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OPINION

Lest We Forget

By CONNIE KRESHTOOL

I share the excitement that the plans for the development of the Christina Riverfront are generating. I believe this is a turning point for Wilmington. Just a walk along Riverfront Park captures the romance of the waterway and suggests its cultural and economic potential.

At last the community has come together to develop the riverfront for all the people. There has been so many false starts to the construction of an entertainment complex that the almost sudden appearance of a Riverfront Arts Center seems magical.

The opening of the Arts Center with a blockbuster exhibit like "Nicholas & Alexandra" is just what is needed to excite Delawareans to the potential of the riverfront. I certainly hope that it is a big success for the community and for its sponsors.

I have not as yet visited the exhibit but I surely plan to do so. I have had the opportunity to visit the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg and other palaces and have seen the opulence and riches of the Czars. We can of course admire all these priceless objects and try not to think too much

about the conditions that allowed the Romanovs to acquire them.

Because Nicholas II and Alexandra and their family were victims of the Bolshevik revolution we see in the current anti-Communist mood in Russia the willingness of many to blot out their excesses and romanticize them.

I for one am not ready to forget that the Jews of Eastern Europe suffered immeasurably under the cruel and coercive Jewish policy of the Czars. Early in my religious school education I learned that the Czars hated the Jews and worked to expel one-third, convert one-third and assimilate one-third.

Jews are already living in the outer areas of the Russian empire when in the late 18th century Russia under Catherine II took over most of Poland and with it nearly one million Jews. Their language, religion and dress marked them as foreigners and they were considered enemies of the Motherland. Laws were passed that restricted Jewish communities to the Pale of Settlement - the area of about one million square miles from the Black Sea to the Baltic Sea.

Over the next 100 years the Czars dealt with the "Jewish prob-

lem" though the passage of laws which restricted their occupations, drove them from the cities to the countryside and then back again, conscripted them into the Russian Army and limited their movement.

When Alexander I succeeded Catherine in 1801 there was great hope that his liberal attitudes would alleviate some of the restrictions under which the Jews were then living. But this was not to be. By 1825 when he died Jews were living in abject poverty throughout the Pale.

Alexander I was succeeded by his brother, Nicholas I, whom Abram Sacher in his "History of the Jews" calls the Russian Haman. For thirty years Nicholas I relentlessly issued a barrage of edicts which continually circumscribed the lives of the Jews.

When his son Alexander II ascended to the throne in 1855 he liberated the serfs and instituted other reforms. This led the Jews to hope that their situation would soon improve. However his liberalizing efforts encouraged revolutionary movements and for this one he blamed the Jews. In 1881 Alexander II was assassinated by revolutionary fanatics.

This act led to a period of anti-

Jewish riots, a policy encouraged by Alexander III. Jews lived in terror as pogroms spread in all areas where they lived. Alexander III in his drive to deal with the "Jewish problem" instituted the May Laws in 1882 which imposed even tighter legal and economic restrictions and increased military service on the Jews. Finally in desperation to deal with the "problem" the government changed its policy and began to encourage emigration. This began the great exodus of Jews from Russia to the United States.

On the death of Alexander III in 1895 Nicholas II became Czar. The

Jews were the scapegoats as the Czar struggled against the rising tide of revolution. Abram Sacher writes, "Nicholas II, the Last Autocrat of All the Russias who ascended the throne, inaugurated the two worst decades in the bloody history of the Jews in Russia."

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"The New Seaside Jewish Community"

History Of Southern Delaware

By TERRY T. DANNEMANN

The following is a brief history of Hadassah of Southern Delaware, which, I thought, might be interesting, especially for those who think that all life, especially Jewish life, stops at the C&D Canal.

It is true that we are a small community. Furthermore we are spread from Smyrna to Milford, Harrington, Rehoboth, Lewes, Dewey and anywhere in between.

In spite of the difficulties, on Dec. 12, 1962, we had an organizational meeting in my home. Ten women were present and the decision was made to organize a Hadassah chapter. The president of the sisterhood was concerned that it might hurt the sisterhood of Beth Shalom which was at the time trying to raise money for the new synagogue. Well, it did not, and the synagogue was built.

Our main force in organizing the chapter was Shony Kugler, a daughter of an Orthodox rabbi

from D.C. She explained to us that wherever there are enough Jews to form a community, it is their obligation to be active in charitable organizations as well. Far from hurting a synagogue it makes Jewish life stronger in the community. She was right because many members who did not belong to the synagogue, after involvement with Hadassah also became active in the synagogue.

Hadassah was the perfect organization for us, said Shony, since it helped not only Jews, but Arabs and all others in need. For instance Hadassah sends teams of doctors and nurses in new healing techniques. Also nurses and doctors from those countries are trained in our Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Hadassah is also active in the US with Youth Camps, lobbying efforts in Congress on behalf of women's and children's rights. Thus by working for Hadassah we are taking care of one of our important

obligations, that of Tzedakah.

Present at that meeting, was Dora Eisenstat, of blessed memory. She was from Wilmington and helped us get organized. Thus Hadassah was born officially in Dover, when we received our charter on February 26, 1963 at the home of Ethel Barros, of blessed memory.

One of the nicest memories of that chapter was when we presented a replica of the Dead Sea Scrolls to Delaware's Governor Bert Carvel. We thought that we would have to explain to him what it is. To our greatest surprise he gave us a lecture on the subject and was very pleased to get this gift.

After going strong for a few years, many of our charter members moved away and we were unable to continue. Those of us who wanted to remain members of Hadassah were transferred to the Wilmington chapter.

Things remained status quo for several years, until, lucky for us, in 1972 Bobbie Praeger moved to Dover and almost the first thing she did was to get Hadassah rein-

carated. Again Dora Eisenstat came to Dover and helped us to organize again.

All former charter members were transferred back to Dover and they joined the new group. Some of the charter members, such as Helen Berman, Helen Flamm, Rita Golden have been on the Hadassah board ever since in different capacities. They have never stopped working (God bless them). We are also blessed with a transplant from Wilmington to Bowers Beach, Inez Sunshine, who is our present president. Also we have "a treasure" of a treasurer, Jackie Goldstein from Milford. A couple of our former treasurers live in Rehoboth, as well some very devoted Hadassah members. As you can see, in spite of the distances, we continue to survive.

What we badly need is more young people. We are no longer what we were in 1962 or even in 1972. We hope that newcomers to the area will join with us and become active. I know that they would enjoy Hadassah.

We can be truly proud of

Hadassah's accomplishments in medical and educational fields. We can also be proud of the fact that millions and millions of dollars to build the hospitals in Israel, the university, several trade schools, all came to pass through the efforts of American women. They began those efforts shortly after WW I, when women's abilities were not greatly appreciated. In the process the women gained self-confidence and became great leaders in many fields. Some of it can be attributed to their work with and for Hadassah.

Hadassah in Southern Delaware, with the help of "a few old time" and some newer members continues to function. It continues to inspire all who are active. We are grateful to all who are involved (many of whom are very devoted non-Jewish members) and we hope that many more will join us.

In conclusion I would like to mention again Dora Eisenstat, who not just once, but twice came to help us and was so delighted with our success. She was a great lady.

Yiddele By Yiddele

By DANIEL CHEJFEC

Whenever I had a chance to ask somebody from my grandparents' generation what was it like to be actively Jewish in their days, most of them came up with the same answer: "You had to get Jews Yiddele by Yiddele." This meant literally that they went door by door looking, let's say, for Jewish boys to take to the "Cheder" or Jewish men for a "minyán." Things have changed since then, or have they? I thought so until recent years...

Much has been written about how these days many Jews do not have the same interest in Jewish life than previous generations, how Judaism has become a marginal element in their lives. Like many others, I took that statement as a truism - how else can you explain that more and more Jews stay away from Jewish organization? We just need to get our message out, and people will come," I used to say. A few years of experience later, I realized that it was not that the message was not out there, nor that people shun it or reject it. It was that people were looking for "something else," something to help them make Judaism more meaningful in their daily lives, something to help them establish a more personal connection with their own Jewish identity.

Could it be that people are tired of being anonymous individuals in a mass society? - this would explain why a TV program like "Cheers" (Where everybody knows your name) was so popular for so many years. Many sociological studies have pointed out that in our society, people are craving for a new meaning to their lives, one in which they will not be just another factor in a long equation, but meaningful participants. While

many commercial enterprises understood this and adjusted their images to provide a more personalized membership with their clients, we as a community seem to have difficulty doing so.

That is - most of us have difficulty doing so. In my wanderings around the state I was lucky to run into a special group of people. They call themselves the "Seaside Jewish Community" and they live in a wide area centered approximately in Lewes. And they get their members "Yiddele by Yiddele." They get names of Jews living in the area, they call them, they invite them to their programs, and they make them feel welcome. Such a place makes you really feel that "everybody knows your name." Nobody remains an anonymous face for too long if their volunteers can help it. They have built an organization of 175 households without a building, meeting once a month or so. And they have organized incredible programs in their short existence, such as a Holocaust Remembrance Day program, two Havdallah services, a Passover Seder and much more. And every single program has been filled to capacity. Under the tireless leadership of their President Lynne Chichi and a group of dedicated volunteers they are making the Seaside Community a home for everybody who wants to participate.

This group is on its way to become a full-fledged Jewish organization - the first in that part of the state - to be known as "Seaside Jewish Community." They started from scratch approximately a year ago, and they already have 175 Jewish households in their family. Maybe there is something to what they are doing...

Surf's Up

March 1997, a party was held for those who answered an ad interested in meeting other Jewish people. On that Sunday evening 28 people showed up and the Seaside Jewish Community was born. They started with those core people and have now grown to 250! But their search for a place to worship and meet did not happen as easily. They started meeting in homes, where they held seders, and sabbath services and get together. But they soon outgrew these spaces and so the search began for a communal space. After calling several places and facing rejection, Lynne Chichi finally called All St. Parish and spoke to Joan Cox who was absolutely delighted to have a Jewish group.

December 1997 found the Seaside group having a Hanukkah party at the church. Father Manion was so thrilled to have the Jewish community use his church that he came to the Hanukkah party, where he extended a very hearty welcome to the Jewish group. Now every third Friday on each month the group meets. Last month was the very first time they were able to have a rabbi who officiated at services for more than 50 people.

The group has become so organized that they now have a Bereavement Committee as well as an Entertainment committee. The Board of Directors is a dedicated group that meets once per month, and their goal is to establish a presence in Sussex County so that Jewish people have a place to call home. Another incredible happening is that in September, Seaside is going to have youth and adult Jewish education available.

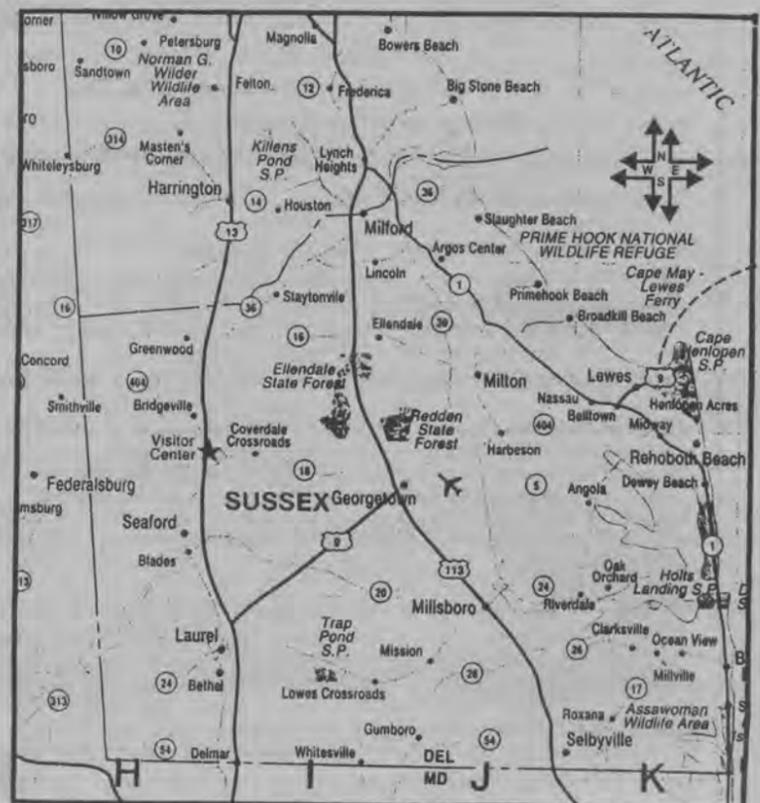
The point of this community is

to experience all different movements of Judaism, and to include all people in search of education and community.

Lynne Chichi, president of the board and the major powerhouse force that was instrumental in making Seaside happen, is asking that those in our established Jewish community please realize that any help or contribution would be very very appreciated, "anything that can help us to continue to grow and experience Judaism."

At one time this area was con-

sidered restricted to Jews, and now in testament to those that worked so very hard and gave of themselves this area is now a thriving Jewish community. "We just want to go back to our roots of one house that welcomes everyone, where no one will be turned away. When you are Jewish you must make that commitment to shelter and educate. We have a responsibility to help other Jews. Now we need everyone's help to ensure that our community has a strong foundation."



EDITORIAL

Welcome to Delaware..this is our annual Newcomer's Guide. Although we are a small state we do offer a full Jewish active community, from our Seaside Jewish community at the beach to our metropolitan life in Wilmington.

SHALOM!

We do hope that this guide will help you settle into our Jewish world. The Jewish Federation of Delaware is ready to assist you with any questions you might have. We look forward to hearing from you!

Invitation To Volunteer

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School invites you to explore the opportunity to volunteer by helping out in our office. There are a variety of activities that would afford a wonderful opportunity for input, benefiting the school, our children, our grandchildren and our community.

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Voice Box

The Kabbalists have a saying; "As above, so below," which means that everything the day to day world is a perfect mirror or hologram of the mystical. We can also say that every aspect of the physical world mirrors the divine and the trees in this context, are seen as mirrors of humans in their ideal forms.

Whoever practices charity and justice fills the world with loving kindness.

Talmud: Sukkah

Regard as trifling the great good you did to others, and as enormous, the little good others did to you.

Talmud: Derek Eretz 1:29

We rise by raising others, and one who bends over to aid the fallen, stands erect.

Rabbi Jacob Weinstein

Charity equals all the other Commandments.

Talmud: Baba Bathra 9a

When ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly rap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest...thou shalt leave them for the poor and the stranger.

Bible; Leviticus 19:9-10

Letter to the Editor:

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth is very concerned about the continuing decline of Jewish affiliation in Delaware. We are especially bothered by the low rates of affiliation among young Jews. While there are many reasons for this problem, we would like to do what we can to eliminate one of them.

Therefore, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth has adopted the policy of waiving membership dues for members who are 30 years of age or younger.

When young people leave home to start new jobs and families, synagogue membership is often one of the things that takes lower priority. The cost of synagogue membership falls behind other initial outlays. It

can be many years, if ever, before the "necessity" of membership prevails. Often, this does not happen until the children in the family are ready for religious instruction.

As a result of this delay, many fall out of the habit of affiliation. Even if they do eventually join, the synagogue is deprived of several years of their vitality and energy, and they are deprived of the benefits of membership.

AKSE is intent on doing all that it can to overcome this problem. We have chosen to remove all financial reasons for this delay in membership. We refuse to let financial concerns stand in the way of participation in a synagogue.

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BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT ALREADY COMMON



Senator Biden Speaks To Hadassah

The objective was to learn more about the nature of the relationship between the United States and Israel from a Washington insider's point of view.

And Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, senior Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, didn't disappoint his audience - he gave it to them straight.

"The moment of truth has arrived. The principals - Netanyahu and Arafat - must close the deal," he said at Tuesday's session, "A Conversation from Washington," with Judy Palkovitz, chair, American Affairs/Domestic Policy, presiding. "Time is running out," Biden said. "If Oslo is to work, the principals must take over."

The senator - who was introduced by fellow Delaware resident Karen Venezky, national vice president - added that Israel's ultimate decision about the peace process is up to the Israelis, not the Americans. "We can't judge,



Senator Biden and Karen Venezky, national vice president of Hadassah.

because we're not there," he said.

In an hour-long session, frequently punctuated by applause and ending with a standing ovation, Biden spoke about his long commitment to both Israel and Hadassah. "I can't think of another organization I've agreed with more consistently on both domestic and foreign issues than Hadassah."

Referring to his first trip to Israel in 1973, when he was 30 and had only been in the Senate for eight months, Biden recalled being asked to intercede by Hadassah hospitals' representatives with a request he never could have imagined.

"In 1973, right before the Yom Kippur War, as Arab armies committed to the destruction of Israel, Hadassah women fought to open

the Allenby Bridge to allow a dozen Palestinian children from Jordan to come in for eye surgery which they could not receive elsewhere in the region," he said. "This is a lesson I wish the whole world would learn: Hadassah said 'You may wish to

destroy us but we wish to save your children."

Pointing out that he speaks frequently to Prime Minister Netanyahu, Biden said, "I believe Bibi Netanyahu is committed to peace, but he's under tremendous pressure."

