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Governor Carper Leads Trade Mission To Israel

By LYNN EDELMAN
Editor

Delaware Governor Tom Carper and his wife, Martha, will view the 4th of July fireworks from the window of an EIAI jet. This Independence Day, he will lead a high-level delegation of Diamond State bankers, lawyers, technical experts, venture capitalists and members of the arts and cultural community on a week-long mission to Israel.

According to Delaware Secretary of State Edward Freel, who will accompany the governor on the mission, Delaware has an ambitious agenda. "We hope to sign letters of intent between the State of Delaware and the Jewish State - the first step towards developing partnerships in the areas of cultural programming, economic development and tourism," he said. Secretary Freel and his wife, Maureen, associate director of Delaware's Higher Education Commission will be visiting Israel for the first time. He is excited at the opportunity to "set the stage for exchange programs that will benefit both communities."

Freel's responsibilities include Delaware's Division of Corporations and Port Authority. The Secretary and Darrell Minott, Director of Delaware's Economic Development Office, will conduct seminars on the advantages of incorporating Israeli businesses in the State of Delaware and will make presentations to the Israeli Society of CPAs and Hebrew University. Adam



Delaware cultural and business leaders join forces to forge partnerships between the Diamond State and the Jewish State. Governor Tom Carper will travel to Israel on July 4th with (from left) Musicians Harvey Price and Linda Henderson, Peggy Amsterdam, director, Delaware Division of the Arts; Douglas Mapp, a free-lance bassist; Joel Singer, expert on Israeli international law; attorney and Jewish communal leader Stuart Young, Israeli Consul General Dan Ashbel; lawyer and business leader Ben Strauss and Delaware Secretary of State Edward Freel.

McBride, executive director of the Port of Wilmington, will be Freel's "ambassador" to his counterparts in Israel. He hopes to make Wilmington Israel's major East Coast "port of choice."

Peggy Amsterdam, the director of Delaware's Division of the Arts, will shepherd a delegation of four area musicians. Linda Henderson, a pianist on

the faculty of the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, her husband, Harvey Price, assistant professor of music at the University of Delaware on marimba, Lloyd Shorter, a performer on oboe and English horn with Relache, a Philadelphia based new music ensemble and Douglas Mapp, a free-lance bassist in the Delaware Symphony Orchestra comprise the Delaware Quartet.

They will perform during a series of recitals in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Arad-Tamar, Delaware's Partnership 2000 community. Their goal is to incorporate the arts into the Governor's international agenda. Amsterdam hopes the trip will open the possibilities for faculty and student exchanges between the University of

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Delaware's Kosovo Connections

Photos and Text
by Bonnie Falchuk

June 17th and 18th were particularly hectic days for the Bejta and Axhami families of Kosovo and Jewish Family Service-the Jewish Federation of Delaware constituent agency that resettled them in the Cavalier Country Club Apartments in Newark. Both families arrived with the clothes on their backs and only a handful of personal items. When they fled their homeland, their vital documents were taken from them and destroyed.

Muhamed Bejta, an electrician and his wife, Ziavire, a cashier, fled for their lives with their 11-year-old son, Liridon and six-year-old daughter, Albiona. They came to Delaware following one month at the resettlement camp set up at Fort Dix, NJ. Avni Axhami, a salesman and his wife, Mexhide came to the Diamond State directly from Macedonia.

With the support of Delaware Governor Tom Carper, Senators Joseph Biden and William Roth, Delaware's Department of Human Services and JFD, Jewish Family

Service's Emigre Services Department helped these families begin new lives in Delaware.

Roberta Schwartz, JFS Emigre Services Director, has met the families at the airport, secured housing, mobilized community resources, completed documentation for Delaware's refugee entitlement programs and retained translators.

The agency is gratified by the outpouring of support from the Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities who have graciously donated food, furniture and new clothing. Area churches like Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Christ Episcopal Church have volunteered their time, energy and financial support.

Special thanks to Delaware's Muslim community who outfitted apartments for the two families. When they arrived, the newcomers found refrigerators stocked with groceries and prepared meals, pictures on the walls, bureau drawers filled with new clothes and beds made up with fresh linens.

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Roberta Schwartz, JFS Emigre Services Director (far left) greets the Bejta family - wife, Ziavire, husband, Muhamed and their children, six year old daughter Albiona and 11 year old son Liridon. Also on hand were JFS President Andy Aerenon and Delaware Governor Tom Carper

The Bejtas relax in their new home with interpreter John Rubis.

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JEWISH HERITAGE

Tzedakah In Action

By **ANDREW AERENSON**
President of Jewish Family Service of Delaware, Inc.

Serving on the Board of a social service agency usually means involvement in policy issues and rarely getting involved with the actual clients. This is especially true with Jewish Family Service of Delaware since most client relationships are considered to be extremely confidential. Recently, I had a different kind of JFS experience and it will affect me and my attitude towards Jewish Family Service of Delaware, social workers and volunteerism for a very long time.

On June 18, 1999, Delaware welcomed its first Kosovo refugee family. Jewish Family Service of Delaware was the agency with primary responsibility for resettling the family. While I had always heard and read what a great job JFS of Delaware does with refugee resettlements, I never truly understood what they did and the importance of their work.

On this beautiful summer day, I met a Kosovar family that had been in Delaware one day. They did not speak one word of English, did not have one penny, had only one change of clothes, and not only didn't they have family in Delaware, they had reason to believe they no longer have family anywhere. With only a few days notice, the family, thanks to JFS of Delaware and the Muslim Community, had an apartment, clothes, health care, a few dollars and even a promise from Governor Carper to help them get jobs.

Then, through an interpreter, I heard their story, and what a story. From working in the garden to being forced at gunpoint to leave their home with less than two hours notice. Without going into details, and trying to avoid the deep political discussions, let me say God Bless America, and God Bless Delawareans. We helped this family when they needed it most. While I claim no credit for arranging for their basic necessities, just

being a part of the agency that helped in this moment of dire need has given me a wonderful sense of personal satisfaction.

I have been on the agency's Board for five years, but I have never met our clients like I did today, and I have never had the opportunity to hear their difficult circumstances that created the need for JFS's services. It also makes me feel proud knowing that we help countless other local families in their time of need. I wish Governor Carper or the News Journal could feature how JFS counsels an older person and their family, or helps reduce the tension in a divorcing family, or helps console those who have lost a love one, or helps a teenager who is confused by this messed up world. Knowing that JFS does so much important work for families in need makes me proud to participate.

It is so important to occasionally be literally touched by people we help. It helps reinforce the fact that it feels so good to help someone. I need to do it more, and we as a community need to do it more. While we can't all help resettle refugees, there is always something we can do for others. We can drive a homebound person to the store,



JFS Executive Director Dory Zatuchni and President Andy Aerenson.

take kids to the Kutz Home so an older person can share in the pleasure of being with children or simply bring a balloon to a person recovering from an operation. It sounds so cliched, but the thirty minute investment you make will

result in a lifetime of reward. It feels so good to help someone.

I want everyone to share in this wonderful feeling that comes from helping somebody. Call JFS and allow us to help you feel real good.

Call today and receive a FREE booklet: "How to Care for Aging Parents."

What Is Assisted Living?

Maybe you've heard about Assisted Living - but weren't sure whether it would benefit your loved one.

Basically, Assisted Living provides seniors with assistance in everyday living, such as dressing, grooming, bathing, and other day-to-day activities that can become difficult. At Foulk Manor North and South, Marriott's caring staff enhances Assisted Living with programs that foster dignity, wellness, and independence, in a homelike atmosphere.

To find out if your loved one would benefit from Assisted Living by Marriott, consider this check list.

