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Abbas' challenges mount

By Gil Sedan, JTA

Mahmoud Abbas may want to make the most of the rather intensive world tour he embarked on following his White House meeting with President Bush, as he faces grave challenges once he returns to Ramallah.

Both the Israelis and Abbas' own rivals at home have their own agendas, creating a difficult dynamic for the Palestinian Authority president.

Lack of progress on the Israeli track feeds frustration on the Palestinian side, and Abbas' failure to tackle Palestinian radicals reduces Israeli motivation to continue making goodwill gestures to bolster Abbas.

Since Abbas came to power Jan. 15, Israel has made a number of concessions, such as:

- * stopping targeted killings of Palestinian terrorist leaders;
- * releasing 500 Palestinian prisoners, and this week authorizing the release of another 400;
- * unfreezing PA. tax money withheld during the intifada;
- * making plans to give the Palestinian Authority control of the West Bank city of Jenin before Israel's withdrawal from the northern West Bank this summer; and
- * permitting several thousand Gaza Strip

residents to work in Israel.

But that's still not enough to satisfy Palestinian demands. The prisoner issue is the most crucial, as it affects thousands of Palestinian families. Some 7,000 Palestinians are believed to be in Israeli jails, and the Palestinians want them all set free.

Israel objects to freeing prisoners "with blood on their hands," that is, who have been involved in deadly attacks.

That dispute comes on top of constant bones of contention between Israel and the Palestinians - continued construction in some West Bank settlements, ongoing erection of Israel's West Bank security fence and the continued existence of roadblocks limiting Palestinian movement.

That, in turn, has intensified opposition to Abbas, six weeks ahead of Palestinian legislative elections scheduled for July 17.

Here are some of the expected hurdles ahead:

- * Abbas has said he won't honor his commitment to dismantle Palestinian militias, and instead will try to cajole them into disarming. But militia members are refusing to voluntarily hand in their weapons, and in some cases have clashed violently with PA. security forces.

One West Bank warlord, Zakaria Zubeidi of Jenin, announced this week that his group



President Bush shakes hands with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas at the White House, Wednesday, May 25, 2005. Credit: Omar Rashidi/PPO/BP Images/JTA

would not hand over its arms to the Palestinian Authority unless Israel ends its "occupation," stops Jewish settlement and frees all Palestinian prisoners.

- * In an effort to disable the militias with-

out confronting them, PA. Interior Minister Nasser Youssef wants to enlist some 5,000 new policemen, but most of them would probably come from the militias themselves.

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Aharoni puts a positive brand on Israel



Ido Aharoni

When you think of Israel what comes to mind? All too often it's endless bombs and violence. For the general American public, Israel is certainly not a place to visit, and they visualize the Palestinians and Israelis as Middle Eastern equivalents of the Hatfields and McCoys.

The Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Israel Committee of Congregation Beth Emeth are jointly sponsoring a special briefing to the community by Ido Aharoni, Consul for Media and Public Affairs of the Consulate General of Israel in New York.

Aharoni will be speaking on Thursday evening, June 16, 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth on "The Branding of Israel: New

Approaches to Israel Hasbara. Consul Aharoni will share with the community details of The Branding Project, and how it is utilizing modern marketing techniques to mold and shape the "brand" of Israel.

"We're all familiar with how when we think of certain brands whether it be cars, soup or airlines we often have certain attitudes or feelings about them. It should be interesting how this might be applied to Israel advocacy," commented Mark Wagman, JCRC chair.

Bob Jacobs, Israel Committee chair of congregation Beth Emeth added, "We need to change the image of Israel from that of perpetual violence portrayed in the media to one of a technologically advanced, cutting edge and dynamic country, in which the average American would enjoy traveling and studying, and perhaps choosing to reside or retire."

Ido Aharoni is Israel's official Spokesman in New York and is responsible for national and local media affairs and community relations. He became a member of of Israel's foreign service in 1991. Prior to his arrival in New York, he served as consul for Communications and Public Affairs at the Consulate General of Israel in Los Angeles and southwestern United States.

While in Wilmington, Consul Aharoni will be meeting with community leadership, and visiting with the media.