Biden explained that Arafat is in poor political shape, too, because of threats from Hamas. "Those who think Arafat is sitting pretty should think again. He's out on a limb that's weakening every day," he said.

Biden also defended the Clinton administration's support for Israel, though he admitted, in response to a question from moderator Steve Roberts, Washington reporter, that Capitol Hill has lost some confidence in Israel, although that has not yet begun to surface publicly.

"As someone who has seen six presidents, I can say that this President and his team are the best friends Israel has ever had," he said, adding a caveat. "But there continue to be rifts - there always are."

JCPA Action Alert

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Special Investigations has asked the JCPA and other Jewish organizations to assist its attorneys in locating survivors of the Jasenovac concentration camp, which operated in Croatia from January 1942 until May 1945, and/or survivors of the Stara Gradiska camp a.k.a Alt Gradiska camp, which operated in Croatia from January 1942 to November 1942. The testimony of these survivors is needed in con-

nection with a pending criminal case against an alleged war criminal.

Camp survivors willing to speak to government attorneys should contact Susan Adams at the Office of Special Investigations (202) 616-2533. These calls may be placed collect. While both English-speaking and non-English speaking witnesses are welcome, please be advised that the OSI currently does not have anyone on staff who speaks Serbo-Croatian.

Irving Morris Wins Service Award

WILMINGTON - Irving Morris, an attorney with the law firm of Morris and Morris in Wilmington, Delaware, has been awarded the First State Distinguished Service Award at the annual meeting of the Delaware State Bar Association on June 5, 1998.

The award states its recognition of the individual who "has maintained the integrity and honored recognition of the legal profession in community affairs and who, as an outstanding Delawarean,

unceasingly advances the ideals of citizen participation and community accomplishment, thus reflecting High Honor on both country and profession."

Irving Morris was admitted to the Delaware State Bar Association in 1951 and currently practices Corporate and Securities Law at Morris and Morris in Wilmington, Delaware, where he is a principal. He graduated from the University of Delaware (B.A.), and he

received his law degree from Yale University (LL.B).

Morris' credits include serving as Deputy Attorney General, president of the Delaware State Bar Association and as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Morris and Morris has a national law practice, including consumer protection and securities class actions on behalf of investors, with lawyers admitted in Delaware, New York, New Jersey and Florida.

Jewish War Veterans Meet

At their recent annual convention, the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., Department of Delaware, looked back with pride and satisfaction to a year of growth and accomplishment. Fifteen new members were welcomed - one of the largest incoming groups in recent years and a very positive indication of the continuing health and vitality of this over-fifty year old branch of our 100-plus years old national organization. Present JWV Department of Delaware strength is 140 members. We urge all veterans to join our organization.

Support of the Elsmere Veterans Hospital was continued, as it has for almost 50 years, with monthly Bingo games and prizes, and the annual Memorial Day Poppy Sales Drive; all proceeds of which are used to purchase needed hospital equipment and supplies. Along with other Veterans groups, we joined in Veterans Administration Volunteer Service (VAVS) programs at the Hospital, the

Wilmington Memorial Day parade, etc. JWV is actively represented on the Governor's State Commission for Veterans Affairs. We held Remembrance Ceremonies for deceased members at the Jewish Community Cemetery; flags and JWV emblems were installed on graves prior to this ceremony; a service was also held at our Memorial Wall in the Jewish Community Center. Colors were paraded at several Jewish Community events. Attendance at our regular monthly breakfast meetings, enhanced by guest speakers on occasion, continues at a high level.

Officers elected during the Convention include:

Department of Delaware: Harry Lubin, Commander*, Bernard Greenhouse, Jr. Vice Cmdr., Cantor Norman Swerling, Chaplain, Edward Kauffman, Sr. Vice Cmdr., Seymour Donner, Adjutant, Myron Golin, Quartermaster

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At our Annual Convention, keynote speaker Rabbi Sanford Dresin, Col., Chaplain Corps, USA (Ret), of Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Synagogue, pointed out the continuing need for a strong military - reconfigured to counter the changed types of future threats to our country and to world peace. Whether we like it or not, the USA is the only existing super-power; and as such, world leadership, as a practical matter, necessarily devolves on the USA. We must be prepared for any eventually, large or small scale - not only in superi-

ority in the technical areas of weapons, communications, etc., but, equally important, in developing matching excellence in personnel resources. Rabbi Dresin pointed out that a career in today's Armed Forces is an excellent entry-level opportunity for young men and women; even if it is only used as a short-duration starter and stepping stone to other careers. Our young people should be encouraged to look into this opportunity.

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OPERATION NICKEL GRASS CELEBRATION: DELAWARE AND THE YOM KIPPUR WAR

By **DAN WEINTRAUB**
JCRC Director

On the holiest day of the Jewish year, Arab forces from Egypt and Syria staged an unexpectedly powerful surprise attack on Israel, inflicting grave damage. The United States did not immediately respond, perhaps because of oil or diplomacy concerns. Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir made an urgent request to President Richard

Nixon for help. After the Soviet Union began airlifting supplies to the Arabs on October 9, Nixon told the U.S. Air Force's Mobility Airlift Command "to send everything that can fly," and they did so out of Dover Air Force Base.

Operation Nickel Grass was this massive, rapid airlift by the U.S. Air Force that supplied Israel during the Yom Kippur War in 1973. These supplies made a critical dif-

ference in the outcome of the war. This operation, credited with helping to preserve the balance of power in the Middle East, is meaningful to Delawareans because of the successful airlifts from the Dover Air Force Base in Dover, Delaware. On October 14, 1998, a special celebration of the 25th anniversary of Operation Nickel Grass will take place in Dover. Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban has been invited to speak.

Most of the Delaware Jewish community have a special regard for the modern State of Israel. This upcoming celebration of Delaware's historic role in Israel's survival is an opportunity to learn more about the events of 1973 and a chance to express appreciation for United States' efforts to assist her young ally under attack.

Tickets for the 25th Anniversary of Operation Nickel Grass are available from the Jewish Federation of Delaware or the Jewish Community Relations Committee at 427-2100. The cost of \$50 includes a special cocktail reception at 6 p.m. with Ambassador Abba Eban as well as the celebratory dinner where he will make his address. Both the reception and the dinner will be held at the Dover Sheraton Hotel. Ambassador Abba Eban was last in Delaware for the Chai Event in 1994, as part of the UJA Federation Campaign. The Jewish Community Relations Committee, the public affairs arm of the Jewish

Federation, is active in Israel-related education, advocacy and programming.

Co-sponsors of Nickel Grass 25 are the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce and the Air Force Association. Senators William Roth and Joseph Biden are Honorary Co-Chairmen of The Nickel Grass 25 Committee. Governor Thomas Carper is an honorary participant. The organizers are paying trib-

ute to the Dover Air Force Base, the Lockheed C-5 Galaxy, the nation of Portugal and the U.S. Navy for their contributions to this historic airlift. Portugal allowed U.S. planes to refuel on the way to Israel.

Additional events will be held in Dover prior to the Banquet and Reception. For more information on Nickel Grass 25, call 427-2100.

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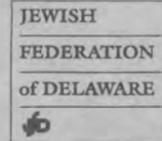
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A member of the UJA Board of Trustees and Chair of its Budget and Finance Committee, Ms. Solomon serves on the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel and Board of Directors of United Israel Appeal, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and Center for Learning and Leadership (CLAL). She also is on the Board of Directors of the UJA Federation of New York and is chair of the federation's Partnership 2000 connection with Jerusalem.

Ms. Solomon's UJA volunteer leadership began in Philadelphia, where she served as Women's Division Chairman and co-chaired Major Gifts for Operation Exodus. She served on the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Federation as well as on the boards of the Jewish Community Center and the Philadelphia Geriatric Center.

On behalf of UJA, Ms. Solomon has visited Jewish communities in the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, Cuba and elsewhere and has led more than 20 missions to Israel.

She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and served on its alumni board.

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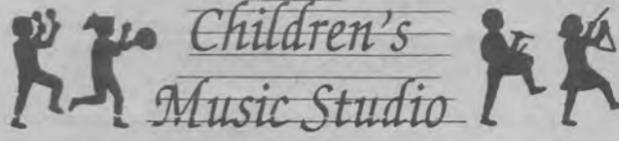
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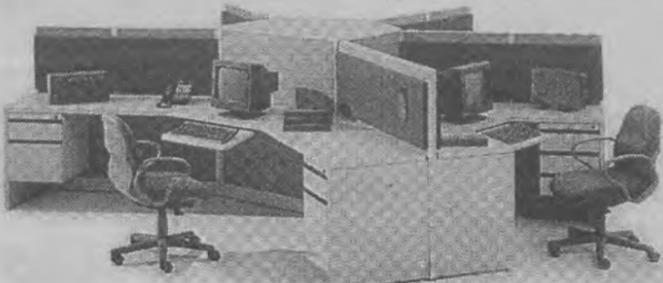
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The Claims Conference makes financial grants to institutions throughout the world providing shelter and social services to substantial numbers of Holocaust survivors and to established organizations engaged in research, documentation and education about the Holocaust.

Such institutions and organizations may request an application from Greg Schneider, Director of Institutional Allocations, Claims Conference Allocations Program, 15 East 26th Street, Room 906, New York, NY 10010, Tel: (212) 696-4944; Fax: (212) 481-9607.

B'nai B'rith Displeased With Classification Of Settlements

B'nai B'rith is calling the successful effort by Syria and Egypt to classify the establishment of settlements in occupied territories as a "war crime" the "politicization of the international criminal court."

"To put the establishment of settlements in the same category as ethnic cleansing and genocide minimizes those horrific crimes," said Tommy P. Baer, international president of B'nai B'rith.

B'nai B'rith, an early supporter of the U.N.'s international war crimes tribunal, was one of the few Jewish non-governmental organizations participating in the United

Nations conference in Rome.

"Overall, we are heartened by the establishment of the international criminal court and in particular the inclusion of a section on redress for victims for which we fought," said Baer.

"At the same time, we are deeply concerned by the possibility that one in a long list of war crimes, specifically dealing with ethnic cleansing, might be equated with and therefore apply to the establishment or re-establishment of Jewish villages in Judea and Samaria," Baer said.

"Our deepest fears about this

court were realized by the politicization of this process," said Baer. "Clearly there is the potential for abuse in the clause which describes ethnic cleansing."

"We will make our extreme displeasure about this classification of settlements as a war crime known to U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan and other U.N. officials," said Baer.

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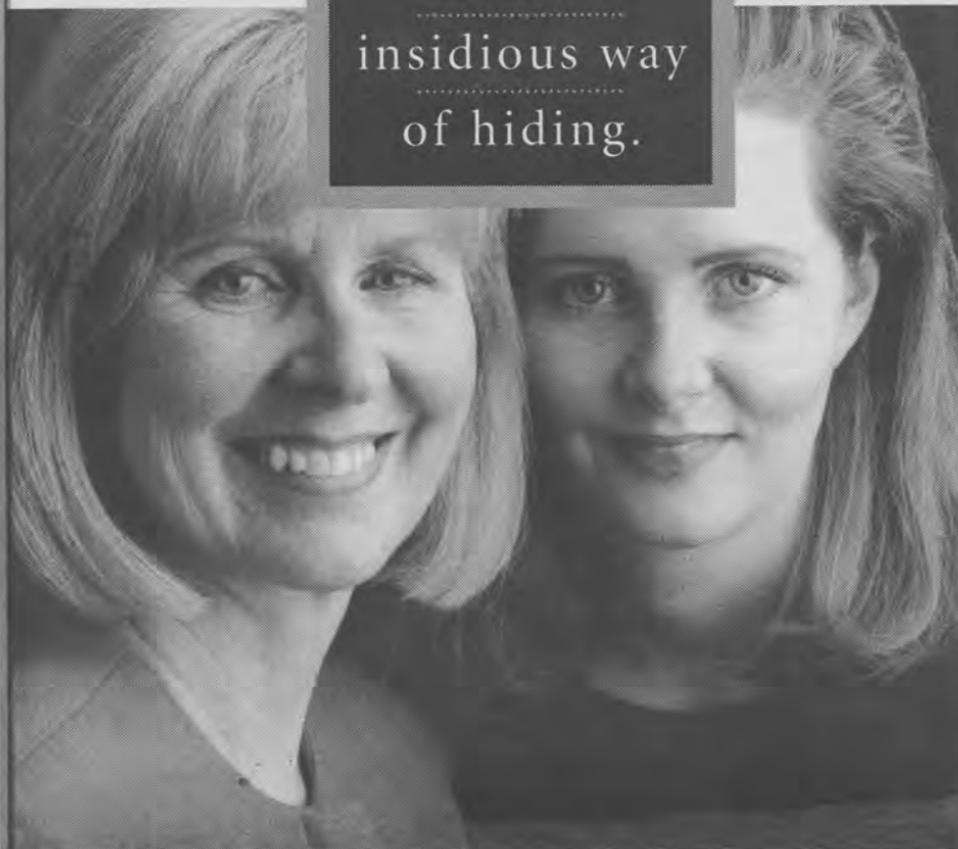
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The Board of Directors and staff of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Inc. welcome you to Delaware. We have a diverse community united in the belief that an active Jewish life is important for all of us. We are fortunate to have a vibrant Jewish Community Center that offers a wide range of programs to meet the needs of infants to seniors, including a family campus for swimming, picnics and day camp. The social and religious needs of our college students are met at Hillel located in a new facility at the University of

Delaware. Jewish education, one of our community's highest priorities is met by our Jewish day school, Albert Einstein Academy, and Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School. Jewish Family Service provides counseling, helps with resettlement and acculturation of immigrants new to our community and meets the unique needs of the elderly and their care givers. Finally, our elderly who require skilled nursing care are served at the newly renovated Milton and Hattie Kutz Home.

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I encourage you to make use of our resources, participate in our programs and become involved in our organizations. By doing so you will reap the rewards of helping to build a stronger Jewish community. Please call the Federation office if we can be of assistance or answer any questions.

Barbara H. Schoenberg
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Welcome

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Saturday, Sept. 19

Four Adas Kodesch teenagers who had the opportunity to travel to Israel this summer will share their experiences and impressions during a Shabbat morning service. All members of the community are invited to hear the insights of Jacob Cabelli, Allison Goldberg, Mirra Nerenberg, and Joshua Romirowsky on September 19, 1998 at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation on Washington Boulevard and Torah Way.

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Home and the many diverse synagogues, are the threads which provide for the rich fabric of Jewish life here.

The spirit of cooperation fostered among the synagogues, Jewish communal agencies and Jewish organizations has resulted in an increase in the quality and quantity of programming in this community, including The Adult Institute of Jewish Studies., The

Annual Women's Programs, Holocaust Remembrance programs, celebrations of Yom Ha'atzmaut and the acquisition of the Jewish Heritage Video Collection.

Ella Zukoff

When asked to write about my views of Jewish life in Delaware, my initial reaction was to say I am not really part of it. After all, I am not a member of a synagogue or

the JCC. I am single and have neither parents nor children that are involved to provide that link for me. Upon more thought though, I realized that I am part of it.

During my life, it was easy to feel a part of a Jewish community without actually becoming involved in any organized activity. Moving to Delaware it was the first time in my life that I had not been naturally surrounded by a significant Jewish

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Israel Singer, Secretary General of the World Jewish Congress, detailed his efforts on behalf of Holocaust survivors in negotiating with Swiss banks.

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For more information about programs, volunteer opportunities or how to contribute to the annual UJA/Federation Campaign call (302) 427-2100.

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Participants in the Dinner of Commitment



Another Super Sunday! Barry Kayne, Debbie Perch, Leslie Newman, Judy Wortman, Jeff Stape and Caryl Marcus-Stape shared a moment between calls.

The many ways JFD meets the needs and priorities of our Jewish community

- ◆ JFD serves as the central planning and fundraising agency for the Delaware Jewish community
- ◆ JFD coordinates efforts with agencies and synagogues to better serve the Jewish population of Delaware
- ◆ JFD represents the Jewish community to Delaware's general public, elected officials, and the media
- ◆ JFD recruits and trains leaders for the future
- ◆ JFD keeps information at our fingertips by publishing *The Jewish Voice*
- ◆ JFD administers the UJA/Federation Campaign which supports services and people in Delaware, Israel and 60 countries around the world

Local Jewish agencies are beneficiaries of the UJA/Federation Campaign

JFD-supported constituent agencies provide programs and services that assist thousands of people in our Jewish Community. These agencies are:

- ◆ Albert Einstein Academy
- ◆ Gratz Hebrew High School
- ◆ Jewish Community Center
- ◆ Jewish Family Service
- ◆ Hillel at the University of Delaware
- ◆ Milton and Hattie Kutz Home

Other local programs supported by the campaign include:

- ◆ An outreach director to serve the growing Newark/Hockessin and Dover communities
- ◆ A community-wide teen program
- ◆ Scholarships for the Israel Experience for teens
- ◆ The Jewish Historical Society
- ◆ Training for Jewish educators
- ◆ The Jewish Law Students Association at Widener University

Through the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center, the JCRC Works to Promote Education About the Holocaust

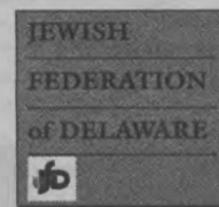
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The Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) is the public affairs arm of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) which is the central planning and funding agency for the Jewish community and its agencies throughout the State of Delaware.