- Had a recent problem that makes me worry about their living situation
- Needs a little help getting dressed, bathing, or grooming
- Gets confused about which medications to take, and when
- Is physically frail
- Regularly forgets to eat or take medications
- Has difficulty getting around the house
- Isn't comfortable cooking or preparing food in the kitchen
- Has little companionship
- Has a chronic condition that does not need nursing intervention
- Is too independent or healthy for Nursing Home Care

If you checked two or more boxes, Assisted Living may be right for your loved one. For more information, please call the community of your choice.

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(302) 478-4296 Ask for Brooke

Foulk Manor South
(302) 655-6249 Ask for Kathryn



Marriott SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES

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Delaware's Music Department and University students and faculty throughout the State of Israel.

Toni Young, a past president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will set up meetings between the Mission participants and the residents of Arad-Tamar. Also

representing the Delaware Jewish community is Stuart Young, a partner in the law firm of Young Conaway Stargatt and Taylor. Like his wife, Toni, Stuart Young is deeply involved in the activities of JFD and its constituents agencies.

With nearly 30 participants, a Mission of this stature merits a

special escort. Dan Ashbel, Consul General of Israel for the Mid-Atlantic region, will accompany the Delaware delegation. He looks forward to "building strong and enduring partnerships between the two communities that will benefit both of our peoples." "We have much to offer one another," he said.

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These homey touches made their ordeals a little less traumatic.

Tina Sharkawy, chairperson of Muslim Relief Effort will introduce the families to their local communities. Nick Slijetcevic is

providing translation and transportation services.

The agency appreciates financial donations to help ease the families' transitions to life in Delaware. For additional information, please call Roberta Schwartz at (302) 798-0600.

Editor's Note: As we go to press, the Kosovo family profiled in the June 11th edition of the Jewish Voice decided not to leave the Macedonia refugee camp for Delaware. They are hopeful that they will someday soon return to their home.



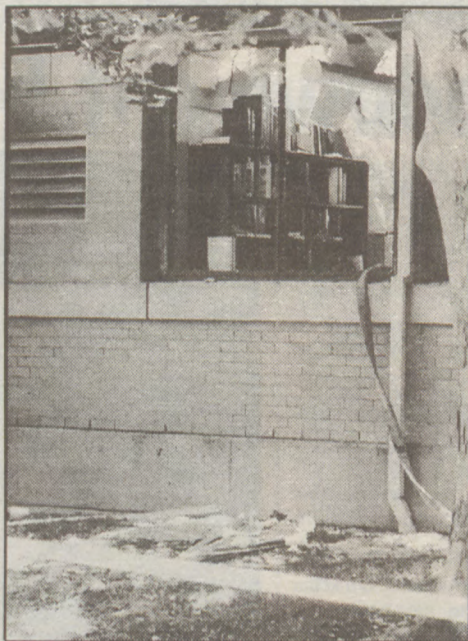
CHABAD'S 43rd FLIGHT BRINGS AT-RISK CHILDREN FROM CHERNOBYL TO ISRAEL. Twenty-three children arrived in Israel recently on Chabad's Children of Chernobyl's (CCOC) 43rd flight. The Children come from areas in Ukraine and Belarus contaminated by the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

EDITORIAL

Complacency Is Costly

It's summertime and, according to the words of a George Gershwin classic, "the living is easy." Recent events in separate corners of the world make these lyrics seem stilted. As the temperatures climb, so do incidents of anti-Semitism.

We don't often include a photograph on our editorial page. However, this picture of Congregation B'nai Israel in Sacramento - one of three California synagogues attacked by arsonists last week - illustrates the consequences of complacency. More than 100 U.S. Federal agents are searching for clues in the attacks, considered to be one of the most virulent anti-Semitic hate crimes in the United States during the past two decades. Here in America, "the land of the free and home of the brave" cowards are trampling on our people's right to religious expression. We must ferret them out and bring them to justice.



In another corner of our Jewish world, 13 Iranian Jews have been jailed on trumped up charges that they spied for the Israeli and United States governments. They face the death penalty if they are convicted, these "convicts" - who have been detained for more than 3 months - include rabbis, Hebrew teachers and other Jewish commu-

nity leaders. Their "crime" was promoting their Jewish heritage. We must add our voices to the growing list of world leaders who are working to effect their release. Sue Shaffer, JCRC director, has compiled a list of legislators and diplomatic representatives to contact and express our outrage.

We can't afford to be complacent. As Jews, we know the cost of silence.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reader Presents Another Point Of View

A recent article in the Jewish Voice entitled "Jews Should Be Proud" by E.E. Jaffe, had several important omissions. You failed to mention Bernard Baruch, Rabbi Fineshreiber and Lessing Rosenwald. Baruch was the financier who had influence on Presidents from Woodrow Wilson to Harry S. Truman. He certainly influenced many of their decisions. The latter two probably had more to do with former President Roosevelt's Palestine policy than any others. After all, Lessing Rosenwald was very rich and he and Rabbi Fineshreiber headed an organization that was opposed to Zionism and the establishment of the State of Israel. Rabbi Fineshreiber's synagogue, Keneseth Israel in Philadelphia, conducted their services in German up until World War I.

You also omitted Louis Brandeis who definitely had Woodrow Wilson's ear and had a great deal to do with the Balfour Declaration

that called for the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine.

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, for my part, may have had too much influence on the infamous anti-Semitic president Richard M. Nixon. Kissinger is more German than Jewish. After all, Kissinger received his doctorate based on a thesis he wrote about the Austrian Prince Mettenrich who plotted the downfall of Napoleon. Napoleon liberated Jews from the ghettos and gave them the rights of citizenship. History may have turned out very differently if Napoleon had defeated Russia and freed the serfs like he freed the Jews from the shtetels. And we are indeed fortunate that Harry Truman didn't listen to Fineshreiber or Rosenwald (the son of the founder of Sears Roebuck)

Sincerely yours,
Samuel Kagel
Wilmington

The Parsha Place

Week of June 26

Chukas

Numbers 19-22

"And G-d said to Moshe and Aharon, 'because you did not believe in me, to sanctify me in the eyes of the Children of Israel, for this reason you shall not bring this congregation to the Land which I have given to them... Aharon will be gathered unto his people, because you defied My word at Mei Merivah.'" [20:12, 24]

These words should strike us as not merely puzzling, but bizarre - it's preposterous! Moshe, who ascended Har Sinai, spoke "face to face" (as it were) with HaShem himself, did not believe in him? Aharon, who directed the services in the Tabernacle, and caused the divine presence to descend upon the camp, did not believe in G-d?

If someone were to read only this passage, he might think that HaShem was accusing Moshe and Aharon of atheism or idolatry. Yet, obviously, this is not so. In fact, the error of Moshe and Aharon was so subtle that we perhaps cannot understand it - the Torah never specifies precisely what they did wrong, and many of the commentators present various possibilities.

Our sages say that HaShem "is as precise as a hair's breadth" with those who are close to Him. Moshe and Aharon came so close to G-d that for them a "sin" was something so small as to be beyond our perception, no more comprehensible to our minds than microbes are visible to our eyes.

Precisely because the Bible is dealing with individuals on an exalted spiritual level, if it were to tell us merely what they did, we would be unable to perceive anything wrong. For those people, their behavior was no less a transgression than if a more common individual had committed a great crime like murder, adultery or idolatry - and thus the Prophets use severe language, similar to HaShem's own words that Moshe and Aharon "did not believe" in Him.

Just like the anthropomorphic references to HaShem, these passages use language which we can understand, so that we can learn from them.

Every human being is just that - human - and no one is perfect. Even as we are humbled by recognition of the heights reached by prophets and great scholars, we should never lose hope, or imagine that those who came close to G-d were truly angels, without inner struggles or difficulties. This is the lesson the Torah brings home to us when attributing unimaginable 'sins' to our forebears. And yet it is also incumbent upon us to realize that we could be, ourselves, so close to HaShem that our 'sins' would be something we could not even recognize today.

