" called the Hillel contingent.

"Narashkeit. Of course it matters," yelled the Shammai representatives. "Let's vote first and discuss later," called the Conservatives. "Discuss, then vote," called the representative from Hadassah.

And once again there was a geshrai followed by a gevalt. And there was such a broo-ha-ha that one could almost sense amidst all the noise and the points of order and the exclamations that the Messiah, if indeed he was nearby,

was slipping away. But there was more wrangling and more debating and everybody was expressing an opinion in this great and portentous debate.

And as far as I know, the vote was never taken, and the discussion goes on, even today. Even today during the month of Adar, but who cares? It's Purim. So rejoice and be happy.

Leo Lieberman, a columnist for the Jewish Times of Southern New Jersey, is the author of "Memories of Laughter and Garlic: Jewish Wit, Wisdom, and Humor To Warm Your Heart", from which this book is excerpted.

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MILESTONES

In Memoriam

GORDON

Lewis Gordon, 83, formerly of Dover, died March 3 in Boca Raton, FL. He was an active member and former treasurer of Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover since the synagogue's inception. He was a former commander of DEL-VETS of World War II and was active in Dover's Chamber of Commerce, VFW and Kiwanis. He was the owner of Capitol Scrap Iron & Metal for over 40 years until his 1991 retirement.

Mr. Gordon is survived by his wife, Anne Jacobson Gordon; sons, Gary of Philadelphia and Bryan and his wife, Jessie of Santa Monica, California; daughter-in-law Nancy of Wilmington; brother, Mort; sister, Mitzi Stone and Yetta Hoffman and her husband, Barry Hoffman; and five grandchildren. The family requests that contributions in his memory be made to the National Parkinson's Foundation.

KAUFMAN

Dorothy L. Kaufman, 88, formerly of Wilmington and Boca Raton, FL, died February 28. Along with her late husband, Adolph, she owned Kaufman Electric Supply Co. Mrs. Kaufman was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, B'nai B'rith Women, a Life Member of Hadassah, and a founding member of the Kutz Home Auxiliary. She is survived by a son, Larry, of Wilmington; a daughter, Susan L. Shane of Armonk, New York; a sister, Ida Schriebstein of Philadelphia; and four grandchildren.

The family requests that contributions in her memory be made to the Harriet Kaufman Fund at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19802.

MACKLER

Alfred Mackler, a philanthropist who helped develop Jewish institutions around the world, died March 4 in New Jersey of lung cancer. The 73 year old served as administrator

of Medical Development in Israel. His family foundation, the Joseph Alexander Foundation, was one of the first major contributors to the Western Wall Heritage Foundation, the organization devoted to the archeological excavation of the area surrounding the Western Wall.

In partnership with the Foundation, Mackler also supported such global institutions as the Genesis Foundation, the Jewish Braille Institute and Yeshiva University.

Mackler is survived by his wife, Helen of Bloomfield, NJ; his son, Scott Mackler of Newark, DE; his daughter, Randi Windheim of Dresher, PA; his sister, Charlotte Friedman of Coconut Creek, FL, and six grandchildren.

MESHBESHER

Thomas M. Meshbesh, 61, of West Chester, PA-formerly of Wilmington-died March 10. A patent attorney for 35 years, he had served as an examiner in the US Patent Office and in the Patent Department of 3M Company in St. Paul, MN. He was a partner in the law firm of Connolly, Bove, Lodge,

and Hutz in Wilmington. Mr. Meshbesh enjoyed writing and was the published author of several short stories.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Lynne; son, Simon and daughter-in-law Laura of Tampa; daughters, Lisa of Tampa and Nicki of Annapolis; and a brother, Richard, of Minneapolis.

The family requests that contributions in his memory be made to either the American Lung Assn. Or to the Simon Meshbesh Memorial Scholarship Fund, University of Minnesota Law School, St. Paul, MN

ROSENBLATT

Leonard (Lenny) H. Rosenblatt, 76 of Henderson, NV-formerly of Wilmington-died March 9. He was a member of the Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society and the Harry Fineman Post of the Jewish War Veterans. He is survived by his wife, Marian N. Rosenblatt; daughters, Barbara Bell of Henderson, NV and Janice Johnson of Grenada Hills, CA and two grandsons.

RUBIN

Moshe Alexander Rubin of Hamburg, Germany died March 1. A survivor of the Holocaust, he was a member of the Jewish Community Synagogue in Hamburg for 45 years, and also was involved in the activities of the Jewish National Fund, the National Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. and the Yiddish Book Center. He served as President of Sylvaphane Co., a cellophane manufacturer, for 40 years.

Mr. Rubin is survived by his wife, Dola; his daughter, Gila Lipman of Chalfonte; and his two beloved grandchildren, Jennifer Samuels of West Bloomfield, MI and David Lipman of Newark.