Through the JCRC the Jewish community interacts with the community at large. The JCRC works with government leaders and the media as an advocate for Israel and to promote policies in keeping with Jewish values and the welfare of the Jewish people. The Committee combats anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry and seeks civil right for all. It also participates in programs and coalitions to enhance good relations among different religious and cultural groups. In addition, the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center, a part of the JCRC, provides Holocaust education to the community.

The JCRC

- ◆ Represents the Jewish Federation of Delaware to the general public, elected officials and the media
- ◆ Provides information on public policy issues to the Jewish community and the public at large
- ◆ Foster Jewish communal involvement in the political, social and religious arenas
- ◆ Works to safeguard the rights and interests of the Jewish community
- ◆ Promotes human rights locally and globally
- ◆ Organizes an annual Interfaith Day of Remembrance program
- ◆ Maintains and facilitates use of local Holocaust memorials, including the Children's Memorial and Garden of the Righteous Gentiles, located on the ground of the Jewish Community Center



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Voices

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organizations I not only learned the area but truly felt that I was part of the community. After awhile, I became actively involved, giving back to the organizations that had helped me.

What are my views on Jewish life in Delaware? There are all the standard things that people think of: the synagogues, the JCC, the schools, etc. But not being involved

with these, it is hard to have any views on them.

So instead, I'll answer the question of what makes up my Jewish life in Delaware. It is the network of Jewish friends that make me feel at home. It is visiting a newborn, attending an educational evening, welcoming new members, coordinating and motivating people for Super Sunday, planning events to further develop the young leadership of the area. It is looking forward to the next year as a member of the Federation Board and the

prospects for growth that that brings. It is the break in the week provided by showing up at a Wednesday night YJAD dinner, knowing that I will sit with friends and talk about something other than work. It is the connection to something bigger than the minuscule details of daily life. It is, in the

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- Monday, November 2, 1998, Campaign Community Kickoff
- Tuesday, December 1, 1998, Lion of Judah Event
- Saturday, December 12, 1998, Chai Division Dinner
- Shabbat, January 29-30, 1999, Federation Shabbat
- Saturday, February 6, 1999, Community Event - Evening
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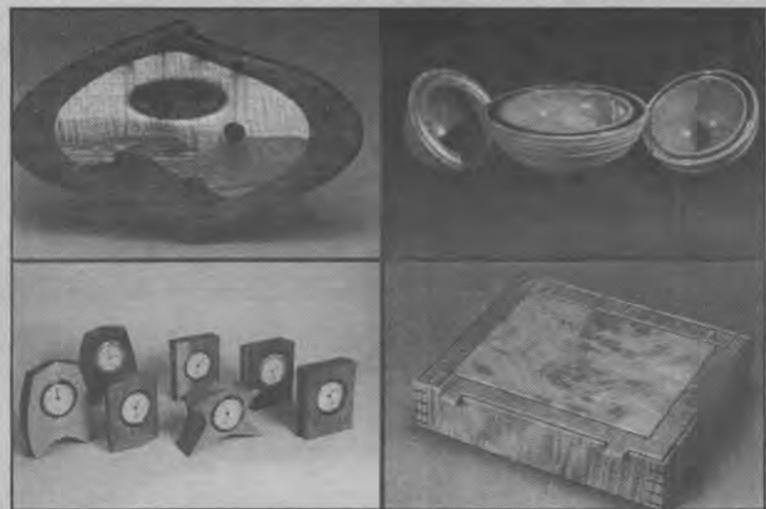
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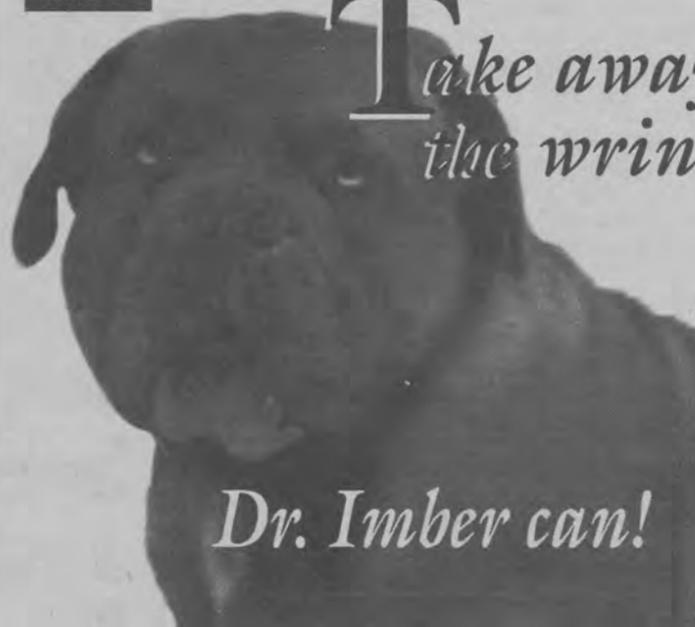
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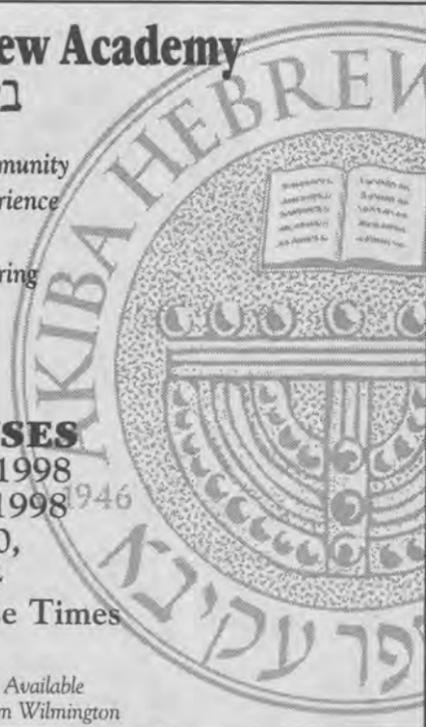
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American Jewish Committee (AJC). The major areas of activity are domestic community relations, community services, Jewish communal affairs, Jewish information and foreign affairs. AJC carries out its activities in cooperation with other national organizations, umbrella organizations such as the President's Conference and Jewish

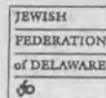
Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), local Jewish Federations and local CRC's. 165 East 56 Street, New York, NY 10022. 212-751-4000.

American Jewish Congress (AJC). Programs are conducted through its commissions on Law, Social Action and Urban Affairs, Jewish Life and Culture. (Information, publications, monitors programs, initiates test cases, conducts educational programs and activities on Jewish life and culture, Jewish youth projects. Black media projects, National membership programs, organizational activities, community services and the Women's Division).

Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL). ADL reacts to immediate and urgent concerns of the Jewish community: stopping discrimination against the Jewish people, securing justice and fair treatment for all citizens alike. Its major current objectives: combating and counteracting manifestations of anti-Semitism and religious bigotry in the U.S. and all over the world. 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017. 212-490-2525.

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GA. The General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations has become the central meeting place of American Jewish leadership. It takes place annually and is scheduled in a different community each year. It is attended by over 2,000 delegates from local Federations. Its agenda deals with a broad range of domestic and international Jewish concerns.

HIAS. Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society is the refugee and immigration agency of the organized American Jewish community. Since its formation in 1880, it has assisted over four million Jews to escape areas of danger and find new homes in secure communities. At the request of the United States government it has represented the Jewish community in arranging for the settlement of various other refugee groups such as Indo-Chinese, Cubans and Africans. 200 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10003. 212-674-6800.

Hillel - The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life. Educational and cultural activities on 350 campuses in the U.S. and overseas serving Jewish students and faculties. 1640 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036. 202-857-6521.

Israel Bonds. State of Israel Bond Organization created in 1951, seeks to provide large scale investment funds for the economic development of the State of Israel through the sale of State of Israel Bonds. 730 Broadway, New York, NY 10003. 212-677-9650.

Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). This is the organization in Israel which carries out humanitarian programs to aid in the resettlement and absorption of immigrants. It maintains programs and services for language and vocational training, housing, social welfare, rural settlement, youth care and preschool and higher education for Jewish immigrants from every corner of the earth. In 1979, the Agency added a Project Renewal unit which plays a central role in the ongoing program to rehabilitate distressed neighborhoods. 110 East 59 Street, New York, NY 10022. 212-752-0600.

JCCA. The Jewish Community Center Association (formerly JWB) is the North American central resource and service agency for Jewish Community Centers, YM and YWHA's and communal camps. It also fosters Jewish culture through Lecture Bureau, Jewish Book Council and Jewish Music Council. It provides strong programming links between North American Jewry and Israel. It is accredited by the United States Government to meet the religious and educational needs of Jewish military personnel, their families and patients in VA hospitals. 15 East 26th Street, New York, NY 10010. 212-532-4949.

JCPA. Jewish Council for Public Affairs, formerly National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) organized in 1944, is the coordinating organization for local Community Relations Councils and the major national community relations agencies. 443 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016. 212-684-6950.

JDC. American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is in its 75th year of providing basic life supporting services to Jews in communities in Europe, Asia, and Africa, transmigration services for Soviet Jews in Europe and programs in Israel for the aged, the handicapped, underprivileged preschool children and others. JDC also contributes funds to the worldwide vocational training programs of the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT). 711 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017. 212-687-6200.

JESNA. Jewish Education Service of North America (formerly American Association of Jewish Education). Designed to meet local communal needs in the field of Jewish education in the Jewish

communities of the U.S. and Canada. Including curricular and staff development programs, placement and studies. Department of Pedagogic Services includes the National Institute for Curricular Advisement (NICA) and the National Educational Resource Center (NERC). 111 Eighth Avenue, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10011. 212-284-6950.

JNF. The Jewish National Fund, organized in 1901, is the exclusive fund raising agency of the World Zionist movement for purchasing, developing and reclaiming land in Israel. Title to JNF land is held in the name of the Jewish people and is leased on a long-term basis to settlers. 42 East 69th Street, New York, NY 10021. 212-879-9300.

JTA. Jewish Telegraphic

Agency is a worldwide news service reporting news concerning the Jewish people. It has correspondents and offices in various parts of the world. In the U.S. and Canada, JTA provides a daily News Bulletin, a weekly News Digest, a daily press and wire service for out-of-town newspaper subscribers and a news and feature service for the American-Jewish weekly press. 330 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10001. 212-643-1890.

Keren Hayesod. Founded in 1920, it was established as a worldwide fund raising organization to aid Jewish immigration and resettlement in Palestine. Today it operates to raise funds for Israel and world Jewry in 55 countries outside of the United States, where United Jewish Appeal functions.

NCSJ. National Conference on Soviet Jewry organized in 1971 to develop programs designed to be helpful in relieving the problems of Jews of the former Soviet Union (immigration and civil and personal rights in the former Soviet Union) utilize the resources of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) as the channel for local community implementation of programs for these purposes. 730 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10003. 212-780-9500.

NYANA. New York Association for New Americans. Its programs benefit migrant Jews starting new lives in the Greater New York area. In the past ten years NYANA has helped over 60,000 Russian Jews to establish new lives in New York

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Who Is The Jewish Community Of Greater Newark?

By **ADINA RUVEL MATTES**
Newark Jewish Community Network Committee Chairperson

What does it mean to be Jewish? If there are approximately 14 million Jews living in the world today, there are probably 14 million different answers to that question. Some of us struggle with the idea theoretically and demographically, looking at history, sociology, population studies and community assessments. For most Jews, though, this is a very personal issue. We each have our own way of connection with a Jewish identity.

It is an exciting time to be Jewish and living in the greater Newark area. The community is growing through the numbers of Jewish individuals and families moving into the area, as shown by the JFD Population Study. The

community is also expanding through an increase in services by Temple Beth El, the Jewish Community Center (preschool and proposed day care) and Jewish Family Service.

Additionally, the Jewish Federation of Delaware has invested in the growth of the statewide Jewish community through hiring a Community Organizer and the formation of the Newark Jewish Community Network Committee. The focus of this committee is to foster Jewish social, cultural and religious life for residents of the greater Newark area.

The committee's purpose also includes expanding the network of resources available to the Newark Jewish community, as well as finding who have not yet been able to find a connection which is meaningful to them or "works" in their life. These connections can address social, cultural, educational, and familial needs, as well as those which are religious in nature. The committee will work in conjunction with other agencies to develop new services, resources, and activities which will appeal to the diverse population which comprises the greater Newark community.

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Delaware Jewish Community History

By CHARLES A. SALKIN

1998 is generally recognized as the Golden Anniversary of Congregation Beth Shalom but there really is some question about when we should celebrate our beginning. Any of these dates might work: 1932, 1936, 1939, 1947, 1948, or 1949. All are serious contenders to be recognized as the starting date of the organized Jewish community of Dover.

The early history of Jews in Kent County parallels the patterns of Jewish settlement elsewhere in the region. The first permanent settlers came in the mid-19th century; they were peddlers, retailers, and a few were leaders in the early food canning and packing industries. The first to arrive came from Germany and by the end of the 1800s, most were coming from eastern Europe, primarily Russia.

The turn of the century brought the first semblance of a Jewish com-

munity in central Delaware. By this time there was a *torah* in Dover and the first *minyans* were held on Loockerman Street. Their numbers were bolstered by a small but growing Jewish population in Milford. The first Jewish farmers began arriving at the same time and the Jewish population in town and in the country grew steadily following WW I.

By the early 1930s, the Dover Jewish community had still not officially organized. A young woman who had been instrumental in bringing people together, Bessie Nurock, met an untimely death in 1932. While sitting *shiva*, her close female friends and family vowed to continue to promote community activities in her memory. They called themselves

the Bessie Nurock Sisterhood.

With the arrival of the Rudnick family to a farm south of Dover in 1936, community activity got a major boost. The Bessie Nurock group joined forces with the farm women under the leadership of Fannie Rudnick and organized the Jewish Women's Social Club. While it was officially a women's group, the husbands had been organizing at the same time. Together, they arranged classes to teach children Hebrew, they brought *schochets* in on the train and hired rabbis to lead services in rented buildings for the High Holy Days and other special occasions.

In early 1939, the Jewish Congregation of Lower Delaware was incorporated. The Dover Jewish

community seemed poised at this point to establish a synagogue and hire a rabbi but WW II interfered. By the time the community regrouped after the war, there were a few changes. Fewer Jews were found on the farm, new industries were attracting new people to Dover and the Jewish population in town was growing.

In a short time, the congregation was ready to buy land for construction of a synagogue and community building. Property was purchased in 1946 but was soon sold, purportedly because of anti-Semitic neighbors. In 1947, the men's and women's groups reorganized and formally joined forces. The congregation was now known as Beth Shalom

Community Center, Inc., and the women's club became the Sisterhood. In 1948, a small church on what is now Route 8 came on the market and \$10,000 was raised for its purchase. The building was in the new congregation's hands late in 1948 and it was renovated and formally dedicated in December of 1949.

The Dover Jewish community soon outgrew its small home and the present synagogue at Queen and Clara streets was constructed in the early 1960s. At the same time, the name was changed to Congregation Beth Shalom. And ... the rest is history. Whether or not we agree on the official starting date, it's a proud history that we have to celebrate.

Voices

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the unique and somewhat difficult situation of Jews who lived below the canal.

Jewish life in Lower Delaware is what you personally make it. For example, when our children reached youth group age, we became the advisors to make sure they had that experience. If Jewish rights are to be protected in the community and especially in the schools, we have been formally and personally active in JCRC issues. We make sure that we go to public events, and we serve as volunteers in many capacities, political, artistic and social. Where there is a very small Jewish population, it is essential that Jews become involved in community.

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In the 15 years since my family came to Wilmington, Jewish life has become steadily richer. There is an abundance of kosher food available in area grocery stores and what appears to be an increasing number of homes with kosher kitchens. Our community Day School continues to grow and strengthen. Almost every Jewish institution has put continuity at the top of its agenda, in most cases recognizing the centrality of education and spirituality.

Every year, Delaware becomes a more attractive home for committed Jews. Every year, additional, committed Jews relocate here.

There are, however, significant gaps and challenges. As the institutional focus on servicing marginally affiliated Jews becomes more and more important, we increasingly lose sight of those closer to the core. For example, while the Philadelphia Federation subsidizes the transportation of more than a dozen middle school and high school children to attend Day School in the Philadelphia suburbs, our community provides no support. We must continue reviewing our services to insure that the admirable goal of inclusiveness is not pursued at the expense of effectiveness.

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forward, with programs designed to prepare students with the skills they will need to respond to a changing world. Toward that end, the school's expanded facilities include new classroom space, a new library and science laboratory, and upgraded computer equipment, all of which will enhance enrichment classes in the sciences and creative arts.

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Jewish Family Life Education helps people gain awareness, knowledge and effectiveness for greater prosperity in the areas of relationships with self, family members, friends, partners, co-workers and community. It guides individuals through life, marriage, parenting, bereavement, divorce and aging. Through educational seminars and workshops, our approach creates a nurturing environment emphasizing learning through collective wisdom. The range of subjects includes building self-esteem, discipline, sibling rivalry, coping skills, communication, substance abuse and prevention.