Rabbi Yaakov Menken and Project Genesis, Inc.

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Voice Box

"The attack last Friday on three synagogues in Sacramento represents religious bigotry at its worst. The United Jewish Communities commitment to help victims of religious and ethnic persecution - most recently in Kosovo - is predicated on the Jewish experience during the Nazi holocaust. The arson attacks in Sacramento are a horrible reminder that religious bigotry and anti-Semitism remain deadly cancers that must be repulsed wherever and whenever they break out. Jewish support for Kosovo refugees of all faiths reflects our commitment to justice and human rights. It will, of course, continue as will our prayers and support for our sister Jewish community in this trying time."

- From the leadership of United Jewish Communities -
Charles R. Bronfman, Joel D. Tauber and Stephen D. Solender

"We are committed not only to making Kosovo safe, but to helping people rebuild their lives, rebuild their communities and then help Kosovo and all the countries of the region."

- U.S. President Bill Clinton to Kosovar refugees at the Stankovic Camp in Macedonia

FEDERATION FOCUS

Dombchik Lauded For Endowment Fund Success

By LYNN EDELMAN
Editor

At the recent Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, JFD President Barbara Schoenberg praised Dr. Steven A. Dombchik for his exemplary service as chair of the Jewish Fund for the Future. "During his six years at the helm, this Fund has grown from \$3,000,000 in assets to nearly \$10,000,000 - quite an impressive achievement," she said.

Impressive, yes-but not surprising to those who have worked with Dombchik on the numerous Federation committees and agency boards that he has led. Dombchik served with distinction as President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware from 1991 to 1993 and as a member of its Executive Committee.

A former co-chair of Federation's UJA campaign, Dombchik is acutely aware of the importance of a successful campaign to Jews in

Delaware, in Israel and around the world. As a former chair and a current member of the JFD Allocations and Planning Committee, he has often been counted upon to make Solomon-like decisions about how campaign funds are distributed to JFD constituents and other community organizations.

The boards of directors of Hillel Association at the University of Delaware, the Kutz Home and the Kutz Foundation all have benefited from his commitment of time, talent and energy. A past President of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington, he and his family remain active in synagogue life.

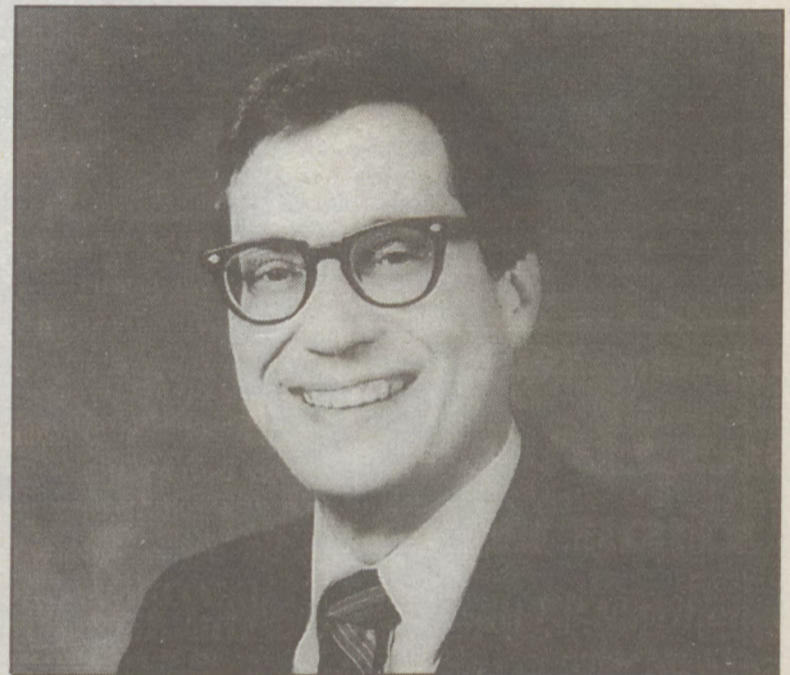
Dombchik's wife, Rhoda, shares his commitment to Delaware's Jewish community. The couple chaired Federation's Young Leadership Committee and were joint recipients of the 1985 Braunstein Young Leadership Award.

Dombchik retired last year from the DuPont Company where he

worked for nearly 30 years as a Research Fellow. Although he works part-time for DuPont as a consultant, he manages to find the time to "hang-out" with his sons, Jeff, who lives nearby in Wilmington and Greg, who resides in Fairfax County, VA. A third son, Brian, passed away in 1990.

Although he has officially stepped down as chair of the Jewish Fund of the Future, Dombchik will continue to share his considerable expertise with incoming Chair, Miriam Edell.

Federation Endowment Director Rachel Gross, Esq. is optimistic that there will be a smooth transition in leadership. "Miriam's compassion and commitment combined with Steve's in-depth knowledge of our endowment make this a winning team," she said, wishing Dombchik a "hearty Yasher Koach on his significant contributions to JFD's growth and development.



Dr. Steven A. Dombchik

The Jewish Fund For The Future - Planning Today For Tomorrow's Needs

By LYNN EDELMAN
Editor

"As our parents planted for us before we were born, so do we plant for those who will come after us," -Talmud Taanit

From generation to generation, Jews have distinguished themselves as a people committed to continuity. Jewish philanthropy has ensured the vibrancy of synagogue life, supported Jewish education for Jewish youth and adults, secured the viability of Israel through the resettlement of Jews from Russia, Ethiopia and other nations, and maintained a strong network of social services for Jews in Delaware, in the Jewish State and around the world.

While the Jewish Federation of Delaware addresses the current needs of our people both locally and globally, it cannot endow the future. The Jewish Fund for the Future was created to meet this challenge—helping to ensure the survival and long-term stability of JFD funded programs and services.

Since 1985, the Jewish Fund for the Future has helped Delaware Jews perpetuate their commitment to Tzedakah, honor or memorialize a loved one and realize significant tax and estate planning benefits. From a modest beginning of \$250,000, the Fund has grown today to more than \$10,000,000 in assets which finance programs that support Jewish education, travel to Israel, leadership development and applaud community service.

Locally, the Jewish Fund for the Future contains funds that directly support Albert Einstein Academy, Hillel at the University of Delaware, the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, the Jewish Community Center and Gratz Hebrew High School—all constituent agencies of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. In addition, all Delaware synagogues benefit from the Fund.

Many of our Jewish communal agencies and synagogues recognize the benefits of investing with The Jewish Fund for the Future. Jewish Family Service, Albert Einstein Academy, Milton and Hattie Kutz Home and Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth and Beth Shalom Congregation have placed all or a portion of their assets with The Jewish Fund for the Future. The JFF is working closely with Gratz Hebrew High School and the Jewish Community Center and hopes that these agencies also will invest.

"You don't have to be wealthy to start a Fund," said Rachel Gross, Endowments Director. She explained that people of all economic levels can "create a legacy" through a bequest in a Will or through outright gifts of cash, stocks or real estate. They also can name the Jewish Fund for the Future as a beneficiary of either a new or existing life insurance policy, Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or Pension Plan.

"Some Fund contributors prefer to create trust funds rather than make outright gifts," said Gross. Charitable Remainder Trusts, established during a donor's lifetime or through a provision in his or her will, provides lifetime income with the remaining trust assets passing on to the endowment fund. Charitable Lead Trusts allow individuals to transfer an asset for either a few years or for the course of a lifetime with the Jewish Fund for the Future receiving the income during this period. At the end of the trust, the principal reverts to the donor or a designated beneficiary.

When planning their estate, many philanthropic individuals elect to add to an existing endowment fund or create a new one through a bequest. The estate receives an estate tax charitable deduction for the value of the bequest. A bequest can also be

designed as a way to provide income for a spouse during his or her lifetime with the trust principal later passing to the Jewish Fund for the Future.