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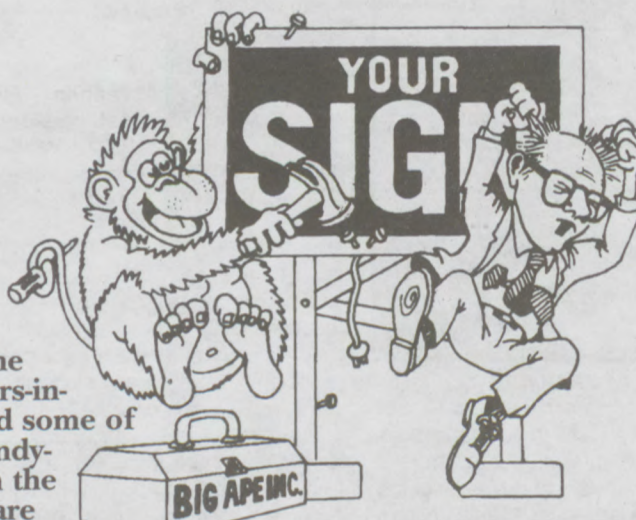
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Shavuot - A time for new beginnings



Samuel H. Asher
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Executive Vice President

On June 13 and 14th we celebrate the holiday of Shavuot. We rejoice in the spring harvest and are reminded that when we work with the Lord's blessings, we can accomplish great things.

It is also a time when we celebrate, again, the giving of the Ten Commandments at Sinai. We celebrate anew our connection to the Laws of Moses and our community.

We are guided by this spirit of Shavuot as we open new facilities on the Weinberg Campus. The Bernard and Ruth Siegel JCC is beginning again with a new health and fitness wing. Jewish Family Services of Delaware is beginning again with a new wing on the campus. Both of these facilities represent giant steps forward from their previous quarters. The JCC will be able to better serve its current members and broaden its appeal to new members thanks to the new state of the art equipment (you have to go and see the new wide screen monitors and fancy work out

machines to believe it). JFS staff can now counsel clients in privacy and comfort with ample space for the wide range of support groups and other programs that they offer to our community.

Later this year, the JCC's new Early Childhood education wing will open. This is also a modern, bright, inviting facility, which will better meet the needs of the youngest members of our community. This additional space will allow the JCC to significantly increase the number of children it can serve—Another new and important beginning.

Phase II of the construction is about to begin. During this remodeling stage we will focus on renovating such existing JCC facilities as the main lobby, senior lounge and babysitting room as well as the locker room, aerobics and yoga spaces and reception area in the existing Health and Fitness Center. Also slated for remodeling are Albert Einstein Academy and Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School (where young adults and their teachers can enjoy programming in an age-appropri-

ate setting).

You may be wondering how we can afford all of this construction. Wasn't there more than a million dollars left to raise in the Community Capital Campaign? Did a special donor arrive in Delaware that provided the last amount of funding?

At its last meeting, the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware approved "Plan 9" which states our commitment to completing the major renovations for this project. In so doing, the Board authorized the appropriate borrowing to complete Phase II. The renovations for our Weinberg campus are moving forward. We are all very excited.

Help us unveil the Wall of Honor at the JFD annual meeting on June 20 at the Weinberg campus. Help us honor the hundreds of donors who have helped to make this new beginning possible.

If you know of anyone who would like to help, but hasn't been asked, please give me a call. The more people we have on board the "new horizons train" the faster we will move forward.

Inaugural Book of Life event - Unparalleled success!



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Kathryn, Bob, Eric and Josh Pincus sign their family's Endowment Book of Life page next to Helen and N. Norman Schutzman.
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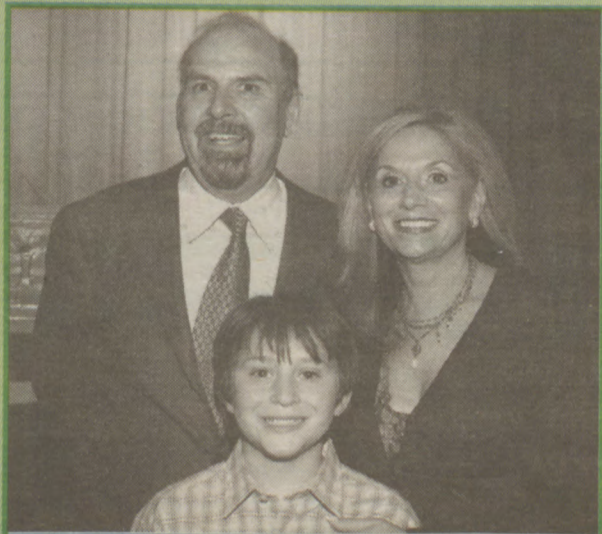


Stephen Herrmann, past president of JFD and endowment donor chats with guest speaker Lee Hendler.