Services for the Aged helps the elderly maintain their independence and dignity by addressing the physical, mental and emotional challenges of aging. It offers in-home counseling and case management of the frail elderly and their caregivers. Services are also provided to the well elderly. Workshops teach skills related to memory enhancement, self-esteem

building and living with grief.

Services for Adolescents are designed to enhance adolescents' personal relationships by helping them cope with contemporary issues. These include conflict resolution, communication skills, sexual awareness, drug abuse and self-esteem.

Émigré Services integrate all newly arrived immigrants in New Castle County into the Delaware community. In addition to securing housing, transportation and medical services, the agency provides job development and teaches English as a second language.

Communal Services provides information and referral for housing, transportation, financial entitlements, legal services and in-home services. It is also the volunteer arm of the agency in which holiday baskets are distributed and financial aid is provided.

Jewish Family Service is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and a member agency of the United Way of Delaware. It is affiliated with the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, its national organization. In 1997, over 3200 individuals participated in at least, one of the agency's six program areas.

Jewish Family Service Partial Schedule Programs - Fall 1998*

Date	Topic	Location
Sept. 16	Parenting Program	JCC
Sept. 16	Prostate Cancer Prev.	JCC
Oct. 14	Parenting Program	JCC
Oct. 14	Interfaith	Adult Institute
Oct. 19	It's A Female Thing	Hillel, U of DE
Oct. 21	Interfaith	Adult Institute
Oct. 28	Interfaith	Adult Institute
Nov. 4	Interfaith	Adult Institute
Nov. 5	Sisterhood Program	Har Zion Temple
Nov. 10	Breast Cancer Prevention	JCC
Nov. 11	Interfaith	Adult Institute
Nov. 16	Gender Issues	Hillel, U of DE
Nov. 18	Parenting Program	JCC
Dec. 2	Intro to Judaism	Beth Emeth
Dec. 9	Parenting Program	JCC

*A complete list of programs and topics can be found by contacting Lauren Pokras, MSS, Jewish Family Life Education, 478-9411.

*For monthly educational seminars for divorced parents, certified by Family Court, contact Lauren Pokras at JFS

*For information re: Programs for Albert Einstein parents, contact Lauren Pokras, MSS at JFS, 478-9411

*For information re: Monthly Programs at The Kutz Home, contact Samantha Malinger, MSW at 764-7000

*For information re: Monthly Programs at B'nai B'rith House, contact Sharon Fisher, LCSW at JFS, 478-9411

University of Delaware Hillel

Hillel at the University of Delaware is gearing up to "rock" the Jewish population on campus! Exciting programs, new staff, and lots of energy is what can be found at the home of Hillel, 47 West Delaware Avenue, Newark. With the largest freshman class coming in this year (which brings the population to 2,000 Jewish students), Hillel is preparing to make being Jewish the "cool thing to do."

Joe Kleinman, Hillel's Jewish Campus Service Corp Fellow will be going into the dorms, into the Fraternity and Sorority houses and into the coffeeshops to work with students to make being Jewish something that is right for them. He will be creating groups on campus, with the interest of the unaffiliated students in mind, to help in connecting them with Judaism. It's the wave of the future, and UD Hillel is on board!

Hillel will still be providing a haven for students to participate in Jewish-based programs including: Shabbat dinners, bagel brunches, kosher cooking, Israeli dancing, study groups, etc., Hillel will still be serving as the "Jewish voice on

campus" and will continue in the quest of creating "Clal Delaware," a unified Jewish community on campus. Hillel Director Renee Shatz has been named Chair for a new project under the auspices of the University - Holocaust Education Week. The week will take place November 1-6. Hillel will provide the community with more details as the date draws closer.

The month of March will once again be JAM, Jewish Awareness Month. This is the time of the year that Hillel has programs which concentrate on Jewish pride and Jewish culture. All programs are open to the community. We are looking forward to an even more successful JAM project than last year!

If you would like more information about Hillel or would like to get involved, please contact Renee Shatz, Director, at 453-0479 or email at rbshatz@udel.edu. Hope to hear from you!

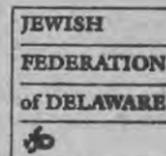
PS - Please visit our new website that our students have been working on at: <http://copland.udel.edu/stu-org/hillel/>

Partnership 2000

Partnership 2000 is a program sponsored by the Federation and United Jewish Appeal which is designed to promote partnerships between Diaspora communities and regions within Israel that are located on the periphery of major city centers. The Delaware/New Jersey cluster of Jewish Federations is twinned with the Arad/Tamar region in the Negev.

Through the Federation you can make arrangements to visit Arad/Tamar or perhaps become a

volunteer in the community for a three-week period. You may also be interested in hosting young leaders from Arad/Tamar when they visit Delaware later in the year.



JFD Website

Shalom Delaware Web Site Coming Soon

The Jewish Federation of Delaware is building an informational site on the internet's world wide web. Various pages accessible on the web site will give information about Delaware's Jewish community, institutions and activities. The Shalom Delaware web site address of <http://www.shalomdel.org> is a gateway to useful information about Jewish Delaware.



Jewish Community Center

Jewish Community Center
 101 Garden of Eden Road,
 Wilmington, Delaware 19803
 Phone (302) 478-5660, Fax
 (302) 478-6068
 www.jccdelaware.org

Richard Stat, President
Jeffrey S. Metz, Executive Director

The Jewish Community Center (JCC), is a non-profit membership organization which provides the Delaware Jewish community with diverse and extensive services. The Center provides its members and the entire community with a central place in which, individuals, families, groups or organizations can best express their interests and have their social, educational, cultural, fitness and recreational needs met.

The Center offers educational programs, (including a nationally accredited pre-school and day care program), holiday celebrations, cultural and arts programming. In addition members can enjoy a state-of-the-art Fitness Center as well as an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium and racquetball facilities. Outdoors, a thirty acre Family Campus adjacent to the JCC building, offers a wide array of services outlined below.

The Jewish Community Center is partly funded by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the United Way of Delaware and is affiliated with JCCA (Jewish Community Centers Association of America).

Senior Center
Wendi Weingartner, Coordinator

Programs and Services
 - Nutritious balanced kosher lunches served Monday through Friday
 - Transportation to and from JCC

offered Monday through Friday
 - Outreach services
 - Family life and current event discussions
 - Lunch and learn series
 - Candlelight dinner programs
 - Jewish holiday celebrations and special events
 - Swimming and physical fitness classes
 - Wellness educational series

Adult Services
Ella Zukoff, Adult Services Director
Ivy Harlev, Cultural Arts Director

Programs and Services
 - Jewish education and cultural arts programs
 - Jewish Book Month Celebration
 - Adult Institute of Jewish Studies
 - Jewish Great Books Discussion Group
 - Elderhostel Programs
 - Day trips to theaters and museums
 - Jewish holiday and cultural arts programs
 - Art gallery exhibitions
 - Jewish Heritage Video Collection

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware

The Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD) is designed for Jewish singles in their twenties and thirties. YJAD offers a variety of programs and activities created for young Jewish singles. The Schmoozletter, a listing of upcoming events, is mailed to YJAD members on a bi-monthly basis.

Teen Services
Lauren Nassau, Coordinator

Programs and Services
 - B'nai B'rith Youth Organizations



- Teen and CIT camping programs
 - SAT college prep program
 - Social and recreational programs
 - Teen Shabbatons
 - College Caravans
 - Mitzvah Corps

Youth and Family Services
Elana Weissberg, Director
Ari Wasserman, Coordinator

Programs and Services
 - After school childcare and enrichment activities
 - Transportation from area schools to the JCC and Hebrew Schools
 - "School's out days" (School vacation and snow day programs)
 - Clubs and groups and enrichment classes
 - Birthday party celebrations
 - After school childcare for children with special needs

The Children's Center
Susan Gentry, Director
Sonja Hildebrand, Coordinator

Programs and Services
 - Nationally accredited pre-school and full day programs
 - State-of-the-art pre-school library
 - Infant care program
 - Toddler programs
 - Lunch bunch enrichment programs
 - Parenting education workshops and lectures
 - Family education center
 - Pre-school programs also offered at Temple Beth El in Newark and at

Congregation Beth Sholom in Dover

Summer Day Camp Program and Services
 - Day camp theme weeks
 - Early morning and late afternoon

extended hours
 - Transportation to and from camp on a daily basis
 - Cookouts, theme days and overnights
 - Traveling teen camp
 - Sports and other specialty camps
 - Recreational and instructional swim programs
 - Multi-media arts activities
 - Ropes course
 - Nature
 - Music

Special Services
 - Stroke support group
 - Programs for special needs populations
 - Camp group for special needs children
 - Immunization program for older adults
 - Health education seminars, lectures and classes



The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home Inc., 704 River Rd., Wilmington, DE 19809, Phone: 764-7000; Fax 764-2224; President - Joan Wachstein, Executive Director - Karen Friedman.

The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home Inc.

The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home is a skilled nursing facility providing 24-hour nursing care, certified by both Medicaid and Medicare. It is very much a home to 90 residents. Activities are many and varied, individualized and provide needed socialization.

Built in 1960, and situated on eleven acres in Bellefonte, the Kutz Home has recently undergone a major renovation and expansion. The renovation includes twenty-four new rooms, larger bathrooms and a new lobby with a Snack Bar. One wing is now an Activities Mall, including a Beauty Shop, a new Rehabilitation Department, an Independent Activities Room and a Special Programs Room.

The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Inc. is a non-profit agency which receives funds from the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the United Way of Delaware and contributions from the community. In the early part of this century, a home caring for the Jewish elderly was the dream of a group of Jewish women, the Bichor Cholem Society, who raised funds to make this dream a reality. This tradition exists to this day, and includes Sabbath observance, Jewish holiday services, and delicious and

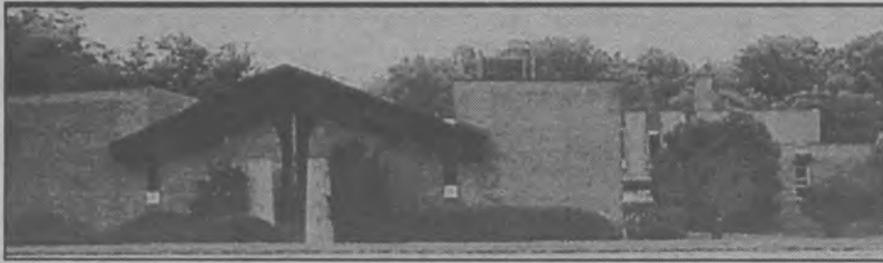
plentiful kosher food. Today, the Kutz Home cares for men and women of many faiths requiring nursing care.

The Rehabilitation Department provides physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy as needed. The services of the Home's Medical Director are available round-the-clock. A podiatrist visits bi-monthly, and the Home's psychiatric consultant advises staff on the care of residents with emotional and dementia-related problems. The Home's Social Services designee assists residents and family members with adjustment and other concerns.

The Kutz Home has an active Auxiliary which raises funds to furnish many additional services. The Auxiliary recently purchased a new paratransit van and patio furnishings for the Home's residents. Our caring volunteers spend their time visiting with, entertaining and transporting residents to outside appointments.

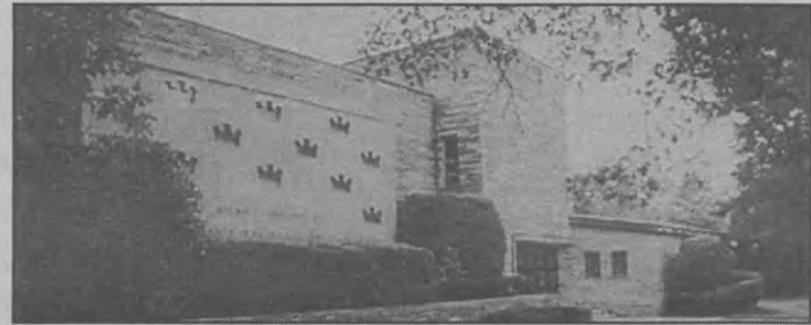
All those interested in and involved with the Kutz Home are proud of the recent accomplishments of the past two years. For further information, call Sheila Mensch at (302) 764-7000.

Congregations



Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth
(Traditional):
Washington Boulevard & Torah
Way
Wilmington, DE 19802
762-2705

Dr. Harriet Ainbinder, President
Rabbi Sanford Dresin
Rabbi Emeritus, Leonard B.
Gewirtz
Cantor Daniel Leeman



Congregation Beth Emeth
(Reform):
300 West Lea Boulevard
Wilmington, DE 19802
764-2393
Susan Rohrbacher, President

Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher
Assistant Rabbi Laurence P.
Malingier
Rabbi Emeritus, Herbert E.
Drooz



**Chabad at the University of
Delaware**
208 Cheltenham Avenue
Newark, DE 19711

455-1800
Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman
Email: rabbi@udel.edu



Temple Beth El
(Reconstructionist):
301 Possum Park Road
Newark, DE 19711
366-8330

Linda Oster, President
Rabbi David Kaplan
Ann Herman, Administrator,
Principal



Congregation Beth Shalom
(Conservative):
1801 Baynard Boulevard
Wilmington, DE 19802

654-4462
Henry Gutter, President
Rabbi David A. Wortman
Cantor Judith Naimark

Machezkey Hadas Congregation
(Traditional):
8112 Society Drive
B'nai B'rith House
Claymont, DE 19703
792-2637
Jacob Levine, President
(not pictured)

Rabbi Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation

The Rabbi Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation was established in 1988 in memory of Rabbi Kraft, who served as rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom from 1930 to 1987. During World War II he was a chaplain in the U.S. Armed Forces. The Foundation, which is governed by an independent, rotating Board, has provided a diversity of programs for the community. These have included scholars-in-residence, congregational kallahs, educational programs for parents of religious school students, continuing education for teachers, higher education for students and periodic lectures by national and international scholars.

This coming fall, on Sunday evening, November 8, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Howard Fineman, Chief Correspondent for Newsweek, will discuss "Israel and the United States in American Politics." One month later, on Sunday evening, December 6, 1998 at 7:00 p.m., Dr. Judith Rebecca Hauptman, Professor of Talmud of the Jewish Theological Seminary, will discuss "Old Texts, New Reading."

The community is invited to each of these lectures which will be held at Congregation Beth Shalom, 1801 Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington. There is no admission fee and for further information please call the synagogue office at (302) 654-4462.



Chabad in Wilmington
1306 Grinnell Road
Wilmington, DE 19803
478-4400
Rabbi Ghuni Vogel



Congregation Beth Shalom
(Conservative):
Queen & Clara Streets
Dover, DE 19901
734-5578
Eli Cooper, President
Rabbi Moshe Goldblum

Jewish Historical Society

505 Market Street Mall
Wilmington, DE 19899
Research Library of The
Historical Society of Delaware
By JULIAN PREISLER

JHSD Archivist
MARVIN BALICK
President

Often people ask what the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware is about. We offer the following response: The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD) was founded in 1975 for the purpose of collecting, preserving, and sharing with the community those materials that tell the story of the Delaware Jewish

Community. The Society's collections encompass information on the history, activities, and the people who have lived in or affected Jewish life in our state.

Among the growing collections (over 330 linear feet of material to date), you will find a variety of materials relating to all of Delaware's synagogues and temples, various Jewish organizations, clubs, and chapters, Jewish-owned businesses, families, and individuals. The different collections include a variety of items such as records, documents, publications, photographs, letters, memorabilia, unusual artifacts, and audio-visual

materials, all relating to Jewish life in Delaware throughout the years.

The JHSD, however, is more than old papers, books, and collectibles. The organization serves as a resource center for information on preservation and conservation of documents and photographs. It is a location where individuals and families can place a variety of items that tell the story of their families and their lives.

Just how is the work of the Society done? JHSD's priority function is to process, preserve, and make available to the public the items in our collections. This multi-faceted function is the most

time-consuming and costly of our activities. When materials are processed, they are reviewed, organized, re-housed, and cataloged. Items are placed in special archival folders and storage boxes which help to inhibit further deterioration. This process not only ensures the integrity and preservation of all donations, but also provides security to donors knowing that their contributions are safely and properly housed for use by future generations.

The materials in the archives of the JHSD are open to individuals and organizations interested in

research, genealogy, or just the love of learning about Delaware's Jewish past. The JHSD produces public displays and exhibits, publishes a regular newsletter, holds an informative annual meeting each spring or fall, and provides information and resources to interested persons.

By preserving, learning, and understanding our past, we can help ensure a strong and healthy future. What can you do to help? Join us in our efforts. For information on becoming a member of the JHSD, making a donation, or contributing materials, please call the Society at 655-7161.