To find out more about endowment giving, please call Rachel Gross, Esq., Endowment Director, at 427-2100, ext. 19. She will be happy to work with your attorney, accountant or financial planner to help create a philanthropic giving plan that is right for you and your family.

ENDOWMENT OPTIONS....

There are four basic types of endowments available to you through the Jewish Fund for the Future. All are equally sound investments in the future of our Jewish community.

Unrestricted Endowments give Federation the most flexibility in addressing urgent and unexpected needs. The income from your contribution or bequest will help Federation meet emergencies, develop new programs not currently funded and respond to emerging needs.

Rachel Gross, Esq., Endowment Director urged community members to consider unrestricted endowments. "This type of giving strengthens our ability to support current Jewish community needs. Today, one of those needs is funds for Jewish day schools, summer camps and travel to Israel-experiences proven to strengthen the Jewish identity of elementary, middle and high school students."

Restricted Endowments stipulate exactly how you wish your money to be spent. You can create a fund that benefits a particular field of interest such as scholarships for teen leadership programs, programming that supports the health and well-being of the elderly or Jewish cultural activities.

You can also establish a fund to benefit designated Federation

agencies or other charities. Federation will honor your request to send the income from your fund to the organizations you designate. These donations will be sent in your name or in the name of someone you wish to honor or memorialize.

Philanthropic Funds can be created through your lifetime gift of cash, securities or other property. You can make recommendations to the Jewish Fund for the Future for the distribution of the fund's income and principal. You receive an income tax deduction for the initial and any subsequent gifts to the fund as long as the recipients are IRS-approved, tax-exempt organizations.

Supporting Foundations qualify for greater tax benefits and easier administration than a private foundation because they are involved with the activities of the

Federation and its constituent agencies. They offer the flexibility and tax benefits of a public charity to families who want to perpetuate their philanthropic interests to successive generations.

Whichever endowment you elect, you can be assured that your fund will benefit you and your family. You can enjoy tax savings and the satisfaction that comes from knowing that you are leaving a proud legacy to your people. All of the monies in the Jewish Fund for the Future are managed by the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund. The Fund employs respected outside investment managers to suggest the best investment options for Endowment assets.

For additional information, please call Rachel Gross, Esq., Endowment Director, at 427-2100, ext. 19.

Last Call - It's Not Too Late

It's not too late to donate Jewish business materials to the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD). Our exhibit "From Al's To Tutz: Celebrating a Century of Delaware's Jewish Business Tradition" will open in late September at the Delaware History Museum in downtown Wilmington. We are most anxious to get as many materials as possible relating to Jewish-owned business in the state. The more items we have to choose from, the better the exhibit! We are looking for photographs, business cards, letterhead, signs, promotional items, advertising, etc. Items can be donated to the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware or they can be loaned to us for the duration of the exhibit. Loaned

items will be kept in locked storage areas for protection. This exhibit promises to be both exciting and interesting. No matter if your business was small or large, retail, or wholesale, Wilmington or Dover, we want to hear from you. The deadline for contacting the JHSD to let us know what you have is June 30th. Don't be left out! Call 655-6232 or drop your donations off at 505 Market Street in Wilmington (Historical Society of Delaware). This exhibit is being made possible with partial funding from the Jewish Fund for the Future and the Delaware Humanities Forum. It is co-sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware and the Historical Society of Delaware.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Wilmington Native Writes Of Mid-Life Orphanhood



Jane Brooks

By LYNN EDELMAN
Editor

Delaware native daughter Jane Brooks experienced the "surreal sensation of becoming a mid-life orphan" as she entered Schoenberg's Funeral Home to memorialize her mother. Sixteen months earlier, Brooks stood at the entrance of the very same chapel for her father's funeral. Although surrounded by family and friends, Brooks felt very much alone.

She took solace in a personal journal she kept which chronicled the various stages of grief-sadness, anger, denial and acceptance - that people go through when they mourn the loss of a loved one. In reviewing her entries, Brooks noted that her reactions to her mother's passing were "distinctly different" than the feelings she expressed following the death of her father. "the deep almost primal emotions that I experienced were never fully communicated in other books about death," she explained, wondering if her journal could be transposed into a work that would comfort those in similar situations.

Brooks knew that she couldn't base her book exclusively on her

personal experiences. A free-lance writer and co-author of a book for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia on childhood infections, she sent out E-mails to prospective contributors through a wire service for journalists known as Prof-Net.

"I was flooded with responses from hospitals, hospices, family therapists and individuals who wanted to tell me their stories," said Brooks, who interviewed hundreds of people for her book.

They shared their strategies for coping with the often devastating sense of loss that accompanies the death of the last parent. Most found comfort in religious rituals and in sharing memories with family and friends.

Brooks, who grew up in Wilmington and "practically lived in Congregation Beth Shalom,"

found the Jewish practice of sitting *Shiva* particularly beneficial. "It is so important to have a community around you during your time of greatest need," she said, emphasizing the value of this ritual as a "life-affirming distraction from grief."

This Berkley Books new release reflects the author's warmth and sensitivity to a deeply personal subject matter. Brooks lets her readers glean comfort from those contributors' stories which most closely parallel their own experiences. Her selection of subjects reflects a wide-range of religious and ethnic backgrounds giving her book broad-based appeal.

Jane Brooks will discuss *Mid Life Orphan* and autograph copies on Thursday, July 8th, 7:30 p.m. at Borders Books, Concord Pike in Wilmington.

Bible Stories In Pennsylvania

By PAULA SHULAK

On a recent trip, we passed a sign that said that Noah's ark was being rebuilt high on a mountain-top near Pittsburgh. Obviously, the owners did not know that Noah and his animals have already taken up residence in nearby Strasburg, PA. at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster County.

Almost an anomaly rising as it does in the middle of a Lancaster County cornfield, this supercolossal theater with a stage 300 feet long is the home of the Millennium Theatre, which is presenting NOAH 1999 until August 14. If you want to see an incredibly authentic rendition of the familiar story (complete with live animals

and social commentary on Biblical life and times as well as ours), you might want to make the hour trip. The city of Nod is shown in all its decadence with the king who promises "safety and security" while Noah and his sons, reviled by friend and family alike for their naivete, build a tremendous ark onstage before your eyes. The king complains that they are "devaluing the property in the area" and Noah bemoans the fact that "it's hard to be different", but he pushes on. And suddenly in the second act, you find yourself surrounded on 3 sides by an unbelievably huge set depicting the inside of the ark. Real camels, cows and donkeys (among others) are to the right and left of

you, many of whom have previously walked down the aisle to enter the ark. It is utterly incredible, if a bit hokey! The kids will love it, but a word of warning. This is a Christian based performance and the last five minutes are taken up with an exhortation from Jesus. He who stands before a huge cross which appears from the remains of the ark after Noah and his family leave the stage and tells us to heed the warnings of God lest another natural disaster befall the world. If you can ignore this, NOAH is a fun experience. It is certainly not great theater but the spectacle is amazing. Tickets can be purchased at \$33 - \$38 for adults and \$15 for children by calling 717-687-7800.

LOCAL

JHSD Genealogy Essay Contest Winner

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware is proud to announce the winner of our Jewish Genealogy Essay Contest. The contest was part of our celebration of the first ever "Jewish Genealogy Month" during the Hebrew month of Nissan. We received ten wonderful essays and chose as the winner, Rachel Caine. Rachel is a student in the 6th grade religious school of Temple Beth El in Newark. Her essay is re-printed below.

Why Family History Is Important To Me

By RACHEL CAINE

I learn from my family's history and it teaches me to be a good per-

son and to respect our Jewish faith in modern times. Knowing G-d said we are the chosen people is one of the main parts of our Jewish history. It is also important that we have the Torah with all of its teachings and stories which are put there so that we will learn from the mistakes of the past and will not repeat them in the future.