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EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

Shavuot - Journeys cloaked in Torah

Shavuot, a time to celebrate G-d's greatest gift to the Jewish people—The Torah—has new meaning for me this year. In little more than three weeks, I will read from the Torah for the very first time as an adult b'nai mitzvah. Preparation for this special day has both arduous and awesome. I have learned basic Hebrew/letter by letter, sound by sound. I have studied cantillation marks and practice my seven line reading over and over and over again. I truly believe that many of my fellow SEPTA riders and several conductors now can chant right along with me!

I will be joined on the bimah by my three fellow spiritual sojourners. Each of us began this journey at different stages of our lives. Paul is a thirty-something Jew by choice who seeks a stronger connection to his new faith community. Edie is a grandmother, who grew up in an era where women were discouraged from studying Torah. Laurie and I are parents of teen-age boys. Both of us view this mid-life challenge as an opportunity to affirm our faith and demonstrate that Jewish education is a life-long adventure.

On Tuesday, June 7th, at 7:30 p.m., a committed group of adult learners will celebrate an important milestone—the completion of a two year intensive course of Jewish studies. The community is invited to participate in ceremonies marking the graduation of the Melton School Class of 2005. Come out to the Bernard and Ruth Siegel JCC and cheer them on.

Throughout the pages of this edition of *The Jewish Voice* you will find photos of confirmands from area religious schools. It is our privilege to spotlight these young men and women—the future leaders of our Jewish community.

May the divine light of Torah continue to guide us during Shavuot and throughout the year.

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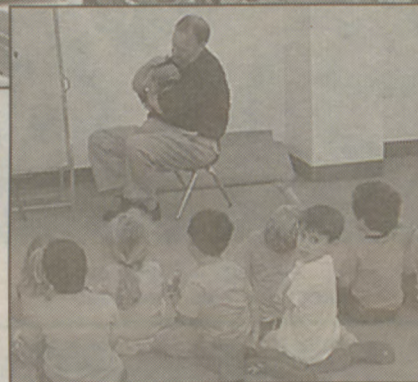
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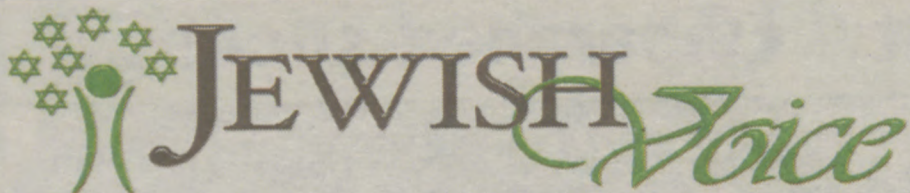
Photo of the Week



June 1st was an exciting day for two agencies on the Weinberg Campus on Garden of Eden Road. It was "Moving In Day" for the staff of Jewish Family Services of Delaware. Thanks to the tremendous support of the Community Capital Campaign conducted by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, JFS can offer counseling and support services in private, attractive space. Also on this date, the new and improved Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center Health and Fitness facility (top) officially opened its doors with state-of-the-art equipment. Visitors to the JCC on June 1st got a sneak peek at the JCC's new Early Childhood Center (right) which will open at a later stage of this exciting construction and remodeling project!



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PARSHA PLACE

Week of June 4

Bamidbar

Numbers 1:1-4:20

The Humble Hill

The Midrash says that when God was preparing to give the Torah, all the mountains stepped forward and declared why they thought the Torah should be given on them. "I am the highest mountain," said one. "No," said another, "I am the steepest mountain and therefore the Torah should be given on me."

One by one, they all stated their claims. But in the end, God chose Mount Sinai - not because it was the tallest or the grandest (because it's not, as anyone who's toured the Sinai Desert will attest), but because, says the Midrash, it was the most humble.

What is this notion of "humility" and what does it have to do with Torah?

First, let's clarify what humility is NOT. Humility does not mean a meek reluctance to speak up or be assertive. Humility is not slouching your shoulders and having low self-esteem. The Torah (Numbers 12:3) refers to Moses as "the most humble person who ever lived" — and yet he aggressively confronts Pharaoh, fights a war against Amalek, and stands up to castigate the Jewish people.

Humility is to know one's place. In this week's Parsha, the Torah describes the arrangement of the 12 Tribes in the Israelite camp. After a long description of who will travel first, and who will travel last, the Torah says: "And the Jewish people did exactly as they were instructed" (Numbers 1:54).