Local Chapters of National Organizations

Hadassah/Wilmington Chapter

Sharon Sternberg
2425 Granby Road
Wilmington, DE 19810
H: 478-4851

Hadassah/Newark Chapter

Judy Sandler, Editor
202 Sypher Dr.
Newark, DE 19711
H: 368-5232

Hadassah/Lower Delaware

Inez Sunshine
66 Wyatt St.
Bowers Beach, DE 19946
H: 1-302-335-5541

Jewish Historical Society

505 Market Street Mall
Wilmington, DE 19801
Phone: 655-6232

Marvin Balick, President
Julian Preisler, Archivist
518 W. 4th Street
Wilmington, DE 19801
H: 655-0365

Jewish War Veterans

Harry Lubin, Commander
Department of Delaware
2601 Society Dr
Claymont, DE 19703
H: 792-0665

Jewish Women International

(Formerly B'nai B'rith Women)
Barbara Abrams
827 Causez Avenue
Claymont, DE 19703
H: 798-8216

Labor Zionist Alliance

Thomas Seidel, Fin. Secretary
205 Harvey Road
Claymont, DE 19703
H: 798-1770

Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society

William Weissman
102 Whitby Drive
Wilmington, DE 19803
H: 477-1254
B: 428-0255

National Council of Jewish Women

Barbara Spiller
17 Carriage Path
Chadds Ford, PA 19317
H: 610-388-6078
Women's American ORT
Brandywine Chapter
Dorothy Bobman
1824 Masters Way
Chadds Ford, PA 19317-9710
H: 234-2345

Voices of Delawareans

By ELEANOR WEINGLASS

What's special about Wilmington? Well, it's something like the house of the three bears. It's not too big, and it's not too small. It's small enough to not be overwhelmed by too many choices, but it's big enough to have choices. It's small enough that anyone who wants to can find a way to be involved and make a difference in the Jewish community and the secular community, yet it's big enough to enable one to choose from a to minimize major conflicts, and organizations work to cooperate with one another. As a Jewish community which is small enough to get to know many people of different ages and professions (which

tends to be typical of small communities), and small enough to see acquaintances wherever one goes, it is big enough that there are too many people in the community to know everyone. A suburban city which is small enough to have the pleasantness of a suburb with the easy accessibility and choice of ser-

vices and businesses, whether synagogues, schools, shopping, or entertainment, Wilmington has easy accessibility to several major cities to satisfy the need for a little more excitement. A place that is not too big and not too small, that has not too little and not too much, can only be just right.

Adult Institute of Jewish Studies

Arnold Harris - Chairman \ 475-7066

Begun in the fall of 1991, this program is co-sponsored by Albert Einstein, Gratz, Northern Delaware's synagogues, and the Jewish Community Center. A variety of courses are offered over a period of 6 weeks. Courses are offered Oct. 14 - Nov. 18: Film - Long Way From Home, 7:30 & 8:45 PM in Wilmington • 8:00 PM in Newark. Courses are taught by local professionals rabbis, cantors, and teachers.



Organizations

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large variety of organizations and activities. With enough choices to stay busy all day and evening, it's still a small enough place that a community calendar can manage City. 730 Broadway, New York, NY 10003. 212-674-7400.

ORT. Organization for Rehabilitation through Training today provides vocational and technical education to more than 100,000 men, women and children in 800 schools and training centers in 26 countries. In the more than a century since its founding in 1880, ORT has trained some two million Jews in the skills necessary to earn a livelihood and live independent and dignified lives. 817 Broadway, New York, NY 10003. 212-676-4400.

Firsts In Delaware

FIRST JEWISH ORGANIZATION IN DELAWARE, 1879 Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society

FIRST JEWISH CONGREGATION IN DELAWARE, 1880-1883 Ohabe Shalom

FIRST JEWISH RELIGIOUS SERVICE IN DELAWARE, 1873 Lieberman Building: 5th & Market Streets, Wilmington

FIRST SYNAGOGUE TO BE BUILT IN DELAWARE, 1908 Adas Kodesch: 6th & French Streets, Wilmington

FIRST LOCATION OF THE YMHA (Jewish Center), NE corner of 3rd & Market Streets, Wilmington (rented rooms)

FIRST JEWISH FARM IN DELAWARE, 1897 Viola, Delaware - Isaac Benioff Farm, Site of First Jewish Historical Marker in Delaware 1997

OLDEST EXISTING JEWISH CONGREGATION IN DELAWARE, 1885 Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Wilmington

Missions To Israel

See Israel The UJA Way In 1998-99!
Choose from several dates & types
Bar & Bat Mitzvahs may be celebrated
during all family missions

September 8-18	National Motorcycle Mission
October 7-21	National Heritage Mission for Mature Travelers
November 9-20	Delaware/National General Assembly Mission
November 12-22	Chazak 4! National Young Leadership Mission to Prague & Israel
December 20-31	National Winter Singles Mission (25-40)
December 21-31	National Winter Student Mission
December 22-	
January 1, 1999	National Winter Family Mission
June-August 1999	Family & Singles Missions throughout the Summer

For information on any of these fantastic missions, please call Bernie Greenberg at the Jewish Federation of Delaware - 302-427-2100, ext. 16. Don't miss your opportunity to experience Israel, its land and people!

Education • Jewish Life • domestic violence

CIVIL LIBERTIES • welfare reform

Advocacy • Youth at Risk in Israel

Reproductive Freedom • Community Service

Research

Women working together to improve the quality of life for women, children and families and striving to ensure individual rights and freedom for all. Founded in 1893, NCJW is the oldest major Jewish women's organization in the United States

National Council
of Jewish Women

NCJW

Wilmington Section
Celebrating 80 Years

For information phone
Barbara at (610) 388-6078

Va'ad

Delaware has a Va'ad HaKashruth to serve the needs of kosher certification for the Jewish community. The Va'ad hopes to facilitate and promote the observance of kashruth by supervising and certifying several local bakeries, caterers, and institutions.

The local Va'ad was organized in 1948 by Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz soon after being hired as spiritual leader of Adas Kodesh Congregation. Many changes have occurred since then - in the composition and institutions of the Jewish community; the availability of kosher products, and the expectations of kosher consumers - all of which have affected the work of the Va'ad.

The Va'ad currently certifies four bakeries, a kosher deli, three caterers, an ice cream bakery, and three institutional kitchens (see the accompanying list). A logo (VHK

within a curved W) has been adopted to promote recognition within the community. It appears on posted certificates in supervised establishments and may also appear on packaged products which are under Va'ad supervision. Kosher consumers are urged to rely on these written certifications rather than on any oral representations. In bakeries, the posted certificates contain additional information about supervised products and their pareve/dairy status.

Current officers of the Va'ad include: Rabbi Sanford Dresin (Rav Hamachshir), Mollie Epstein (Chairperson), Jack Goldstein (Principal Mashgiach), and Bernard Panitz (Treasurer). Others who serve regularly as mashgichot include Esther Kopolovic and Sandye Turnauer. The Va'ad Board meets bi-monthly, and is com-

prised of interested individuals from the Traditional and Conservative congregations in town. Members of the Va'ad serve voluntarily. Those who serve as Mashgichim, making unannounced inspections of supervised establishments, and providing continuous supervision of catered events, are paid a nominal fee by the businesses.

As an independent community organization, the Va'ad seeks broad representation and involvement by interested members of the community, and welcomes suggestions of how it can better serve the community. The limiting resource for the Va'ad is people; its service could be further expanded if more kashruth observant individuals would be willing to serve as Mashgichim.

If you have questions or suggestions about kashruth in Delaware, or would be willing to become involved in the work of the Va'ad, please contact the Rav Hamachshir or the Chairperson of the Va'ad at 762-2705.

Chabad

Chabad of Wilmington
1306 Grinnell Road
Wilmington, DE
478-4400
Rabbi Chuni Vogel

Chabad Lubavitch of Delaware serves the religious, spiritual and educational needs of the Delaware community regardless of affiliation and level of observance. We are founded on a philosophy of an unconditional love of one's fellow, a moral obligation to teach out to others and a passion and commitment to Jewish tradition and heritage. Chabad is a resource for everything in Jewish life; Shabbat hospitality, Holiday celebrations, adult education, private instruction, kitchen koshering, Mezuzot and Tefillin, library, etc. Community programs include free distribution of the Jewish Art Calendar, 'Chabad Times,' Model Matza Factory, Shofar Factory, Camp Gan Israel, public Menorah lightings, Day for the Jewish Woman events, TorahFAX, crisis intervention, etc.

Shabbat Services are held Friday evening during winter at 6:00 p.m., and moving forward in the summer. Shabbat morning services begin 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning 9:00 a.m. Services are held at Chabad House, 1306 Grinnell Rd., Greenacres. A Mikveh is on the premises and is open to the community.

Phone (302) 478-4400. Fax 478-1312.

Chabad House at University of Delaware

208 Cheltenham Road
Newark, DE 19711
455-1800
E-Mail address: rabbi@udel.edu
Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman
Services: Every Friday evening, weekdays on occasion.

Chabad is a warm supportive environment where one can explore Jewish identity. We offer classes from Hebrew to Mysticism, prayer services, and home cooked Shabbos meals. No membership dues are required. If you would like to join us for dinner just call ahead.

Wilmington's Establishments Under The Direct Supervision of the Va'ad Hakushruth of Wilmington

BAGELS AND DONUTS (bagels, rolls, challah, bread; not donuts)	1737 Marsh Road Wilmington, DE 19810	478-9016
SHOPRITE BAKERY SHOPRITE KOSHER DELI	Brandywine Commons Wilmington, DE 19810	477-3273
CARVEL ICE CREAM BAKERY	Governor's Square Rts. 40 & Bear, DE	832-9494
MR. B'S (a division of Take-A-Break)		658-8571
A LA CARTE CATERING (Steve Bonner) (a division of Boscov's)		478-6800
TRADITIONS FINE CATERING (Susan Warner (a division of Caterkart Cuisines)	45 Germany Drive Wilmington, DE 19804	888-4583
KUTZ HOME	702 River Road Wilmington, DE 19809	764-7000
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER KITCHEN	101 Garden of Eden Road Wilmington, DE 19803	478-5660

Building Community Throughout Delaware

The 1995 Delaware Jewish Population Study identified a series of issues regarding the future of the Jewish community in our State. A growing Jewish community in the Greater Newark area is probably one of its most important findings. The Jewish Federation decided then, in the spirit of its mission to enhance Jewish life throughout the State, to hire a professional to help build the community in Newark and other parts of the State.

The program officially started in December 1997. Today, the Newark Jewish Community Network, made up of local volunteers, have increased Jewish visibility in the general community through several programs, some of them in partnership with other Jewish agencies. It has also helped to identify families with an interest in Jewish life in the Greater Newark area, and is planning several more programs before the end of the year, and planning for a full day Preschool Plus program and

Kindergarten in the Newark area in partnership with the Jewish Community Center and the Einstein Hebrew Academy to open its doors in September 1999.

The Jewish Community of Dover has also received support from this program, and the Federation helped to fund and to forge a partnership between Beth Shalom and the JCC to start a once-a-week Jewish preschool program to open in September of this year. This program was possible because of the commitment of local volunteers and the support of the leadership of the Synagogue in Dover.

But building community doesn't stop with existing organizations. Through this program, the Federation have assisted the leadership of the Seaside Jewish Community to define its future and its goals, and to translate those goals into organization. The Seaside Jewish Community, Inc., was recently incorporated and will

present shortly its bylaws for vote by its membership. We will be there to welcome this youngest sister of the Delaware Jewish Family.

At a time in our society when most Jews, and Americans in general, are looking for new definitions of themselves and starving for connection, the Jewish Federation of Delaware has made a commitment to this program because we believe. We believe that Jewish Identity is worthwhile. We believe that Organized Jewish life is the best chance to express our Judaism. And we believe that every Jew has the right to connect with his/her heritage as she/he sees fit. Those are the tenets of the program - Respect for every person's approach to Judaism and Jewish life. If you would like to help, or you would like to comment, or just get in touch, call us at 427-2100, ext. 22, or e-mail us at JNetdel@aol.com. We are here to serve you and we would like to hear from you.

**Jewish Federation of Delaware
Fiscal Year 1998 Final Allocations
Approved by Board February 1998**

Based on Campaign of \$1,608,605

Local Allocations	
Jewish Community Center*	\$103,994
JCC Complex Capital Costs	190,508
Jewish Family Service*	63,054
Milton & Hattie Kutz Home	42,000
Albert Einstein Academy	63,543
Gratz Hebrew High School	26,000
Hillel at University of Delaware	40,000
Newark Community Programs	9,150
Southern Delaware Programs	7,500
Jewish Historical Society	1,500
Rabbinical Association of Delaware	200
Israel Experience Teen Scholarships	14,000
Community Teen Programs	26,500
In-service Training for Jewish Educators	1,000
Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund	18,844
Jewish Law Students Association	500
UJA/Federation Campaign Costs	192,500
Federation Administration, Programs & Services	148,050
Jewish Community Relations Committee	44,224
Jewish Voice	10,365
Moving expenses	6,000
Computer Training & Internet	15,141
Total Local Allocations	1,009,573
Israel & World Jewry	504,031
National Agencies Dues & Allocations	55,001
Campaign Shrinkage	25,000
TOTAL	\$1,608,605

Special Fund for Outreach to Newark/Hockessin Area & Southern Delaware \$49,250
(Gifts from the Jewish Community Endowment Fund, Milton & Hattie Kutz Foundation and Friends)

*Includes services for New Americans

At The Seaside...

An exciting development is taking place in lower Delaware. A new organization, the Seaside Jewish Community, has enlisted one hundred members in its brief span of a little over a year. It all began with a news item in a local paper. Peter Wise who, at the time, owned a small restaurant in Rehoboth Beach put out a call for anyone interested in participating in Jewish services and traditions. The response was overwhelming. Over a hundred people attended the 1997 Seder at Peter's restaurant.

Since then the Community has found a home at the All Saints Church in Rehoboth where The

Reverend James E. Manion and his congregation have provided a warm and hospitable place for the group's monthly meetings. At one especially meaningful program, a group of Holocaust survivors shared their experiences. At another meeting, the Community enjoyed an excellent production of a short play about two German friends who grew apart during the Hitler era. Another fine program brought in a reconstructionist rabbi from Philadelphia to talk about the woman's role in Judaism. The Community has also welcomed children with activities such as a Chanukah party and Passover and

Purim festivities.

Currently, the Seaside Jewish Community is planning a picnic meeting at the home of Bob and Lenora Cohen, and a New York trip is slated for the near future.

With the interest already demonstrated and with the help of Daniel Chejfec from the Jewish Federation of Delaware who worked with the group to establish direction and goals, the Seaside Jewish Community looks forward to an active and rewarding future.

Anyone interested in more information, please call Lynne Chichi, 302-644-2209 or Lenora Cohen, 302-645-0183.

Recreational Activities Museums, Historical Sites Performing Arts

America East Conference. 10 High Street, Suite 860, Boston, MA 617/695-6369; fax 617/695-6380. americaeast@americaeast.com. www.americaeast.org.

Ashland Nature Center-Delaware Nature Society. Brackenville/Barley Mill Rds., Hockessin 302/239-2334 dnsweb pg@dca.net. www.dca.net/denaturerociety.

Brandywine Science Railway. Northbrook Road, West Chester (1/2 mile north of Route 842) 610/793-4433; fax 610/793-4434.

ATTRACTIONS

Liberty Belle Charters. Penn's Landing South, Philadelphia. 215/629-1131; fax 215/629-1138. www.libertybelle.com.

McDonald's LPGA Championship. DuPont Country Club, Rockland Road, P.O. Box 394, Rockland. 302/428-1681; fax 302/428-1007. www.mcdslpgachampionship.com.

Sports & Company. 1281 E. Main Street, Stamford, CT 06902, 302/324-6800 fax 203/324-5233.

Spirit of Philadelphia. Pier 3 at Penn's Landing, Philadelphia 215/923-4354 fax 215/923-8556. www.spiritcruises.com.

Stroud Center of the Academy of Natural Sciences. 512 Spencer Rd., Avondale, PA 19311. 610/268-2153; fax 610/268-0490; cbirney@aol.com.

University of Delaware Intercollegiate Athletics. Bob Carpenter Center, Newark. 302/UDI-HENS; fax 302/831-8653.

Wilderness Canoe Trips. 2111 Concord Pike, Fairfax Shopping Center Wilmington 302/654-2227. www.driftingon.com/wildernesscanoe. Historic

Wilmington and Western Railroad. Greenbank Station on Rt. 41, 3 blocks north of junction with Rt. 2. 302/998-1930 fax 302/998-7408.

Wilmington Blue Rocks. 801 S. Madison Street, Wilmington. 302/888-2015; fax 302/888-2032. www.bluerocks.com; e-mail: info@bluerocks.com.

Brandywine Zoo. North Park Dr., Brandywine Park, Wilmington. 302/671-7788 fax 302/571-7787.

Chaddsford Winery. 632 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford. 610/388-6221; fax 610/388-0360. cfwine@chaddsford.com. www.caddsford.com.

Chestnut Hollow Family Learning Center. 30 Berchel Road, Glen Mills, PA 610/358-3941; fax 610/558-6118.

Delaware Park Racetrack and Slots Casino. Route 7 off I-95 Exit 4B, Stanton 302/994-2521. 800/41-SLOTS; fax 302/994-3567. www.delpark.com.

Delaware Smash. 302/992-3680; World Team Tennis club plays seven matches at the DuPont Country Club in Wilmington and seven matches away during two spans; July 8-26 and September 12-20. Tickets are \$10, \$15 and \$20 and \$5 for kids 12 and under. Discounted tickets are available for all groups of 10 or more.