One of the things that has happened to my family in the past was the Holocaust. It involved my grandmother and her family and also my grandfather and his family. Because they are survivors, I learned from their first hand experiences and my research that the word "hate" should not be used at all in our lifetime because of what

happened in theirs and what it brought to the Jews. They taught me that I shouldn't take things for granted, and I feel it is my responsibility to pass on the story from generation to generation so that it is never forgotten.

We don't all have an exemplary past, which is demonstrated by the prisoners that my pop-pop worked with at the prisons in Pennsylvania for many years. This taught me to be a better person and to think before I act so I don't do stupid things.

Another example of family history that I am proud of is that my grandmother and grandfather

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Action Needed For Iranian Jews

By SUE SHAFFER

JCRC Community Relations
Director

The Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), the umbrella organization for JCRCs across America, adopted the following Resolution on Iranian Jews at its June 14 Board of Directors meeting. JCPA "urges all people of good will, including religious, human rights, and political leaders

to join with us in calling upon the Iranian Government immediately to release the group of Jews who are being falsely accused of spying for Israel and the United States. This is a charge that carries the death sentence in Iran. These individuals - held in prison for almost three months - include rabbis, Hebrew teachers, and other Jewish community officials in Isfahan and Shiraz. Their only "crime" is that

they have contributed to the maintenance of Jewish life in those locations."

There are a number of pending Congressional resolutions condemning Iran's actions. Please encourage our Delaware members of Congress to sign on to the Sherman resolution in the House (HConRes 128) as well as the Schumer resolution (SConRes 39)

and Fitzgerald resolution (SR 116) in the Senate). Following are e-mail addresses for:

Sen. William V. Roth, Jr.(R):
comments@roth.senate.gov.

Sen. Joseph R. Biden, Jr.(D):
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Rep. Michael Castle (R-At
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Please send me a "copy" of any letters you send to our representatives in Washington: delawarejfd@jon.cjfn.org Thank you.

The Clinton Administration and the international community are continuing to engage in intensive

diplomatic efforts on behalf of the Iranian Jews. Jesse Jackson still has not received permission to go to Iran.

If you would like to write a letter directly to Iran's Ambassador to the United Nations, following is the address:

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Daniel Berlin, son of Judy and Howard Berlin, and a 9th grade student at Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, had the winning logo design chosen by the Board of Directors of Delaware Gratz from among designs submitted by the entire student body. In addition, Daniel received a US Savings Bond and was recently honored at the 30th Graduation Ceremony of Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School. His logo now appears on the Gratz yearbook and Gratz banner, and will soon be on all Delaware Gratz stationery and promotional material.

Daniel is a student at Tower Hill, plays trumpet in the Tower Hill concert band and Jazz band, is an active member of AZA and BBYO. He is going to Eastern Europe and Israel this summer with BBYO. When asked about how he developed the logo, he replied: "You start with a raw idea, then you work with what you are capable of doing."

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Creations, a woodworking gallery, has moved its entire inventory to a new permanent location in Hockessin, Delaware, about a mile from the original Yorklyn site. The new gallery, designed and outfitted to specifications, is significantly larger than the current location and consists of a spacious ground-floor showroom with an over-looking mezzanine.

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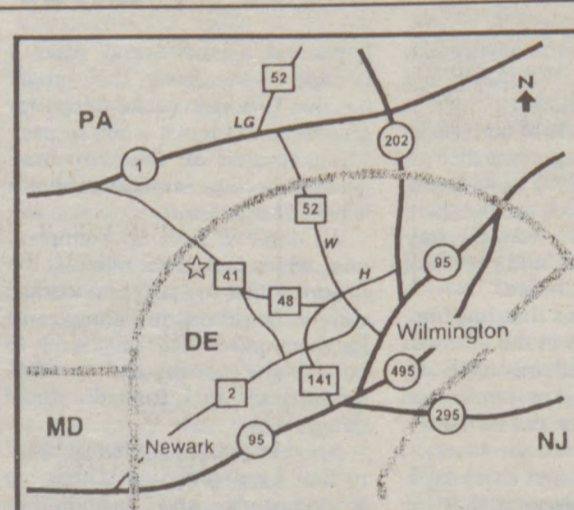
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NEWARK NEWS

Newark Nite Featured A Festive Block Party Atmosphere



The Newark Jewish Community Network rallied record numbers of people to their booth at the annual Newark Nite festivities. The early June event featured a festive block party atmosphere with music, dance, jugglers, antique autos and food galore. Adina Mattes, serves as chairperson of the NJCN. Her two daughters, Shana (left) and Sarah, especially enjoyed the face painting booth. Bonnie Shulak served as NJCN Newark Nite chairperson. Daniel Chejfec serves as the Jewish Federation of Delaware's outreach worker to the Newark Jewish community.



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speak fluent Yiddish. Listening to them speak confirms my pride in my Jewish heritage! It is a dying language, and I want to learn it and carry it on so that it never disappears.

Jewish holidays and meals have always been a big part of my family's tradition. For example, on Passover, my grandmother and my aunt Judy cook for three days straight to prepare the feast on Passover evening. I can almost smell it now. The horseradish, the gefilte fish, the roast turkey, and the haroset. Then there is my grandmother's chicken soup with matzo balls. It always smells so good in her house after she has

been making that wonderful soup. This tradition of cooking and the whole family sitting and eating at the table is what our family is about, getting together, not as often as we would like, but when we are together it is wonderful. We say the blessings and tell the story that has been passed down from the generation before us and the generation before them and so on.

As a whole my family history is important to me because of all the love that there is in my family and I think that is very special and very important to know all my family has done in the past. The history of my family just makes me more proud and more happy to be a Jew.

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Wilmington Savings Fund Society Marks Major Milestone

By PAMELA E. BLOCH
Advertising and
Communications Manager

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This spring, WSFS Small Business Banking Services was credited to meet the banking needs of small business customers with competitive, reasonable fees, local loan

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for identifying these opportunities locally.

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Sun National Bank, Delaware was credited in mid-December 1998 as a subsidiary of Sun Bancorp, Inc. when Sun acquired eight offices of the former Beneficial National Bank. Headquartered in Wilmington, Sun National Bank, Delaware has assets of \$194 million and 66 employees.

Prior to joining Sun, Engle had been an executive with PNC Bank, N.A., Philadelphia. Warren began his banking career in

1969 with Delaware Trust Company and over the years has worked extensively in the greater Wilmington and Philadelphia markets. He had also been previously associated with Wilmington Trust Company.

"We are very pleased to announce Warren Engle's appointment," remarked Philip W. Koebig, III, President and CEO of Sun Bancorp, Inc. "Warren comes to us with more than twenty years of diverse business expertise in the financial services industry. His in-depth knowledge of retail, commercial, business development and community banking will be a valuable resource in his new position."

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Israel In The Gene Era

(Editors Note: This is the first in a series of monthly feature articles on medical, scientific and technological developments in Israel. The articles have been put together by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America; American Society for

Technion; American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science; and American Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

By WENDY ELLIMAN

It has been 40 years since research into gene therapy began,

and nine since the first repaired human genes were transferred into the first human patients. In that time, over 2,000 people have received gene therapy, 30 gene therapy companies have been established worldwide, and more than 200 gene therapy protocols, or treatments, have received FDA approval.

But these figures can mislead. While many who have received gene therapy have been significantly helped, none has been permanently cured. A worldwide biomedical effort is now underway to make gene therapy viable—and Israel, with its treasure-house of ethnic groups, is an important player.

"There's no doubt gene therapy will work," says Dr. Michal Roll, Research and Development director at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem. "The ideas are there. As we unravel more of the basic biology, we'll learn to construct healthy genes, get them to the right place, keep them there, get them working and, if necessary,

shut them off."