What's the big deal that everyone camped where they were supposed to? The Midrash explains that when God suggested the arrangement, Moses began to complain, saying, "Now there will be disputes between the tribes." Moses reasoned that once he starts specifying who travels in the East and who travels in the West, who is in front and who is in back, people will start arguing. If the tribe of Yehudah is told to travel in the East, they will say they want to travel in the South, and so forth with each of the tribes.

God tells Moses: Years earlier, at Jacob's funeral, his 12 sons carried the coffin. The way the sons were arranged around the coffin is the same way the tribes will be arranged in the camp today. In this way, everyone is already clear as to his proper place. So don't worry, God tells Moses, because when someone knows their place, there is inevitably peace and calm.

This applies to our relationship with God as well. The higher a person becomes spiritually, the more humble he becomes. As we get closer to God, we become more realistic about our own limitations, vulnerability and mortality. We internalize the reality that every human's position is tenable and only God is eternal.

Moses was called "the most humble" because when he stood before God he knew his place. Anything else precludes room for God to fit in. That's why the Talmud likens arrogance to idol worship; both push away the presence of God.

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MATTER OF OPINION

Israel Advocacy Today:

Savvy students aren't marching anymore

By Barry Silverman and Randall Kaplan

Parents are frightened, defense organizations are sounding the alarm, and community-based activists are in a state of near apoplexy over the alleged dominance of anti-Israel forces on American college campuses. In the past few years, however, there has been a quiet revolution in pro-Israel campus advocacy - supported by mainstream organizations like AIPAC, Hillel and the Israel on Campus Coalition - and savvy pro-Israel students have made stunning inroads at colleges and universities across the country, including those frequently depicted as most hostile to Israel.

Some have come to believe that today's pro-Israel students are silent, apathetic and even fearful. From our experience, nothing could be further from the truth. This generation constitutes the most confident and competent community of pro-Israel student leaders America has ever seen. What accounts for this staggering discrepancy in perception? The problem may be an outmoded system of metrics ill-equipped to gauge inroads made by sophisticated advocates in a radically transformed campus environment.

Today's college students grew up in an era defined not by '60s-style street theatrics, but by the entrepreneurial ethos of the start-up phenomenon. They spent their teenage years watching small innovative firms undermine giant industry monopolies through a mastery of new technology, strategic use of resources and a devout commitment to quality and efficiency. College students are the leading purveyors of these new approaches and they have found faster, more economical ways of getting a job done. Consequently, college students' approach to problem solving and

goal attainment tends to be more streamlined, agile and imaginative than that of their parents and grandparents.

Pro-Israel student activists are smart, focused and intensely results-oriented. They realize that "standing up" to Israel's detractors through zero-sum confrontations on the quad is more likely to alienate potential allies than engage them, more effective at securing short-term publicity than long-term impact, and subsequently constitutes a poor use of time and talent. The sharpest pro-Israel activists prefer to identify key sources of power and influence that will determine the strength of the U.S.-Israel relationship for years to come, and then invest the bulk of their advocacy in influencing those strategic targets.

It is also worth remembering that today's pro-Israel students reached political awareness in an era of transformational change: The Second Intifada, September 11th, and the Iraq War, came at them fast and furious. Acutely aware of the accelerating pace of history, they bring to their activism the start-up principles of ingenuity and effective impact. Savvy pro-Israel students approach their advocacy by first asking, with but 24 hours in a day, how can I employ my limited personal resources to achieve maximum political influence?

While Israel's detractors at the University of California, Berkeley make fellow students late for class by erecting mock Israeli check points on the main campus drag, pro-Israel activists recruit student government officials and other mainstream campus leaders to sign petitions expressing support for the U.S.-Israel relationship. When Israel's detractors disaffect the politically moderate majority of students by accusing the U.S. and Israeli governments of "neo-colonialism" and "imperialist

aggression," pro-Israel activists at Rutgers University engage College Democrats and College Republicans, volunteer on political campaigns, organize student lobbying missions and build enduring relationships with members of Congress.

While Israel's detractors at the University of Florida sponsor propagandistic "Palestinian Awareness Weeks," pro-Israel activists work with campus political leaders to compel the university to remove Israel study-abroad barriers. When Israel's detractors indulge in simplistic and distorted sloganeering about the security barrier, pro-Israel activists at the University of Colorado set up coffee dates with the editors of the campus newspaper for extended conversations about how the barrier saves lives and facilitates peace.