Delaware State Division of Parks & Recreation. 302/739-4701. Enjoying the natural diversity of Delaware's 11 state parks.

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Haneef's African Festival. 911 Orange St., Wilmington, 302/657-2108; fax 302/657-2106. Afrfestpar@aol.com.

Hartefeld National. PO Box 400, One Hartefeld Drive, Avondale, PA 800/240-7373, 610/268-8800; fax 610-268-7425.

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Kirkwood Soccer Club. 1220 River Rd., New Castle 302/322-4220. Soccer club providing instructional and traveling teams. Club has 13-field complex with an indoor field. Teams for everyone ages 4-19. Fall, winter and spring play.

Air Mobility Command Museum, 1301 Heritage Road, Dover Air Force Base, Dover, 302/677-5939; fax 302/677-5940 museum@aw436.dover.af.mil

American Christmas Museum, Rte. 1, Chadds Ford, PA, between the Brandywine River Museum & Longwood, 610/388-0600; fax 610/388-6599.

Barns-Brinton House, Rte. 1, Chadds Ford, PA, near Longwood. 610/388-7376; http://www.de.psu.edu/cfhs/home.html. Guides

Biggs Museum of American Art, 406 Federal Street, Dover, 302/674-2111, fax 302/674-5133.

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Delaware Art Museum, 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington, 302/571-9590; fax 302/571-0220; www.udel.edu/delart.

Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts, 103 East 16th Street, Wilmington, DE, 302/656-6466; fax 302/656-6944.

Delaware History Museum, 504 Market Street Mall, 302/656-0637, fax 302/655-7844, hsd@dca.net www.hsd.org. Operated by the Historical Society of Delaware.

Delaware Museum of Natural History. Rte. 52 between Greenville & Centreville. 302/652-7600.

Delaware Toy and Miniature Museum. Off Route 141, Wilmington, 302/427-8697 or 302/658-0668; fax 302/427-8654. toys@thomes.net www.thomes.net/toys.

Fort Delaware State Park. Pea Patch Island, Delaware River, 302/834-7941, fax 302/836-2539. delaware@aol.com.

Friends of Goodstay Gardens. Goodstay Center, No. 219, University of Delaware, 2600 Pennsylvania Avenue, 302/573-4450, fax 302/652-0116.

George Read II House and Garden. 42 The Strand, New Castle. 302/322-8411; fax 302/322-8557. hsd@dca.net www.hsd.org.

Hagley Museum and Library. 3 mi. North of Wilmington via Routes 52 & 141. 302/658-2400. fax 302/658-0568 www.hagley.lib.de.us.

Historic Houses of Odessa. P.O. Box 507, Main St., Odessa. 302/378-4069; fax 302/378-4050.

Historic New Castle Visitors Bureau. 800/758-1550 Historic New Castle. Walk the Heritage Trail and discover beautiful historic homes nestled among museums, shops, B&Bs, eateries and public parks. Call for more information.

Immanuel Episcopal Church. On the Green, New Castle, 302/322-5774. Founded in 1689, the first Church of England parish in Delaware. Original 1703 structure burned in 1980. Rebuilt using original walls. Open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Visitors welcome at services. Donations accepted.

Kalmar Nyckel Foundation and Shipyard. 1124 E. 7th Street, Wilmington. 302/429-7447, 302/429-0350, www.kalmyc.org.

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Longwood Gardens. U.S. Route 1, northeast of Kennett Square. 610/388-1000. www.longwoodgardens.org.

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Old Town Hall. 512 Market Street Mall, Wilmington. 302/655-7161. Formerly the City's primary public building, this handsome Georgian-style structure now features changing exhibitions on decorative arts and Delaware History. Restored jail cells available for tour.

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Quaker Hill Historic Preservation Foundation. 521 West St., Wilmington, 302/658-4200; fax 302/429-8806. Visit Historic Quaker Hill. See the splendid architecture of this community first settled in 1738.

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Delaware Theatre Company. 200 Water Street, Wilmington 302/594-1100; fax 302/594-1107, delawaretheatre.org. "Best Theatre Company in the Region" - Philadelphia Weekly. Regional professional theatre company presenting contemporary and classic comedies and dramas. Group discounts available. Handicapped Accessible.

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University of Delaware Center for Black Culture. 192 S. College Avenue, Newark. 302/831-2991, fax 302/831-4097. Our goal is to provide programs and services that facilitate the educational, cultural and interpersonal development of the University, its African-American students, and the community. We support students' academic development and develop cultural programs to create an ethnic awareness.

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Ruth Rosenberg, Appointed To National Board Of Directors From Brandywine Chapter of ORT



Ruth Rosenberg

The Brandywine Chapter of Women's American ORT would like to congratulate our very own RUTH ROSENBERG on her appointment to the National Board of Directors of Women's American ORT. Ruth joined the chapter just nine short years ago. She has served our chapter in many ways - culminating with her presidency

from July 1994 through June 1996. Ruth then went on to the National Young Leadership Council. On Sunday, July 19th, Ruth was inducted into the National Board of Directors. We wish her the best of luck in her new position. May she continue to go from strength to strength.

Can a Jewish woman's organization over 70 change its image?

Women's American ORT (WAO) grabbed the opportunity of its triennial national convention with a streamlined new structure to roll out a new campaign with the fearless slogan "Torah From Moses.

Technology from ORT." The Planned Giving hotshots got the first woman to own a seat on the New York Stock Exchange, Muriel Siebert, to give them the lowdown on succeeding in a man's world. WAO opened a "cyber café" for the 750 convention-goers from around the country to connect with

the technology and the students they support. Delegates elected a president who juggles her volunteer leadership with her career, a first since the organization's founding in a Brooklyn kitchen 71 years ago.

In a move to make ORT's message loud and clear, WAO members voted to change what "ORT" stands for, from "Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training" to "Organization for Educational Resources and Technological Training." The new name clarifies the ORT global network of schools' emphasis on training for the high-tech job market and is the name

used by many ORT affiliates worldwide.

And those were just some of the breakaway changes from the past.

Not that the past has been unimpressive. With some 600 chapters in 32 states, Women's American ORT is the largest affiliate and No. 1 contributor to the global network of ORT schools, the source for technical training in a Jewish environment. Some 262,000 schools and programs, make ORT the largest non-governmental network of vocational education and technical training centers in the world.

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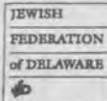
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"Zion" is the title of this design in color by Jerusalem artist Archie Granot. Known as a papercut, it is composed of 13 layers of paper, each painstakingly cut by hand using scalpel and scissors. The texts surrounding the gear-shaped center motif are from the prophet Isaiah (chapters 33:54 and 35:10), exalting God as the source of salvation and heralding a return to Zion with songs and everlasting joy. The work is one of seven papercuts by the artist that appear in the new Art Calendar published by Women of Reform Judaism for the Jewish year 5759/1998-1999.

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NOTICE

Delaware Gratz Registration for 1998-99

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, an affiliate of the Jewish Community High School (JCHS) of Gratz College, is now accepting registration for the 1998-99 school year.

Gratz offers a diversified Judaic education and programs leading to Jewish Teaching Certificates, including the I.M. Wise Teaching Certificate, high school and college credits and social interaction opportunities both locally and regionally.

Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-9:10 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Returning upperclassmen already have class schedules. New upperclassmen may join Gratz at any of its high school grade levels. Incoming seventh and eighth grade students may choose the classes they would like to attend from the following weekly schedule.

Sunday - Zionism and contemporary Israel, Hebrew Ulpan, Jewish heritage through videos, Jewish Values as we enter the 21st century.

Tuesday - Authority and Rebellion in the Bible, Jewish views of the individual and relationships.

Thursday - Ethics through Talmudic Reasoning, Pirke Avot (Ethics of our Fathers).

You may have your name included on our mailing list and may register by returning the tear-off sheet at the bottom of this notice. More information will be mailed to you upon receipt of your registration form and registration fee.

Interested parents and students may contact Marlene Milunsky, Principal, at 478-5026 (w) or 655-8163 (h) for further information.

You may also use the following tear-off registration form.

Delaware Gratz Registration Form 1998-99

_____ new student _____ returning student

Name of student _____ M _____ F

Soc Sec # _____ DOB _____ Secular grade _____ Gratz grade _____

Name of Parents _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Office Phone _____ Synagogue Affiliation _____

Circle any combination of anticipated preference for days: S / T / Th / All

Student days and courses can be finalized from the Curriculum Guide which will be mailed after receipt of this completed registration form. Course costs vary from one course for \$400 up to seven courses for \$685. Please note below if you have any problems with your child's tuition conditions.

Return this form along with a \$25 non-refundable Registration Fee for each student, will begin the process of enrollment into this year's Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, located at 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

Kutz Home Enhances Social Services Program

Samantha Malinge is a welcome addition to the Kutz Home family. She is a clinical social worker with Jewish Family Service. The Home is indeed fortunate to have contracted with JFS for her to provide social work services to residents and family members two days a week.

A recent Master's-level graduate of the Widener University School of Social Work, she is well qualified for her responsibilities at the Home. Ms. Malinge will counsel both residents and family members, and conduct various support groups. She will work with Mollie Epstein, the Home's Director of Resident Relations, in developing and implementing these groups.

As an intern and social worker with Jewish Family Service, Ms. Malinge worked at the B'nai B'rith

House, leading enrichment groups and providing individual and group counseling. Ms. Malinge finds working with the elderly a very rewarding experience. She says, "I learn as much as I impart."

Ms. Malinge has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Emory University, in Atlanta, Georgia. She is married to Laurence Malinge, Associate Rabbi at Congregation Beth Emeth. They have two children, three year old Alyson and Joseph, seven months old.

According to Kutz Home Executive Director, Karen Friedman, staff, residents and family members look forward to a continuing productive association with Samantha Malinge and the Jewish Family Service.

Say L'Shana Tova to the Community

The Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Federation of Delaware and The Jewish Voice have started a new tradition in our community by including holiday greetings in the High Holiday Issue of The Jewish Voice.

The High Holidays are only a few short months away. And while you may not be thinking of them now, your thoughts will soon turn to preparing for the holidays, anticipating the sounds of the Shofar and the taste of apples and honey.

Tradition says that it is a mitzvah to hear the sounding of the Shofar. Tradition says that one should eat a piece of apple dipped in honey for a sweet year. And in the Delaware Jewish community it has become a tradition to support the Jewish Community Center by extending your holiday greetings to family, friends and our entire community. Watch your mail for information on becoming a Recorder patron or greeter.

Delaware JCC Sends 10 Youth to Maccabi Games

On August 16th, 10 youth will be traveling to Detroit, Michigan, to participate in the JCCA Youth Maccabi Games. The games will take place from Sunday, August 16 through Sunday, August 23 and will include athletic competition, social events and cultural activities. There will be over 3,000 youth from cities throughout the United States and Canada as well as representatives from other countries including Israel, Mexico, France and Australia.

The Delaware JCC Maccabi Club is supported by funds from the Mark J. Caplan Memorial Youth Maccabi Fund, a fund which was established in Mark's memory to represent his continued support of Judaism, youth and sports. Funds were also made available through a generous donation by the Wilmington B'nai B'rith Lodge. In addition, swim suits for our swimmers were donated by the Swim Shop in Fairfax Shopping Center. Nationally, the Youth Maccabi Games are sponsored by Coca Cola.

For the first time, the Delaware JCC will be sending athletes for more than one sport. In 1996, Delaware sent one-boys basketball

team, this year the Delaware JCC will be sending a girls basketball team, swimmers and a tennis player.

The following individuals will represent the Delaware JCC Maccabi Club at this year's games:

Girls Basketball Team:

Elana Caplan is 13 years old and is entering 9th grade at Wilmington Friends School in the fall where she plays on their "A" basketball team. Elana is a good student and this summer participated in a three week program at Franklin & Marshall College where she studied archeology through the Center for Talented Youth at the Johns Hopkins University. She is a graduate of Albert Einstein, was a Bat Mitzvah last summer and is currently attending Gratz Hebrew High School.

Naomi Frankel is 13 years old and is entering 8th grade at the Kellman Academy in Cherry Hill in the fall. Naomi plays for the Kellman Academy basketball team where she was also a 2 on 2 school champ. This summer, Naomi was working on her basketball skills while attending Camp Ramah. She is a recent Bat Mitzvah and a member of Temple Beth Shalom in

Cherry Hill. Naomi is excited about going to Israel in the Spring of '99 with her school.

Amanda Hersh is 13 years old and is entering 8th grade at Harrington Middle School in Mt. Laurel, N.J. Amanda played on various recreation basketball teams and played on the All Star Team that participated in a large tournament in Vineland, N.J. She has received several awards as a guard. Amanda is an honor roll student and former student council member. She was a Bat Mitzvah this past May and will be attending confirmation classes at M'Kor Shalom in Cherry Hill where she and her family are members.

Jamie Jacobs is 12 years old and will be in 8th grade at Wilmington Friends School where she plays on their basketball team. Jamie also played recreational basketball. Jamie was the recipient of several writing awards and cited for a community services award in June 1998. She is currently preparing for her Bat Mitzvah in January 1999.

Rebecca Ryder Nepris is 14 years old and will be in the 9th grade at Akiba Hebrew Academy where she hopes to play basketball.

Rebecca has played in area recreation leagues and participated in the University of Delaware Basketball Camp this summer. Rebecca is also an accomplished horseback rider. She has had several years of superior ratings at Delaware State Piano Teachers Festival as well as a participant in Wilmington Music School's Invitational. She is a regular torah reader at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington where she and her family are members.

Stefani Nochumson is 13 years old and is entering 8th grade at Harrington Middle School in Mt. Laurel, N.J. Stefani played on various recreation basketball teams and was on the 1st-place team at the JCC in Cherry Hill. Stefani is an honor roll student at Harrington Middle School. Stefani was a Bat Mitzvah this past May and will be attending confirmation classes at M'Kor Shalom in Cherry Hill where she and her family are members.

Stephanie Yellin is 14 years old and will be in 9th grade at Cherry Hill High School West. Stephanie played for several recreation league teams where her team was league champs. Stephanie also competed

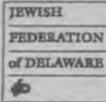
this past spring for the Cherry Hill JCC on their Jr. Maccabi Team. Stephanie received the Presidential Academic Fitness Award and is an Honor Roll Student. She is a member of Temple Beth Shalom in Cherry Hill where she was a Bat Mitzvah.

Swimming

David Penney is 15 years old and will be entering 10th grade at Archmere Academy where he swims for their varsity swim team. In the summer, David swam for Fairfield Swim Club. Year-round he swims for the Delaware Aquatic Otters where he is the 13-14 year-old record holder on the short course in the 200 Free, 1650 Free and 400 IM, on the long course he holds the club 13-14 year old record for 400 Free, 1500 IM, 200 IM, and 400 IM. At Archmere, he is a straight-A student and placed first in the state for the 9th grade Math League. He was a Bar Mitzvah at Temple Beth El in Newark where he and his family are members.

Laura Jane Penney is 13 years old and will be entering 8th grade at Independent School in Newark

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Delaware Lions Headed To International Conference

Roar, Lions Roar! The Jewish Federation of Delaware will be well represented at the International Lion of Judah Conference, to be held Sunday-Tuesday, Sept. 13-15 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC. JFD President Barbara Schoenberg leads a Delaware contingent that currently includes Past President Toni Young, Phyllis Aerenson, Ellen

Koniver and Ruth Weinstein.

Sponsored annually by the UJA National Women's Campaign, the 1998 conference features a theme of "Let Us Gather as One From the Four Corners of the Earth." Invited guests include first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, White House communications director Ann Lewis, Emory University pro-

fessor Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, U.S. Ambassador Dennis Ross, Jewish Agency chair Avrum Berg, author of *The Money Club* Diane Fellenstein and New York City Sex Crimes Prosecution Unit Chief Linda Fairstein.

Conference programs and workshops will highlight topics such as Struggle & Success, Breaking the Glass Ceiling, Women's Health Issues, Violence and Women, Children's Issues and Swiss Restitution-Holocaust: The Final Chapter and Women in Politics.

"Joining together with Lions from around the country at a Lion of Judah Conference really demonstrates the influence and empowerment of women in the UJA Federation Campaign," said Schoenberg. "I encourage all Delaware Lions to join us for what is certain to be a dynamic three days of prestigious speakers and insightful programs."

To register for the conference or for information, call Bernie Greenberg, 427-2100, ext. 16.

Infant Care Expanded at the JCC

The Jack S. Jacobs, MD Infant Care Center at the Jewish Community Center will open a second Infant Care Room in September 1998.

The Infant Care Center features a home-like setting and offers developmentally appropriate curriculum. Our warm, nurturing professional staff provide individualized care with a 3 to 1 staff/child ratio. The Center welcomes infants

six weeks to walking with full and part-time options available.

The JCC Children's Center is accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs (NAEYC). Limited spaces are still available. For more information or to schedule a visit, please call Susan Gentry, JCC Children's Center Director, at (302) 478-5660.