Early optimism that this would be simple, however, has long since faded. Finding genes and their faults has been likened by Dr. Francis Collins of the NIH to "searching for a burned-out light bulb in a house somewhere between the East and West coasts of North America, without knowing the state, much less the town or street the house is on."

And that's only the first hurdle. Nature throws up highly effective biological blocks to the critical second stage: getting healthy gene snippets to a precise target cell or organ, where they must work in the right way.

Scaling these hurdles is a worldwide endeavor, spurred by the Human Genome Project, the monumental \$3-billion 15-year effort launched by the US in 1989 to find, identify and decipher the structure of each of our 100,000 genes. It's an endeavor in which Israeli researchers are making a special contribution.

"Israel's population constitutes a

rich human laboratory for molecular geneticists, because it's far easier to trace genetic anomalies in inbred groups with homogenous pedigrees, such as Yemenite and Moroccan Jews, Druse and Arabs," says Prof. Nadine Cohen-Elbaz, head of the Tamkin Molecular Human Genetics Research Facility at the Technion Institute of Technology in Haifa. "One current Technion project is a joint venture with GENSET in Paris, analyzing human genes to find links with common diseases, aiming to develop drugs to cure them. Another is a study of genetic anomalies among Israel's Arab population, where first-cousin marriages are common and genetic diseases found in 40 percent of them."

Even when a gene is identified, however, its defects are hard to find. A complex gene, like that responsible for cystic fibrosis, can go wrong in hundreds of different places (almost 400 so far, and still counting). In Israel's rich and varied

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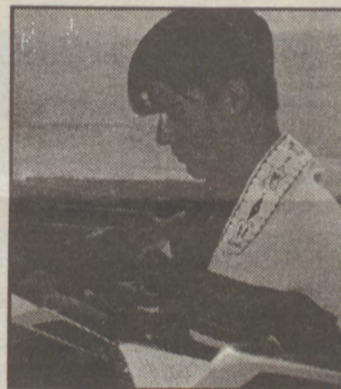
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Jackson Comes A Long Way From 'Hymietown'

By JULIA GOLDMAN
JTA

Those who remember the Rev. Jesse Jackson referring to New York as "Hymietown" in 1984 or embracing Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in 1979, taboo at the time, may be surprised to see the African American leader taking up the cause of 13 Iranian Jews facing possible execution on charges of spying for Israel.

But the Jesse Jackson of 1999 looks back on decades of activism on behalf of the Jewish community, whose leadership last week turned to Jackson for help on behalf of the Iranian Jews.

Jackson himself reminded Jewish leaders of this work before a news conference Sunday in New York, where he reiterated his commitment to lobby the Iranian government for the Jewish prisoners' release.

Introducing Jackson, Ronald Lauder, the chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, an umbrella organization of 55 Jewish groups, highlighted examples of the pro-Jewish advocacy by the Baptist minister and former Democratic presidential candidate.

Jackson stood with Jews in Skokie, Ill., in 1978, when neo-Nazis marched, Lauder said. He went to Geneva to confront Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev about the plight of Soviet Jewry. And when President Ronald Reagan laid a memorial wreath at a SS cemetery in Bitburg, Germany, in 1985 Jackson led a protest at the Dachau concentration camp.

Taking the podium at the Park East Synagogue on Manhattan's Upper East Side, Jackson, the president and founder of the Chicago-based ecumenical Rainbow/PUSH Coalition committed himself to a new interfaith partnership on behalf of the "moral issue" of the Iranian Jews.

He told the assembly, which included Jewish leaders, synagogue members and the families of two of the prisoners, that today "we work together to set the captives free."

Jackson said he had already started to set up a network of contacts to the religious leadership in Iran. Surrounded on the pulpit by the heads of leading Jewish organizations, Jackson said "the world needs to know" of the Iranian Jews' plight.

Jackson called on the pope and

"leaders of the caliber of Nelson Mandela" to "blend their voices in the chorus" of moral appeals.

Although there are still disagreements between Jackson and the Jews — including a lingering sense by some that he has failed to sufficiently renounce anti-Semitism and to distance himself from controversial figures such as Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan — there appeared to be no opposition to approaching Jackson on this issue.

Since word of the Iranian arrests reached U.S. shores over two months ago, a task force of American Jewish organizations — working together with the prisoners' relatives living in the United States — has launched a campaign of quiet diplomacy to bring about the release of the prisoners, who were being held without being charged.

Last week, however, the Iranian government announced that the prisoners — including rabbis, religious teachers and community activists aged 16 to 49 — would be tried as Zionist spies. Espionage is punishable by death in Iran.

At that point, the American rela-

tives of several of the prisoners decided to go public with their appeal for clemency, and Jewish leaders responded.

While the task force continues to pursue formal diplomatic channels, Abraham Foxman, the national director of the Anti-Defamation League, approached Jackson, a public figure with a record of softening hard-line regimes and the proven ability to get media attention.

Although Foxman himself has never shrunk from criticizing Jackson's controversial actions and statements, he said Sunday that opposing Jackson's involvement on the basis of his controversial past would be "unproductive."

"There is no greater commandment" than "saving a Jewish life," Foxman said. In this case, Foxman said, one has to ask, "Who is most capable of saving someone's life?" Jackson's reply to the families' request for assistance was immediate, positive and unconditional, Foxman said. In April, Jackson led a delegation of religious leaders to Yugoslavia, where they convinced

President Slobodan Milosevic to release three captured U.S. soldiers.

As he did in the Balkans, Jackson has enlisted the support of the National Council of Churches in his new appeal, and Joan Brown Campbell, the secretary-general of the protestant group, said she would fly to Tehran if a trip materialized.

But no trip is currently planned, and Jackson would first have to obtain a visa from the Islamic state. "We are working on that process now," Jackson said recently.

Jackson said he plans to make an appeal based on humanitarian and religious rather than political grounds. Beyond the moral and humanitarian issues involved, Jackson said he hopes Iran will see the practical benefits of granting the prisoners' release.

"When we choose peace over war, when we choose life over death, the entire human family benefits. This is a great moment for Iran as it makes a step toward its rightful place in the family of nations."

Israelis Heed The Call Of A People In Need

By JULIA GOLDMAN
JTA

Sitting and shmoozing in Jerusalem a few months ago, a small group of friends turned their discussion to the events in Kosovo.

The 11 men, all children of Holocaust survivors, decided, "We have got to do something because when our parents were in trouble, nobody gave a damn, nobody handed out any help."

So recalls Meir Haber, an Israeli businessman who was in New York recently to discuss with potential funders the nonprofit organization that resulted from that conversation.

Today, Ha'amuta L'ma'an Nifgaye Kosovo — or The Nonprofit Society for the Victims of Kosovo — has collected tons of material aid along with "a few hundred thousand shekels" for Kosovar refugees and others in need in the battered Balkan region, Haber said in a telephone interview with JTA.

Such activism and generosity attest to the tremendous Israeli humanitarian response to the crisis in Kosovo, both monetarily and through direct assistance to the hundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanians from the Yugoslavian province.

Israeli army doctors have set up medical clinics in refugee camps, and the Jewish Agency for Israel, which is supported by the United Jewish Communities, organized relief flights bringing more than 100 tons of medicine, blankets, tents, clothing and other basic materials to refugees.

In Jerusalem, Haber's organization has collected material goods at a rented warehouse staffed by two

clerks, the organization's only paid employees. The rest of the work — including accompanying shipments to camps in Macedonia — is done by "a few hundred" volunteers, he said.

So far the nonprofit has delivered two 20-ton shipments of goods such as mineral water, clothing, medicine, shoes, toilet paper, diapers and blankets directly to refugee camps in Macedonia. He anticipated other shipments will go out, but could not estimate how many.

Ha'amuta has worked with the Jewish Agency to absorb a few Jewish families from Yugoslavia who came to Israel since the hostilities heated up in March. Funds have come in through "mouth-to-ear" appeals, he said, and the group also ran a daylong fund-raising appeal on Israeli army radio.