The funeral was held Tuesday at the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Shiva will be observed Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m. at the home of Gila and Joel Lipman, 2438 Granby Road, Chalfonte.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to either Congregation Beth Shalom or to a favorite charity.

WESTERMAN

Eleanor Westerman, (nee Waxman) a native of Wilmington, died February 11 in Hollywood, FL. She is survived by two sons, Arnold and Stevan Westerman, two brothers, Elliott and Seymour Waxman, and a sister, Lillian Balick, of Wilmington. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 100 West 10th Street, Suite 301, Wilmington, DE 19801.

ZWEIFLER

Louis Zweifler, 80, of Coconut Creek, FL-formerly of Delaware-died February 22. He had been a collections manager for a New York law firm and was active in B'nai B'rith and the Machzikey Hadas Congregation Boys Club in New York. He is survived by his daughter, Nancy Olynick Nolan of Miller Place, NY; a sister, Lillian Icowitz of New York City; three grandchildren; a great granddaughter; a niece and a nephew. He was buried at the Machzikey Hadas Cemetery in Minquadale. The family requests donations to a Boys Club or a Children's Hospital.

SIMCHAS

Bachman and Weinberg Are Wed

Carrie Beth Weinberg and Marc Jeffrey Bachman were married on November 21, 1999 at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, New York. Carrie is the daughter of Phil and Sheila Weinberg of Wilmington, Delaware and is the granddaughter of Fay Feldman of Claymont, DE. Marc is the son of Sheila Bachman and the late Allan Bachman of Great Neck, Long Island, New York.

Carrie is a graduate of Concord High School and received her Bachelors Degree from the

University of Delaware. She is currently employed with the William Morrow/Harper Collins Publishing Company where she serves as Director of Publicity for the Cookbooks Division.

Marc, who graduated cum laude from Tulane University and received his law degree from Syracuse University, is an attorney with the law firm of Nixon, Hargrave, Devans and Doyle of New York City and Garden City, New York.

Rabbi Dale Polakoff of the Great Neck Synagogue officiated at the wedding. The wedding procession consisted of: grandmother Fay Feldman escorted by Joel Simon, brother-in-law of the bride; grooms-

man Adam Ungar, cousin of the groom; friends of the groom Michael Zeidel, Jedd Malish and Gideon Gill; Ira, Jacqueline and Reid Bachman, brother, sister-in-law and nephew of the groom; Michael and Debbie Bachman, brother and sister-in-law of the groom; bridesmaids Lisa Fennimore, and Lori Goldberg, friends of the bride and matron-of-honor Alyssa Simon, sister of the bride. Flower girls were Lauren and Samantha Lange, cousins of the bride and Brittany Bachman, niece of the groom.

After a honeymoon cruise to the Virgin Islands, the newlyweds reside in Manhattan, New York City.



Carrie Beth Weinberg and Marc Jeffrey Bachman.

Glazer and Hockstein United In Marriage



Carolyn Beth Glazer and Neil Edward Hockstein.

Dr. Carolyn Beth Glazer and Neil Edward Hockstein were married October 2, 1999 at the Horticulture Center of Fairmount Park in Philadelphia. Rabbi Henry Cohen officiated.

The bride is a graduate of Lower Merion High School and Tufts

University in Medford, Mass., where she danced with the Sarabande Dance Company. She received her M.D., cum laude, from Jefferson Medical College, and was elected to the AOA Medical Honor Society. She currently is an intern at Presbyterian Hospital and will enter an Ophthalmology residency this spring at Shei Eye Institute of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

The bride's father, Dr. Robert Glazer, is an Orthopaedic Surgeon at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Wilmington. Her mother, Susan, is the director of the School of Dance at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.

The groom is a graduate of Brandywine High School in Wilmington and Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore where he was captain of the rowing team. He is a fourth year medical student at Jefferson Medical College. In his third year of studies at Jefferson, he was elected to the Alpha Omega

Alpha Honor Medical Society. After graduation this May, he enters an Otolaryngology residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

The groom's father, Dr. Irvin Hockstein, is a retired Orthodontist in Wilmington. He is a member of the Editorial Committee of the Jewish Voice. His mother, Sara, is a social worker in private practice.

Emily Harmatz and Laurie Joseph were matrons of honor. Bridesmaids were: Kami Hockfield; Pia Blumenthal, the bride's cousin; Paula Glazer, the bride's sister-in-law; Richel Stowell, the groom's sister-in-law and Marsha Wittink.

Ken Hockstein was best man for his brother. Ushers were: Alan Hockstein, the groom's brother; Lewis Shubin, the groom's cousin; Ted and Bill Glazer, the bride's brothers and Mike Brodney.

The couple honeymooned in Bonaire and currently live in Bala Cynwyd, PA.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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ONGOING

THE KIMMEL-SPILLER

Jewish Healing Center of Jewish Family Service offers Jewish healing services on the second Monday of every month from 7-8 p.m. Led by Rabbi Myriam Klotz, the service will include prayer, songs, meditation and reflection. For additional information, please call Rabbi Klotz at 302-478-9411.