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Hollywood Chai

By ELLEN S. MEYER

The 18th Annual Jewish Genealogy Conference took place in Los Angeles, California from Sunday July 12, 1998 through Thursday, July 16, 1998. From Argentina, Australia, Canada, Israel, South Africa and every conceivable region of the U.S. just under 800 people researching their Jewish roots gathered for a convention dubbed "Hollywood Chai".

Sessions ran from 9:00 a.m. to 9:15 p.m. Breaking for lunch meant missing a meeting or presentation. There was generally an hour available for dinner, although with a resource/research room with books, microfiche and computers open at dinnertime (as well as throughout the day), even that meal could be forgotten.

The sessions available for attendees covered every possible aspect of Jewish research. For example, one could learn how to locate an obscure ancestral home in Europe, how to research rabbinic roots, how to do Hungarian-Jewish research through an Israeli database, how to access records of the Shoah and from a presentation of the archivist himself, how to obtain Lithuanian records. Any session demonstrating how to use the Internet to research one's family was particularly well attended.

There were also "Birds of a Feather" break-out groups — where attendees researching, for example, Grodno Giberna, could meet with one another to share war stories and information and perhaps even determine a kinship.

It was a "candy store" for Jewish genealogists, and I was fortunate enough to attend.

Although patching together my family's history has been a hobby

of mine for about a dozen years, I had never attended a convention of Jewish genealogists — or any other genealogists for that matter. (Quite frankly, were it not for the fact that my daughter lives in Los Angeles, I probably would not have attended this convention as well. But I'm glad I did...)

The first pleasant surprise was bumping into Rona Finkelstein, the only other Wilmingtonian in attendance. Although we have known each other for years, neither one of us knew of the other's interest in family history.

Another treat was meeting for the first time the people I only knew as "distant cousins" with whom I'd been emailing and trading family histories for the past few years.

And perhaps the biggest surprise was when I began making idle conversation with a woman sitting next to me at a "Birds of a Feather" session only to discover that we share a common ancestor (about five generations back, but he was so memorable — He converted to Episcopalianism and became a bishop in China — that everyone who's related to him has heard about him and how he so upset the family.).

I left the convention not only with the requisite looseleaf notebooks bursting with useful information, but with countless family trees for one of the names I'm researching. Having reviewed the trees since my return, I'm as baffled as ever, since there are only direct — no collateral — lines. Establishing sibling relationships will be a challenge!

Next year's conference will be in New York City from August 8th to 13th. More than one thousand participants are expected. I plan to be there.

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Delaware's Connection To The Holyland

By KAREN MOSS

Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz officiated at the unveiling ceremony held in the Adas Kodesch section of Lombardy cemetery on that autumn afternoon in 1951. As friends and family gazed at the headstone which bore the name Jessie Cohen, could they foresee that some of deceased's most important work had yet to take place? Perhaps not. But the wheels had been set in motion by Jessie, and her late husband, Max, many years earlier and would soon bear fruit.

Max and Jessie Cohen emigrated from Russia to Wilmington in 1904 when they were in their 20's. The young couple entered the grocery business at Second and DuPont streets on the east side of town. After 20 years, they sold their interest in the business, and devoted themselves largely to real estate. Their efforts met with tremendous success, but they never forgot those who were less fortunate. In 1937, Max and Jessie canceled about \$45,000 worth of rent debts owed them by unemployed tenants over a period of five years. During their lifetime, Max represented the couple's joint interests in both public and private charitable pursuits, and after his death in 1943, Jessie continued where he left off.

Early in his business career, Max became actively identified with almost every Jewish philanthropic organization in the city. He was one of the founders of the Jewish Welfare Society, the Jewish Federation of Delaware and Adas Kodesch Congregation. He and the late Louis Topkis bought the plot of ground upon which the Adas Kodesch Center, later known as the YM/YWHA, was built. He served for many years as an officer



Max Cohen

or board member of the Wilmington District Zionist Organization of America, the Jewish Welfare Society, the Jewish Federation of Delaware and Adas Kodesch Congregation.

An eager worker and generous contributor, Max gave unstintingly of his time, money and energy to Zionist and American Jewish causes. The year before his death he was elected treasurer of the Nachlath Delaware project, the purpose of which was to found a colony in what was then Palestine, in honor of Delaware. It was through a similar project, which later became known as Project Renewal, that the Cohens would leave their lasting imprint.

When Jessie Cohen died on March 1, 1951, she left her estate of \$400,000 to dozens of Jewish and non-Jewish causes, among them: Delaware Chapter of the American Red Cross, Bichor Cholem Society, Adas Kodesch,

Beth Shalom, Beth Emeth and Chesed Shel Emeth congregations, Boys' Club of Wilmington, Hadassah, B'nai B'rith Hillel, Layton Home for Aged Colored People and Children's Bureau of Delaware.

She left a legacy of \$20,000 for the "training of Jewish students in Jewish education toward the profession of Hebrew teaching or the rabbinate provided such students are residents of the State of Delaware and have passed the age of 14."

The remainder of her estate, a full 60-percent, she bequeathed to the State of Israel to set up desperately needed housing for new immigrants to Israel. One settlement was located at Tirat HaCarmel outside Haifa and one in Holon near Tel Aviv.

A September 4, 1953 letter from D. Tanne, director of the Housing Department at the State of Israel's Ministry of Labor

describes a dire situation:

"These families (in transit camps) are now living their third year in extremely difficult housing conditions. The canvas-wood framed huts that constitute their 'homes' are in tatters and in fact disintegrating..."

and of Israel for a cooperative effort to improve the quality of life in distressed areas in Israel and Project Renewal was born. The Jessie Cohen neighborhood of Holon was twinned with the Jewish communities of Wilmington, Dayton and Columbus, Ohio and



Jessie Cohen

Six hundred families were served through Mrs. Cohen's generosity and foresight. In both *shikunim* (housing developments), immigrants were able to purchase houses with long term mortgages through the cooperation of Israel's Ministry of Labor and the Palestine Economic Corporation.

During the 1960s, immigrants continued to arrive at the Max and Jessie Cohen developments. These newcomers came from North Africa and Asia and soon comprised the majority of Holon's population.

In 1977, Prime Minister Menachem Begin issued a challenge to the Jews of the Diaspora

South America. Special campaigns raised funds which infused new life into Holon, and continued the work begun by Max and Jessie Cohen over a quarter of a century earlier.

During their lifetime, Jessie and Max Cohen contributed over \$100,000 to Jewish causes. But it is the legacy they left at their deaths, which will continue to give a new lease on life to destitute Israeli Jews into the next century and beyond.

(This article was compiled from old newspaper clippings and other historical information gathered with the assistance of Julian Preisler of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware.)

PARTNERSHIP 2000 STORY: ACCEPTABLE

By STEVE WEISBROT

I boarded the plane with my boots tied tight and my backpack filled to capacity. I was on my way to a mind-expanding soul-searching journey. When I settled into my seat and put on my headphones I began to recall the specific events that led me to this particular moment in time.

It started off with a seemingly innocuous newspaper article in the Jewish Star advertising a three-week-long trip to volunteer in Israel. The article enticed me, and I applied. I then resumed with my life as normal. To make a long story short, two interviews later, and I'm on the plane on my way to

"The Land of Milk and Honey."

The program advertised was Kefiada, a three-week camp that teaches and reinforces English in Israeli children. It is run through Partnership 2000 a program that

bridges communities in Israel with communities in the United States. I went under the auspices of Jewish Federation of Middlesex County along with nine others from the Delaware-N.J. cluster of Federations.

Our trip began with a three-day orientation at Givat Haviva a settlement just outside of Haifa. The program gave us time to meet with kids from across the country who are participating in the same program in different communities in Israel. We also spent a great deal of time planning and preparing for the camp experience that was soon to follow.

From Givat, our group split in two, and we traveled to a Jewish identity seminar. Half of the group went to Tzfat and the other half (my half) went to Jerusalem. We stayed at a place called Livnot U Lehibanot that gives Jewish Identity seminars.

We were bombarded with classes on Jewish Identity and saw the sights of the old city. However, I think the most spiritually stimulating experience for me was being apart of a traditional Shabbat. It awoke feelings in me that I never knew I had. I felt a oneness with the people around me and a bond with my religion. The experience included cooking the traditional meal, Friday night services on the roof of Livnot with the sun setting over the city and an oneg and Havdallah. We sang Ninguns and had the third meal together over a discussion of the week's torah portions.

This was amazing, and laying tfallen at the wall made me weep, my mind filled with a montage of my own Jewish heritage. The numbers on my Grandpa's arm, my Bar Mitzvah, Rosh Ha Shonah in the Cat Skills, and the horah at my aunt's wedding. While all this was

awe inspiring, I don't think any of this prepared me for what was to come next. In the next three weeks we did not only see Israel as outsiders or tourists, we literally became apart of it. We lived and worked in a community, and we taught the children. We ate with our host families and learned of the subtle but distinct cultural differences amongst us. The feeling of gratification I felt when my campers began to slowly understand the basics of English was indescribable.

In each camp group, we had two American counselors and one Israeli counselor. This was not only invaluable in the sense that the Israeli counselors helped bridge the language barrier but, also gave us insight into how people around our own age lived in Israel.

We found out about their fear of joining the army coupled with their immense national pride. We

learned they were not any more or less religious than us and we learned that they too like to watch MTV. Overall, the last month has been about introspection, about examining myself and my religion, about questions and answers. It has also been about understanding and acceptance. Acceptance is what Israel really means to me. No matter how religious one is, or how secular, whether you speak Hebrew, English or Arabic, whether you like MTV or not; in Israel, you are a Jew, and you belong. You belong not only to a religion, but a culture, and not only a culture, a nation.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware, and several New Jersey Federations, cooperate in a broad series of Partnership 2000 endeavors, primarily with the Arad-Tamar region in Israel. For more information, call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at 427-2100.

SYNAGOGUE LIFE

News From
Congregation Beth Shalom

Plans are now underway for the 1998-1999 school year. Registrations are being taken in the school office for Kindergarten and Primary departments, which is a one-day-a-week program for 5-, 6-, and 7-year-olds (K through 2nd).

Depending on interest, there is the likelihood that this Program will be expanded to twice a week.

Children who are 8 years old and/or are going into the 3rd grade in the fall of 1998, should register for the Aleph Class of the Elementary Department, which meets 3 days a week. All pupils presently enrolled in Kindergarten and Primary departments will automatically be registered in their succeeding grade level.

Also, don't forget about the Preschool Lunch and Learn

Program for 3- and 4-year-olds. It will be Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, October 22. For more information or to enroll your youngster, call Arlene Davis, Educational Director, at the synagogue.

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Congregation Beth Shalom will hold an elegant reception brunch honoring President's Circle and Sustaining members on Sunday, September 13 at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Ellen and Robert Meyer. This event will also allow the group an opportunity to welcome Rabbi Satlow to Beth Shalom.

The Broadway Bound musical group will perform musical hits of the last 50 years.

For more information, call Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

AKSE Garin Program Will
Meet On September 13

The Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Garin program for children ages 5 and 6 will meet regularly on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. from September through May.

This group experience is appropriate for children in K-1. In this first formal exposure to Jewish learning, Mrs. Vodovis, our experienced Garin teacher, will introduce Hebrew letters and vocabulary, prayers, songs and games. Creative crafts and stories linked to the appropriate holidays will be an integral part of the program. Last year, our group had a wonderful time and learned a great deal, and

we look forward to another exciting year.

The group will meet on the following dates: September 13, October 4, October 18, November 1, November 15, January 10, January 24, February 7, February 21, March 7, March 21, April 18, May 2 and May 16. For those who are new to the group, synagogue membership is not a prerequisite and the cost is only \$10 per session or \$125 for the entire year. Please call the school office at 762-3618 to register your child.

We are looking forward to seeing you on September 13 at 9 a.m. at our first Garin group!

Macabbi Games

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this fall. In the summer she swims for Fairfield Swim Club where she received the 1997 Presidents Award for swimming. Year-round she swims for the Delaware Aquatic Otters where she was the club 11-12 year old short course record holder for the 50 Fly and 100 Fly. She is the club 11-12 year-old long course record holder in the 100 Free, 200 Free, 400 Free, 50 Fly and 100 Fly. She has been an honors student for the

past two years at Independent School. Laura Jane was a Bat Mitzvah in May and a member of Temple Beth El with her family.

Tennis:

Ari Kayne is 16 years old and will be entering 11th grade at Tower Hill School where he plays Varsity Tennis. Ari participated in the Delaware State Doubles Tournament. Ari speaks fluid Spanish and Japan and traveled this summer to Japan. Ari is a youth group member at Beth Emeth where his family are members. Ari went to Israel in the Summer of 1997.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the Delaware JCC Maccabi Club or would like to participate in next year's games, please call Scott Katz, Recreational Services Director, at (302) 478-5660.

Innovative Bat Mitzvah Opportunities
Now Available At Adas Kodesch

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington's traditional synagogue, now offers several new ways of celebrating a Bat Mitzvah.

"Orthodox Judaism has a long history of meeting changing needs of the Jewish community by finding innovative solutions within the framework of halacha. These new opportunities provide avenues for greater spirituality for our Bat Mitzvah girls and their families, and are part of a growing trend in traditional and orthodox congregations," notes Rabbi Sanford Dresin.

Until recently, girls at Adas Kodesch all celebrated their B'not Mitzvah during the 8 p.m. Friday night service. The Friday night Bat

Mitzvah will remain the norm, although girls will now have the option of leading an earlier service at 6 p.m., allowing for a leisurely Shabbat dinner following the ceremony.

The women's Tefillah Group of AKSE, a women's prayer and study group which meets once a month on a Saturday morning, now provides a vehicle for additional Bat Mitzvah options. Participation of the Bat Mitzvah may range from receiving an aliyah to conducting an entire Shabbat Shacharit and Torah service. Girls may opt to read Torah and haftarah, lead a prayer or give a D'var Torah. Sisters and mothers of the Bat Mitzvah, as well as other female friends and relatives, may

also participate in the service. In keeping with halacha, male friends and relatives may be present as observers only and must sit in a specially designated separate section.

Conducting a special Sunday Rosh Chodesh ceremony or service is yet another option. These events are arranged in consultation with the Rabbi.

"I am excited by the growing number of Bat Mitzvah opportunities available to our girls," says Laurie Cowan, WTC chairperson, "and I hope that many Bat Mitzvah girls and their families will take advantage of them."

For further information about AKSE Bat Mitzvah options, contact Rabbi Dresin at 762-2705.

AKSE Talmud Torah Begins On September 13

Come join us at Adas Kodesch Talmud Torah as we begin our new academic year. We offer a strong positive Jewish education which will be valued by our graduates as they grow into adulthood. A graduate from our school can actively participate in a traditional service, understand the holidays, history, and customs of our people, and speak a rich Hebrew vocabulary. Our formal 3 day/week Hebrew school program begins with second graders in Aleph. Children generally complete our

five year program by the end of sixth grade; thereby enabling our students to devote their seventh-grade year to bar/bat mitzvah studies and continued Jewish education at Gratz Hebrew High School. Besides classroom activities, we offer an extensive number of participatory opportunities, such as Junior Congregation Shabbat services, holiday celebrations, Israel Quiz Bowl, and tzedakah projects at the Kutz Home. We individualize instruction for each child, including those with learn-

ing differences. One way we do this is through the extensive use of teen-age aides who are graduates of our school and are fluent in prayers and Hebrew.

We are again fortunate to have an experienced and enthusiastic faculty. Our teachers include: Mrs. Vered Nohi-Becker, Ms. Jill Freeman, Mrs. Karen Moss, Dr. Alice Presley, Mrs. Roni Sneiderman, Mr. Max Rosenberg, and Mrs. Gail Weinberg.

For additional information, please call Mrs. Weinberg at 762-3618.



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Who Is The Jewish Community Of Greater Newark?

By **ADINA RUVEL MATTES**
Newark Jewish Community Network Committee Chairperson

What does it mean to be Jewish? If there are approximately 14 million Jews living in the world today, there are probably 14 million different answers to that question. Some of us struggle with the idea theoretically and demographically, looking at history, sociology, population studies and community assessments. For most Jews, though, this is a very personal issue. We each have our own way of connection with a Jewish identity.

It is an exciting time to be Jewish and living in the greater Newark area. The community is growing through the numbers of Jewish individuals and families moving into the area, as shown by the JFD Population Study. The

community is also expanding through an increase in services by Temple Beth El, the Jewish Community Center (preschool and proposed day care) and Jewish Family Service.

Additionally, the Jewish Federation of Delaware has invested in the growth of the statewide Jewish community through hiring a Community Organizer and the formation of the Newark Jewish Community Network Committee. The focus of this committee is to foster Jewish social, cultural and religious life for residents of the greater Newark area.

The committee's purpose also includes expanding the network of resources available to the Newark Jewish community, as well as finding who have not yet been able to find a connection which is meaningful to them or "works" in their life. These connections can address social, cultural, educational, and familial needs, as well as those which are religious in nature. The committee will work in conjunction with other agencies to develop new services, resources, and activities which will appeal to the diverse population which comprises the greater Newark community.