But Haber explained that the group has purposefully avoided publicity. "We're not machers," he said. "We're not looking for anything but money or any donations of merchandise in order to ship it over" to the Balkans.

Donors range from individuals to Israeli corporations, such as the Teva Pharmaceutical Industries — Israel's largest pharmaceutical company, which provided approximately one ton of medicines — and Bank Leumi, which has provided "nice chunks of money" through its workers organization.

Haber reports that the volunteers who accompanied the shipments were met with enthusiastic recognition of Israel's humanitarian response to the situation.

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ISRAEL FOCUS

Israel In The Gene Era

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gene-pool, researchers are tracking down faulty genes and seeing why they go wrong.

Prof. Orly Reiner at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, for example, has cloned and identified a gene responsible for lissencephaly, a severe mental retardation that occurs in one of every 30,000 live births. She is now examining the role played by this LIS1 gene and its biochemical pathways in the developing brain.

Not all mutations, however, carry the same risk. Cohen-Elbaz is leading a multidisciplinary study of degrees of risk associated with different misprints in the familial breast cancer gene. Targeting high-risk Israeli Ashkenazi women (among whom breast cancer is 50 percent more common than in Israeli Arab women) Cohen-Elbaz is working with oncologists, clinical geneticists, psychologists and epidemiologists, reviewing family medical histories, diet and lifestyle, aiming to build an effective prevention program. Where prevention fails, the aim is cure, and a key to gene therapy cure is getting the repaired gene to the right place. "Genes can't be injected," says Prof. Ariella Oppenheim of Hadassah's hematology department. "They need special delivery vehicles."

One of the more promising such vehicles is the virus (an organism that's spent millennia refining itself to do exactly what gene therapists want: insert itself into cells.) To become gene therapy's delivery boys, however, viruses must be stripped of their harmful qualities.

Oppenheim is working with a virus from monkey kidney cells (SV40), which has a special affinity with bone marrow. She's hoping to make it a harmless envelope for healthy genes to repair defects resulting in crippling blood disorders, such as sickle-cell anemia and thalassemia.

The parvovirus family is the focus of Prof. Ernest Winocour of the Weizmann Institute and Dr. Joe Corsini and Prof. Jacob Tal of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev's Joyce and Irving Goldman Medical School. "Parvoviruses are animal viruses that force their way into a cell's chromosomes in specific places," says Winocour. "Knowing where the gene-package goes will give physicians far greater control. We've uncovered the mechanism parvovirus MVM uses to zero on its target — an exchange of signals with the chromosome — and managed to replicate those signals." The delivery vehicles aren't yet ready, but scientists are working on what they'll carry.

Dr. Riad Agbaria of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is developing a cancer protocol in collaboration with the NIH. The aim is to insert a gene that produces enzymes that combine with a non-toxic drug, to make it lethal to tumor cells. It's only a matter of time, it seems, before gene therapy fully arrives. When it comes, Israel will be ready with a \$10 million National Center for Molecular Medicine and Gene Therapy, opened at Hadassah in November. In a nation with no NIH, Hadassah has created this core facility where ideas can be generated, evaluated and tested in the laboratory, then

progress through animal studies into an FDA-level Good Manufacturing Practice lab, where gene-based medications are tailored to the needs of individual patients in a clinical center for adult and pediatric patients — all under one roof.

Clinical practice is not, however, the final chapter, says Center head, Prof. Eithan Galun. "New medications must flow on to further research and development. We must monitor every step. If the protocol works, we must know why. If it doesn't, why not. It's a different kind of medicine from knowing aspirin reduces pain and fever without needing to know why."

As this revolution in biomedicine picks up steam, Israel's contribution will help open new doors to easy and effective ways of preventing disease, to fast and accurate methods of diagnosis, to simple and successful treatments, and to permanent cures for the currently incurable.

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Levy/Rappaport Engagement



Jackie and Steve Rollin of Tamarac, Florida, and Bruce Levy of Boca Raton, Florida, parents of Jennifer Lynn Levy, and Bryna and Jay Rappaport of Wilmington, parents of David Ian Rappaport, share in the joy of announcing the engagement of their children.

Jennifer is a 1996 graduate of Brown University and a 1999 graduate of New York University Law School. She is employed by

Morgan, Lewis and Bockius in Philadelphia. David is a 1996 graduate of Brown University and is a third year medical student at Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia.

Rabbi Daniel Satlow of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington will officiate at their wedding, scheduled for June 18, 2000 at B'nai Torah synagogue in Boca Raton, Florida.

Rappaport Receives Fellowship

Alyson Dara Rappaport, a May, 1999 magna cum laude graduate of George Washington University, has been awarded a Presidential Administrative Fellowship-one of only six conferred by the University. She will be working towards a Master's degree in Business Administration. Her undergraduate degree is in International Business, with a minor in French.

Alyson has held numerous lead-

ership positions with Alpha Delta Pi social sorority, Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, Golden Key National Honor Society and Hillel. She spent the spring semester of her junior year in Jerusalem, studying at Hebrew University and has been teaching at the Hebrew school of Adas Israel, a synagogue in Washington, D.C. for the past three years.

Alyson is an alumna of The International School of Geneva, Switzerland and is a graduate of Brandywine High School and Gratz College Hebrew High School.

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jay Rappaport, Brandywine Hundred and the granddaughter of Lillie Rappaport of West Orange, NJ.

NACHES

Debra (Panitz) and Jeff Fredman of Gaithersburg, MD announce the birth of their third child, a son, named Judah Ezra. He was born on May 18, 1999. Sharing in this simcha are big sister, Rachel and big brother, Nathan. Proud grandparents are Bernie and Sylvia

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Narda Silon, 62, formerly of Wilmington, died June 10 in Louisville, KY. The former Narda Gimple, she was a retired registered nurse who worked for many years at Louisville's Jewish Hospital. Mrs. Silon was a life member of B'nai B'rith and Hadassah and was an active member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun in Louisville. She is survived by her husband, Herbert Silon; her daughters, Eileen M. Silon, Sherry S. Strodel and Deborah J. Henderson; a son, Leonard E. Silon; a sister, Michelle Curley and two grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to the James Graham Brown Cancer Center, Louisville, Kentucky.

MILDRED 'MITZE' DUBOIS

Mildred 'Mitze' Dubois, 69, died June 9th in Boca Community Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Ted, a native of Wilmington. In July, the couple would have celebrated their 51st anniversary. Mrs. Dubois also is survived by her daughter, Robin; her daughter and son-in-law, Sherri and David Korman; her parents, Anna and Hyman Kattler and a brother, Howard Kattler.

ABRAHAM STEIN

Abraham Stein, age 77, of the B'nai B'rith House, died June 14. He was a veteran of World War II and Korea. Mr. Stein was pre-deceased by his wife, Molly Stein (nee Cherry).

He is survived by sons, Mark Stein of Tavistock, Harris A. Stein of Philadelphia; daughter, Debbie Tollin of Fairfax, VA and four grandchildren.

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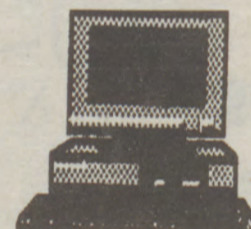
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Morris D. Glazier, age 80, of Wilmington, died June 8. Mr. Glazier was a salesman for Wilmington Supply Company and Hodes. He was a member of Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, the Jewish War Veterans and Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation. He is survived by his wife, Amelia (Malchie); sons Richard, Joel and Bradford L.; sister, Helen Heller of Gouverneur, NY and three grandchildren. The family requests that contributions in his memory be made to the charity of the donor's choice.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline published in The Jewish Voice. Please provide entries in the same format as seen on this page. The Jewish Voice fax number is 427-2438.