Pro-Israel students spend months, and even years, cultivating personal relationships with influentials on campus and beyond. They bring Jewish and non-Jewish campus leaders into the pro-Israel movement by inviting them to participate in national and international gatherings such as the AIPAC Policy Conference - which this year hosted more than 800 students from 250 campuses in all 50 states, including more than 100 student government presidents - as well as the Hillel-AIPAC Advanced Advocacy Mission to Israel and birthright israel program. As a result of these relationships, pro-Israel students are spectacularly positioned for success if large-scale mobilization is determined to be a strategic objective.

When an anti-Israel divestment resolution was presented to the University of Michigan Student Assembly, pro-Israel students rallied hundreds of supporters from all walks of campus life to publicly express their opposition. They organized conserva-

tives and progressives, blacks and whites, Jews and Christians to stand with Israel, and relied on their friend and ally, the Student Assembly president, whose systematic deconstruction of the case for divestment ultimately torpedoed the resolution.

Pro-Israel students at Washington University in St. Louis recently turned out 600 people for an Israeli hip-hop concert by securing the co-sponsorship of 50 distinct student organizations with whom they had established ties-including the African American, Latino-American and Christian Students Associations. Activists at the University of Iowa engaged campus political leaders beyond their traditional base by organizing a pro-Israel conference featuring two members of Congress, which was attended by College Democrats, College Republicans and student government officials from more than a dozen Iowa universities with little or no Jewish infrastructure.

These examples are not exceptional but reflect a national trend of more sophisticated pro-Israel campus activism. If members of our community have missed this phenomenon, it is because much of today's most significant and effective advocacy takes place under the media's radar at countless student government meetings, campus political forums and quiet conversations at Starbucks. If pro-Israel students "aren't marching anymore," it's because they've found a more effective way of getting the job done.

Barry Silverman is chairman of AIPAC's Leadership Development Committee and a member of Hillel's Scholars Council. Randall Kaplan is chairman of the Board of Directors of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life and a member of AIPAC's Board of Directors.

Shavuot reflections

By Teddy Weinberger

The celebration of Shavuot is an excellent occasion to reflect upon Jewish culture, Jewish identity, religious Judaism, and secular Judaism. I would like to start with the following question: How many secular Jews outside of the state of Israel will not be going to work on Monday, June 13 because of Shavuot? I would imagine that the answer is a number very close to zero. In Israel, the answer to this question is radically different because Shavuot is a national holiday. The only people working will basically be those involved in emergency services, and those involved in the food industry and in recreational activities. But now, instead of proceeding with my usual bright-eyed Zionism (where I speak about what it means to me as a religious Jew to be living in a country where my religious holidays are the country's national holidays), I want to ask: What is the import of the fact of Shavuot being a national holiday? That is, if one is not already a Jew for whom religious tradition means something, does it matter that the sixth day of Siwan is a national holiday?

In answering this question, we can use the following definition: To be a secular Jew is to pursue Jewishness by ethnic identification apart from religious identification. One's Jewishness is thus expressed through the food, music, languages, literature, and art of the Jewish people. It's been sort of taken for granted that Israel is the only place on earth where one can be a secular Jew. I am starting to wonder if this has any meaning any more—or ever did.

I'm now questioning the received wisdom that says that a person's Jewishness will mean something to him or her simply because of the fact that they live in Israel, simply because of the fact that, for example, the country closes down on Shavuot. It's now clear to many people

that evidence supporting this thesis is very sketchy.

Here is a test to see whether or not Shavuot is able to order and affect the experience of an Israeli Jew: If an Israeli finds themselves abroad, will it matter to them whether or not they celebrate Shavuot in some way? My hunch is that the extent to which an individual celebrates Shavuot will be directly tied to the religious elements and customs of the holiday that speak to them—studying Jewish texts, eating dairy foods, and rejoicing in "first fruits." If Shavuot in Israel typically consisted of a long vacation weekend at the beach, it's highly doubtful that an Israeli living in the United States will take off from work on Monday June 13, especially when they could have had their long vacation on Memorial Day Weekend. What this means is that Shavuot as a long vacation weekend only affects a person's experience like any long weekend that they might take. If the fact that it is Shavuot is incidental, then Shavuot does not affect a person's experience, then that person's identity as a Jew remains unaffected by this holiday.