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Delaware Jewish Community History

By CHARLES A. SALKIN

1998 is generally recognized as the Golden Anniversary of Congregation Beth Shalom but there really is some question about when we should celebrate our beginning. Any of these dates might work: 1932, 1936, 1939, 1947, 1948, or 1949. All are serious contenders to be recognized as the starting date of the organized Jewish community of Dover.

The early history of Jews in Kent County parallels the patterns of Jewish settlement elsewhere in the region. The first permanent settlers came in the mid-19th century; they were peddlers, retailers, and a few were leaders in the early food canning and packing industries. The first to arrive came from Germany and by the end of the 1800s, most were coming from eastern Europe, primarily Russia.

The turn of the century brought the first semblance of a Jewish com-

munity in central Delaware. By this time there was a *torah* in Dover and the first *minyans* were held on Lookerman Street. Their numbers were bolstered by a small but growing Jewish population in Milford. The first Jewish farmers began arriving at the same time and the Jewish population in town and in the country grew steadily following WW I.

By the early 1930s, the Dover Jewish community had still not officially organized. A young woman who had been instrumental in bringing people together, Bessie Nurock, met an untimely death in 1932. While sitting *shiva*, her close female friends and family vowed to continue to promote community activities in her memory. They called themselves

the Bessie Nurock Sisterhood.

With the arrival of the Rudnick family to a farm south of Dover in 1936, community activity got a major boost. The Bessie Nurock group joined forces with the farm women under the leadership of Fannie Rudnick and organized the Jewish Women's Social Club. While it was officially a women's group, the husbands had been organizing at the same time. Together, they arranged classes to teach children Hebrew, they brought *schochets* in on the train and hired rabbis to lead services in rented buildings for the High Holy Days and other special occasions.

In early 1939, the Jewish Congregation of Lower Delaware was incorporated. The Dover Jewish

community seemed poised at this point to establish a synagogue and hire a rabbi but WW II interfered. By the time the community regrouped after the war, there were a few changes. Fewer Jews were found on the farm, new industries were attracting new people to Dover and the Jewish population in town was growing.

In a short time, the congregation was ready to buy land for construction of a synagogue and community building. Property was purchased in 1946 but was soon sold, purportedly because of anti-Semitic neighbors. In 1947, the men's and women's groups reorganized and formally joined forces. The congregation was now known as Beth Shalom

Community Center, Inc., and the women's club became the Sisterhood. In 1948, a small church on what is now Route 8 came on the market and \$10,000 was raised for its purchase. The building was in the new congregation's hands late in 1948 and it was renovated and formally dedicated in December of 1949.

The Dover Jewish community soon outgrew its small home and the present synagogue at Queen and Clara streets was constructed in the early 1960s. At the same time, the name was changed to Congregation Beth Shalom. And ... the rest is history. Whether or not we agree on the official starting date, it's a proud history that we have to celebrate.

Voices

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the unique and somewhat difficult situation of Jews who lived below the canal.

Jewish life in Lower Delaware is what you personally make it. For example, when our children reached youth group age, we became the advisors to make sure they had that experience. If Jewish rights are to be protected in the community and especially in the schools, we have been formally and personally active in JCRC issues. We make sure that we go to public events, and we serve as volunteers in many capacities, political, artistic and social. Where there is a very small Jewish population, it is essential that Jews become involved in community.

Affairs and that they support their local Jewish institutions/organizations.

Phyllis and Irving Levitt

In the 15 years since my family came to Wilmington, Jewish life has become steadily richer. There is an abundance of kosher food available in area grocery stores and what appears to be an increasing number of homes with kosher kitchens. Our community Day School continues to grow and strengthen. Almost every Jewish institution has put continuity at the top of its agenda, in most cases recognizing the centrality of education and spirituality.

Every year, Delaware becomes a more attractive home for committed Jews. Every year, additional, committed Jews relocate here.

There are, however, significant gaps and challenges. As the institutional focus on servicing marginally affiliated Jews becomes more and more important, we increasingly lose sight of those closer to the core. For example, while the Philadelphia Federation subsidizes the transportation of more than a dozen middle school and high school children to attend Day School in the Philadelphia suburbs, our community provides no support. We must continue reviewing our services to insure that the admirable goal of inclusiveness is not pursued at the expense of effectiveness.

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Chichi-Shannon Birth

Kara DougChichi and Scott Shannon announce the birth of their baby daughter born July 28, 8 1/2 pounds, 22 inches. Proud grandmother Lynne Chichi, great grandmother Sylvia Rochstein.

The rescue operation (in Nairobi) emphasizes Israel's place among the forces fighting terrorism and sanctifying human life.

It is impossible not to feel pride on hearing the reports from Nairobi about the deeds of the Israeli rescue unit, trying to extricate survivors from the ruins of the American Embassy hit by the terrorist attack. Their deeds emphasize on which side we stand in the struggle between the forces of death and those trying to rescue and save, and also the honored place which a small nation, whose cruel fate forced it to acquire expertise in an area of which the greatest nations of the world know less, can find for itself. This division of labor, in

which extremists are located in one camp and the state of the Jews in the other, demonstrates our attitude to the sanctity of life, and everything that we are prepared to do to save the victims of terrorism from the fear of death.

Alongside our pride, it is also easy to understand the frustration of the Americans. They are currently the strongest power in the world, with all the means of defense currently in existence; planes and aircraft-carriers and mobile forces, which they can deploy to any crisis area in the world. America also has the motivation to use these means in the protection of decency and well-being. This great power is being exposed to acts of terrorism carried out, all indications suggest, not by a nation possessing serious military ability, but rather by a little group of perverted extremists, who think that they will achieve their objectives by indiscriminate bloodshed - according to the method of random murder used by international terrorism. There is no need here for great amounts of equipment, nor even a blood-thirsty Saudi millionaire. One only needs a small amount of explosive material, a small amount of technical knowledge which can now be acquired with ease, and the readiness to operate all over the world, where innocent passersby may be slaughtered and thus hitting at the prestige of the superpower.

American leaders may declare in public their energetic determination to catch, try and punish the perpetrators. They know that it is easier to declare such intentions than to realize them. The world has witnessed not a few lethal acts of terrorism, the perpetrators of which have never been caught, and were therefore neither tried nor punished. An underground can still avoid trial and punishment, and the blood from not a few American graves is still crying out for justice. There are countries which, although not involved directly in terrorism, provide storehouses, sanctuaries and sometimes training to terrorists. For as long as these countries refuse to cooperate, it will be impossible to burn out this disease and provide effective defense for the innocent civilians who form the majority of the victims.

There is not a chance for these little bloodthirsty groups of terrorists to hope that they can force the civilized world to submit to, or even be intimidated by, them. Among other things, it is only a matter of time until the terrorists-hunters expose all the layers of the murder organizations and their collaborators, and thus put an end to this growing cancerous disease in the body of the world. It may only be religious authorities complete disassociation from terrorists, who claim to carry out acts of murder in their name, which can finally put an end to the disease of which all terrorist organizations are the carriers.

OBITUARIES

MARILYN CARLIS SHAPIRO

Marilyn Carlis Shapiro, 72, of 614 Loveville Road, Coffee Run, Apartment D3D, Hockessin, died Wednesday at home.

Mrs. Shapiro was a life master of the American Contract Bridge League and a member of Congregation Beth Shalom. She was also a member of the Kutz Home Auxiliary and of the Jewish Community Senior Center, Talleyville, where she taught bridge.

Survivors include husband, Richard Shapiro; son, Morton of Phoenix; two grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington 19809.

By JULIA STRONGWATER

NEW YORK (JTA) - Shari Lewis, a universally known puppeteer and creator of award-winning children's television, has died at 64.

With her ventriloquism skills and her well-known side kicks - Lamb Chop, Hush Puppy and Charlie Horse - Lewis was able to reach the homes and hearts of children everywhere.

Born in New York on Jan. 17, 1934, Lewis' love for music began with piano instruction when she was 2 years old.

Her first big break in show business came in 1952, when she won the "Arthur Godfrey Talent Scouts" TV show.

Five years later, she introduced her sock puppet, Lamb Chop, to the "Captain Kangaroo Show." This led her eventually to develop her own television show, "The Shari Show."

Although she was raised in an observant Jewish home - her father taught at Yeshiva University - Lewis herself was turned off by Judaism at a young age because when she was growing up girls generally did not have Bat Mitzvahs.

"I remember all the children putting their menorahs in the window at Chanukah. I never did that," Lewis recalled when she was presented with the B'nai B'rith Dor L'Dor Award in 1996.

But in recent years, as women have become more active in Jewish ritual, Lewis identified more openly with her Jewish identity through her entertainment work.

She produced two Jewish holiday programs for PBS - "Lamb Chop's Special Chanukah" and "Shari's Passover Surprise - that also are available on video.

Lewis also wrote a children's book, "One-Minute Jewish Stories."

FRIEDA D. HURSHMAN

Frieda D. Hurschman, 71, died August 9, 1998 at the Kutz Home For The Aged, Wilmington, DE.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and its Sisterhood, Past President of Harry Fineman Post Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans, and member of Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation.

She is survived by her husband, Paul C. Hurschman, a son, David F. Hurschman of Philadelphia; a daughter, Jacquelyn Kowal, Newark; a sister, Ethel Borew, Claymont; and 4 grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, c/o Mary Weinstein, 8602 Society Drive, Claymont, DE 19703 or the Kutz Home for the Aged, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

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AUGUST

FRIDAY 14
Congregation Beth Shalom

Shabbat Under the Stars at Brandywine Park across the street from the synagogue, 6 p.m. Bring your pareve or dairy dinner. Services at 7:03 p.m. In case of rain, family services at Congregation Beth Shalom at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 654-4462.

SATURDAY 15
Dinner and Chip & Putt.

Join us for dinner at LaTolteca on Rt. 202 at 5:30 then follow along as we play chip and putt at Spring Lake on Rt. 202 North in Pennsylvania. All costs are on your own. For more info and to RSVP, call Ethan (302) 792-9375.

WEDNESDAY 19

The JCC Senior Center is offering a tour of the Ambassador of Good Will, the Swedish ship, Kalmar Nyckel. The cost is \$8 per person and includes transportation and lunch. Please call Wendi Weingartner, Senior Adult Services Director, at (302) 478-5660 for more information or to register.

MONDAY 24

The JCC Senior Center is offering a personalized tour of the Hagley Museum, the residence, gardens, office, barn and museum. Cost is \$13.00 per person which includes transportation and a kosher lunch. Call Wendi Weingartner, Senior Adult Services Director, at (302) 478-5660 for more information or to register.

TUESDAY 25

Congregation Beth Shalom board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 26

Candlelight Dinner. The JCC will hold a candlelight dinner at 6:00 p.m., featuring a special performance by "Almaaza," the incredible Belly Dancer, followed by line dance instruction. Cost is \$5 per person. Transportation is available and reservations are requested. For more info or to register, call Wendi Weingartner at (302) 478-5660.

SUNDAY 30

Antiquing, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Please call 529-7730 if you want to join us. We will meet at the JCC and consolidate into a few cars. Maurice Linett has organized a caravan afternoon "antique shopping" and lunch out in the Reading, PA, area.

Congregation Beth Shalom, New and Perspective Member Brunch, 10:30 a.m., entertainment-Meir Shimshon.

Annual Summer Barbecue.

Enjoy good food, fun and friends at the YJAd annual summer barbecue. We will be meeting at Phil Gross' house in North Wilmington at 4 p.m. Please call Phil for directions at (302) 652-6688. You must RSVP by August 26. Cost is \$8 if paid by August 26 or \$10 at the door.

SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY 9

Family Court mandated education course for parents who are separating or divorcing. By developing awareness and strategies that help parents and children cope, each parent can continue to play a vital role in their children's lives. The class is offered for two evenings every month at the JCC in North Wilmington. The fee is based on a sliding scale. Anyone is welcome. Contact Lauren Pokras for registration, (302) 478-9411. Also available Wednesday, September 16.

MONDAY 14

Hadassah and JCRC Candidates' Forum 7:30 p.m. at the JCC. For more information call the Jewish Community Relations Committee at 427-2100.

ONGOING

Meet the Physical Therapist. Bob Catalano from Rehabilitation Consultants will be available every Wednesday at 12:00 noon in the JCC Fitness Center. For more information, call Suzanne Rodriguez, Fitness Center Coordinator at (302) 478-5660.

Young Jewish Singles of Delaware 20's and 30's. Weekly volleyball and dinner sampler after. For more information or to be put on our groups mailing list call Phil Gross at (302) 652-6688.

Jewish Heritage Video Collection. For more information, call Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

Volleyball. Every Wednesday, YJAD plays non-competitive volleyball outside on the sand court that is part of the JCC's Family Campus. If it is raining, we play in the gym. After volleyball, we go out to a local restaurant to schmooze and dine. 6-8 p.m. Cost: \$1 JCC members; \$2 non-members. Call Ethan for info at (302) 792-9375.

The Arden Folk Guild is sponsoring "Beginning International Folk Dance II" classes. Nine Wednesday evenings, beginning September 16-November 11, 1998. Including special evening of French music and dance, at The Arden Guild Hall, The Highway (just off Harvey Road), Arden, DE, 7:30-9:00 p.m. \$25. for the series. For more info call Donna at (302) 655-1247 or Jenny at (302) 762-2818.jv

The Brandywiners At Longwood Gardens

By PAULA SHULAK

For 67 years the Brandywiners have presented a musical comedy at the Open Air Theater in Longwood Gardens and 1998 was no exception. Opening night was hot and sultry and rain was not only in the air but falling during some of the second half of the show. Perhaps that is one of the reasons why this year's production of "Carousel" seemed so lethargic, almost in sync with the languid night air!

Longwood is a picture perfect setting for this show which takes place in and around a late 19th Century amusement park on the New England coast. Indeed the scenic designers had room to create a full blown merry-go-round on stage with plenty of room to spare. But, unfortunately, the acting and musical numbers which took place on that stage setting left something to be desired. Of course there were some real bright spots in the performance. Rebecca Buswell and Paul Weagraff sparked as the charming Carrie Pipperidge and Enoch Snow, when they appeared, the stage lit up from both their magnificent renditions of he Rodgers and Hammerstein music as well as their delightfully developed characterizations. On the other hand, Bob Castro as the swaggering carnival barker Billy Bigelow displayed a decidedly tired voice, obviously past its prime. And Nettie as portrayed by Barbara Blaser was a real disappointment. Her role should be one of the most stellar as she sings the lovely "June is Bustin' Out all Over" and the magnificent "You'll Never Walk Alone," and sad to say, it was anything but! The other characters (including Jennifer Page as Julie Jordan, Mardian Berman as Mrs. Mullin and Henry Newkirk as the villain, Jigger) were obviously talented, but suffered in my opinion from a lack of clear direction, both musically and in their staging. The

tempos of most of the musical selections were entirely too slow and most of the action was confined to simple repetitive movement designed more to lull the audience to sleep than to present what should be a fast-paced and heartrending story. Often, for example, scenes would be staged in shadow or limited to a very small portion of the abundantly large Longwood stage. It's almost as if the director took the easy way out in guiding his actors; the result, however, was uninteresting. The same lack of inspiration was notable in the way in which the chorus was used. What a shame when a director has such a beautiful canvas on which to display his art!

fortunately, there were a few exceptions to the above critique. As already noted whenever Carrie and Enoch took the stage, things improved. In addition, the men's chorus did a fine job with "blow High, Blow Low" followed by a clever Sailor's Hornpipe presented by the dance troupe. I cannot say as much for the children's ballet which lacked enthusiasm as did so much of the performance. Another problem which was all too obvious was that some of the characters spoke with a New England accent while others did not. There is nothing wrong with using an accent in a production of this type, but it is the Director's responsibility to make sure that either everyone or no one has such an accent.

All in all, the lack of interesting stage movement, long pauses between cues, slow musical tempos and a few lackluster performances combined to make this production rather uninspired and tired. That is a shame because the history of this fine organization, The Brandywiners, is one of which we can all be proud. Perhaps this was just an off year; I am sure we will see many more excellent productions at Longwood in the future.

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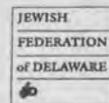
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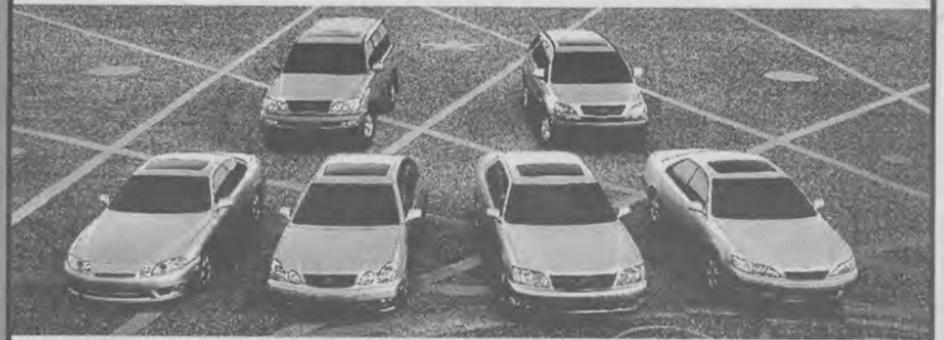
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