JUNE

Sunday June 27
The Jewish Community Center of Delaware hosts its annual Jewish Community Showcase on Sunday, June 27, 2-6p.m. The event features a variety of entertainment, games and activities for the entire family. Demonstrations of recreation and fitness classes and facility tours will also be offered. At 4 p.m., come to the 65th Annual Meeting of the JCC then stay for a family barbecue dinner served from 5 to 6 p.m. For more information, call Ella Zukoff at 478-5660.

Monday June 28
"My Original Self", an informal group discussion and activity group, will be led by Jewish Family Service at the JCC Senior Center beginning at 12:30 p.m. Call Stacey Friedland at 478-9411.

Tuesday June 29
Jewish Family Service hosts a free support group for widows beginning at 2 p.m. This program will be held at the agency's headquarters-Garden of Eden Road in North Wilmington. Call 478-9411 for more information.

Wednesday June 30
 Meet filmmaker Amiram Amital as he presents "A Call to Life", his film about an older woman challenging life to members of the JCC Senior Center. Come one, come all. \$5 for advance registrations, \$7 at the door. For more information, call Wendi Weingartner at 478-5660.

JULY

Wednesday July 7
Seminar for separating and divorcing parents will be presented by JFS at the JCC, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Advance registration is required. Call Lauren Pokras at 478-9411 for more information.

Thursday July 8
Help the Young Jewish Adults of Delaware plan programs and activities of interest to singles in their 20s and 30s. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the JCC.

Friday July 9
"Shabbat Under the Stars"-The community is invited to worship with members of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington at a special outdoor service in the park opposite the synagogue at 18th St. and Baynard Blvd. Bring a dairy or pareve supper to be enjoyed picnic style at 6 p.m. Services begin at 7:30 p.m. with an Oneg to follow back in the synagogue.

Saturday July 10
Young Jewish Singles of Delaware invite single adults in their 20s and 30s to join the group for Chip and Putt golf and dinner. Meet for dinner at Barnaby's Restaurant, Rte. 202 Near Rte. 1 in PA at 5:30 p.m. then play golf at Spring Lake Recreation Center

on Rte. 202 near the Glen Eagle Shopping Center. Pay as you go. For additional info., please call Phil at (302) 652-6688.

Thursday July 13
Happy Hour at the Back Porch Restaurant, 5:30 p.m. for all Jewish young adults in their 20s and 30s. Sponsored by the Young Jewish Adults of Delaware. For further information, please call Jody at 738-3283.

"Leaving A Legacy"-a discussion facilitated by Jewish Family Service will be offered at Ingleside Retirement Home beginning at 10 a.m. Call Martha Frost, 478-9411 for details about this free program.

Wednesday July 14
JCC Senior Center hosts an outdoor candlelight dinner with a pirate theme. Dinner at 5:45 p.m. with a dip in the cool waters of the JCC pool to follow. Come in costume and win a prize. \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. Transportation can be arranged with advance registration. For additional information, please call Wendi Weingartner at 478-5660.

Separating and Divorcing Seminar presented by Jewish Family Service will take place at the JCC at 5:30 p.m. Call Lauren Pokras for additional information, 478-9411.

Friday July 16
Members of the Seaside Jewish Community leave Rehoboth Beach at 7:30 a.m. for a personally escorted tour of the U.S. National Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. Community members Lily and Abe Malnik, who are survivors, will lead the tour. Participants will enjoy a continental breakfast on the private bus, as well as a special reception and lunch at the museum. Cost is \$30 per person, reservations are required. Please call Sam Mussoff at 227-6169 if you are interested in participating.

SPECIAL ISRAEL PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Livnot U'Lehibanot, the hiking, study and community service program of Tzfat and Jerusalem, is accepting registrations. Through a special arrangement with the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the Livnot experience is available to qualified young adults, ages 21-30, from Delaware for as low as \$600 including air fare from New York. Short term and long term programs are offered throughout the year. No knowledge of Hebrew is required. JFD offers a limited number of scholarships to qualified applicants. Please call Judy Wortman at 427-2100 for an application. For complete information about program dates for 1999 call Livnot at 1-888-LIVNOT-0 or visit their website at <http://www.livnot.org.il>

SINGLES MINGLES

"Make new friends but keep the old. One is silver, the other is gold." These words to an old, familiar song remind us that true friendship is a most wonderful blessing. On the other hand, the absence of others can often produce a gnawing loneliness. If you are 40 or older and are a widow,

widower or divorced, you have probably asked yourself where you could meet new friends; where you can find people to swap stories with, go out to dinner, enjoy a movie, a picnic, sporting events, theatre, museums, etc. Why not join Singles Mingles at their next planning meeting on Sunday, July 11th at Congregation Beth Emeth at 4 p.m. Singles Mingles needs you and you ideas. For more information, call Miriam Weiner at 302-478-6897 after 5 p.m.

ONGOING COUNSELING AVAILABLE AT JFS

Individual and family counseling is available through Jewish Family Service. Their trained staff can help you cope with the challenges

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SENIORS WANTED FOR DISCUSSION GROUP

Have lunch and enjoy a stimulating conversation on a variety of topics every Monday at the JCC. The focus is on "Creative Self Expression". Call Stacey at Jewish Family Service, 478-9411 for details.

BE A PART OF THE JCC MACCABI YOUTH TEAM

The JCC will be sending a team to the JCC Youth Maccabi Games in Cherry Hill, N.J. from August 15-20. Youth ages 13-16 will participate in both team and individual sports. They will compete against

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VOLLEYBALL ANYONE?

Young Jewish Singles of Delaware sponsors a weekly volleyball game and dinner outing for adults in their 20s and 30s. Non competitive play every Wednesday at 6p.m., dinner at 8p.m. Call Phil at 652-6688 for more information.

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\$180 State of Israel Bonds Chai Certificate

By MARCELLINE BLOCK
 JTA

Since its release in early April, the new Chai Bond has been selling "like wildfire," according to the State of Israel Bonds.

The bond aims to foster the connection between younger Jews and Israel through endeavors such as the B'nai Mitzvah Bonding Program, which promotes the bond in synagogues by giving participants recognition of purchases made in their names during Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremonies.

As its name suggests, the Chai

Bond intends to "give life" to Israel. Gideon Patt, State of Israel Bonds president and CEO, said the Chai Bond "provides a means of introducing children to the importance of connecting to Israel while enabling them to begin saving for their future, a future that will hopefully include a visit to Israel."

Along with the bond statement, the recipient of the Chai Bond is given a certificate of original artwork by Jewish artists such as Arthur Szyk, Kalman Schemi and Peter Max.

Raphael Rothstein, State of

Israel Bonds national director of marketing and communications, said the bond's key selling points are its relatively low price — \$136, maturing at \$180 five years later — and the artwork that comes with it.

The Chai Bond has also been marketed on the Israel Bonds Web page www.israelbonds.com, but State of Israel Bonds officials said the bond has essentially been selling itself through word of mouth even before the advertising campaign was launched.

(For more information about the Chai Bond, call 800-229-9650.)

Luiza Cohen Receives Hadassah Award

Luiza Cohen, member of the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah, has received the 13th annual National Leadership Award, presented for leadership within Hadassah and other civic, educational and cultural organizations.

Cohen has served the Wilmington Chapter as Recording Secretary and also as Treasurer.

Her Hadassah involvement has also included service as Area Vice President of the Northern Seaboard Region and as a member of the Major Gifts Committee of the Southern NJ Region and the Restructure Committee for the Philadelphia Chapter/Pennsylvania Region.

A member of the National Hadassah President's Council,

she is a three generation Life Member of Hadassah and a four time Hadassah Founder. Cohen has served as President of the Southern New Jersey Region of Hadassah as well as President of the organization's Southern New Jersey Region.

Cohen is a member of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington.

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