SPRING

WOMEN'S SERIES AT JFS RELATIONSHIP CENTER

Jewish Family Service sponsors a four-week series of programming for women entitled "Returning to Ourselves." Women will explore how life experiences have shaped who they are today and will share their concerns, losses, reflections and victories in a supportive setting. The group meets Fridays, March 17, March 24, March 31 and April 17 from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. at the JFS Relationship Center, 288 East Main Street, Newark. Cost is \$40. For additional information, please call 478-9411 or 286-1402.

CHAVURAH GROUP FORMING

If you would like to meet and interact with other Jewish people in the community or are new to Southern Delaware, Pennsylvania or Maryland, a Chavurah group may be just right for you. The Newark JCC would welcome your input as the group takes shape. Please call Lynda Bell at 286-1401.

GET READY FOR PASSOVER COOKING

With a demonstration by noted chef Shawna Goodman. Goodman, who specializes in low-fat, high flavor cooking and baking, will show participants how to prepare healthy Pesach meals. This New York trained chef will be at the JCC on Thursday, March 23, 7

p.m. The cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. Advance registration is required. To reserve your slot, call Ella Zukoff at 478-5660.

NEWARK SERIES ON YOGA AND MEDITATION

Rabbi Myriam Klotz, director of the Kimmel-Spiller Jewish Healing Center and a certified yoga teacher, will lead a five-week series of classes in Yoga and Meditation-The Torah of the Body. No prior experience is needed for the series which begins on Tuesday, March 21 and continues for four consecutive Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the JFS Relationship Center, 288 East Main Street, Newark. Series is \$40. Please call 478-9411 to register.

AEA PRESENTS ORIGINAL MUSICAL

On Tuesday, April 4, Albert Einstein Academy will present the world premiere of ALEPH BET BOP! This original family musical is written and directed by Julianne Bernstein and features lyrics by Malka Goodman and music by E. A. Alexander. The performance will be staged at the JCC auditorium. Please call 478-5026 for more information.

LIVE FROM ISRAEL, ARAD STRING ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM

Don't miss out on a spectacular performance by the Arad String Ensemble, Tuesday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. This talented troupe of young musicians-ages 10 through 17-will perform at the Wilmington Music School. Ensemble members come from the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Partnership 2000 community in Israel. Tickets for the

performance are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. To order, please contact the JFD, 100 West 10th Street, Suite 301, Wilmington, DE 19801 or call 427-2100.

DINE OUT FOR PESACH AT THE JCC

The Jewish Community Center of Delaware will hold their annual Passover Restaurant on Monday, evening, April 24, 2000. A kosher for Passover meal, prepared under the supervision of the Vaifad Hakashruth, will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. Menu items include salad, gefilte fish, matzah, lemon chicken, cranberry sauce, honey carrots, broccoli souffle, seasoned potatoes, apple matzah kugel plus a variety of desserts. A special menu for children will be available. Entertainment will be provided by Craig Collins featuring a one-man show of music, comedy and magic. The fees are \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$10 for children ages 3 through 12. Advance registration is required at the JCC Front Desk by April 14. For more information, call Margaret Presley at 478-5660, ext. 221.

GRATZ SETS APRIL OPEN HOUSE

Those interested in Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School should attend the school's Open House on Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. Find out about part-time and full time programs leading to the JCHS Teaching Certificate, JCHS Diploma, Isaac Mayer Wise Teaching Certificate, as well as other certificate, credit and social opportunities. The school is located on the Jewish Community Center campus, 101 Garden of

Eden Road, North Wilmington. The Open House will be held in Room 6. For additional information, please call Marlene Milunsky at 478-8100.

JEWISH SCHOLAR TO DISCUSS FEMINIST IDENTITY

Dr. Rela Geffen, Professor of Sociology and Coordinator of the

Programs in Jewish Community Studies at Gratz College in Philadelphia, will discuss Feminism and Contemporary American Judaism during a free public forum on Tuesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. at the University of Delaware. For additional information, please call the Center for Jewish Studies office at 831-3324.

JCC Plans Trip To Broadway

The JCC will travel to New York City on Sunday, April 30 to see the critically acclaimed musical "Kiss Me, Kate." The agency has reserved the first four rows of the center front mezzanine and will drop participants off at several Manhattan locations to enjoy the lunch of their choice before the show. The cost is \$125 for members and \$145 for non-members and includes a light breakfast of coffee and danish before the bus departs at 9:00 a.m. For more information, please call Ella Zukoff, at 478-5660.

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Mrs. Kraft, widow of long-term Beth Shalom Rabbi Jacob Kraft, will be recognized for her many years of service to the synagogue and to Conservative Judaism. Marilyn and David Levinson are chairing the event which begins at 11:30 a.m. For additional information, please call the synagogue at 654-4464.

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