Israelis who are concerned with providing some meaning to Jewish identity are gravitating toward the activities of the rapidly-growing number of organizations that encourage the exploration of Jewish tradition and culture among the general (primarily non-religious) Israeli population. Here, for instance, is what was on the billboard that greeted people upon entering my town on May 29: "The Center for Jewish Identity, in cooperation with Givat Ze'ev's JCC, invites you, kindergarteners and first and second graders, to a story and activity hour today at 4:30 p.m." I don't know what went on during that hour, but I and many Israelis feel that many such hours are needed all across the state, for all Jews of all ages.

Happy Shavuot.

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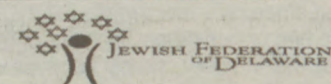
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INSIDE DELAWARE

UD Hillel programming reflects passion for Israel

By Susan Detwiler
Special to the Jewish Voice

"Who is strong? One who controls his/her passions...Who deserves respect? Someone who respects others." (Pirke Avot 4:1)

These verses from Pirke Avot have practical applications in all advocacy efforts. Being passionate is important. However, being able to control those passions and channel them into positive effort is a true sign of strength. By showing respect to our intended audience, we earn the respect – and ears, hearts and minds – of the public.

This is the philosophy that guides the Kristol Center for Jewish Life at University of Delaware (Hillel) in its pro-Israel programming. At this point in time, the University of Delaware is a relatively placid school. Our student body does not engage in heated public discussions, and there are no overt anti-Israel demonstrations intended to sway large numbers of students.

However, we who advocate Israel cannot be complacent. Because, without an external motivator, students express ambivalence about Israel. In the absence of a need to retaliate to outright attacks against Israel, students are open to the less confrontational influencers of the media and generalized anti-Israel talk. Yet, as it says in Pirke Avot, if we allowed our Israel passions to run uncontrolled, we would not be listened to. We would be viewed as disruptive and disrespectful of the students whom we most want to reach.

That's why the Kristol Hillel Center engages students with Israel programming that educates in a non-confrontational, positive way. We identify programming in which students are already inclined to participate, and use similar programs to disseminate positive Israel messages. This doesn't mean we avoid high profile speakers. On the contrary, the lecture by former Speaker of the Knesset Avraham Burg was



Israel programming is high on Hillel's agenda.

one of our best attended programs. However, the students who come to speakers like Mr. Burg are self-selected, already inclined to be pro-Israel. Our concern is as much with those who are ambivalent.

Frequently, the Kristol Hillel Center works with Blue Hens 4 Israel, the University of Delaware Israel advocacy group, to reach these ambivalent students. In the words of Dahlia Galler, president of BH4I, "our job is to make a positive case for Israel...by having positive pro-Israel programming which teaches and celebrates Israel's culture, politics and people."

Free food, great speakers

Blue Hens 4 Israel and Kristol Hillel Center jointly sponsored Amnon Perlmutter, advisor to Prime Minister Sharon, along with the Political Science and International Relations department and the Communications department. Joining this sponsorship were the Jewish Heritage Project, Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity, and Hillel Student Life. By creating a broad base of support, this speaker was visible to a wide array of students.

Free food is always a way to reach college students, so for Israel's birthday, BH4I had a birthday cake and free falafel on the patio of the Trabant Student Center. Almost 100 students stopped by to grab a bite to eat, and, by the way, learn about Israel's history.

In other programming, Hillel Student Life, one of the Kristol Hillel Center's student organizations, incorporated the Jerusalem AIDS Project into a social event. In order to participate in the event, students each paid \$5.00, with proceeds going to the Jerusalem AIDS Project. Scattered around the entire venue were 'palm cards' – 1/4 page sheets – with information about the Project, a Jewish-Arab partnership that works to eliminate AIDS globally, particularly in developing countries. Almost \$580 was raised at this event.

To reach students through their participation in fraternities and sororities, the Kristol Hillel Center works with the Office of Greek Life at University of Delaware. The University allowed fraternities and sororities to earn Diversity Points for attending the Yuri Lane Beat-Box show, "From Tel Aviv to Ramallah". Since the Greek houses have to earn a certain number of points to remain in good standing with the university, many students who would never have otherwise considered coming to an Israel event were in attendance. Yuri Lane's show exposed a hundred students exposed to a side of Israel that is not presented in news coverage.

Individualized programming

During the past year, the Kristol Hillel Center has tailored Israel programming to diverse student interests. Journalism students were invited to have lunch with Israeli journalist, Elli Wohlgeleitner. Students with an interest in outdoor adventures met with the leader of the joint Palestinian-Israeli expedition, which climbed the tallest peak in Antarctica. Pre-law and birthright Israel students met with Ethiopian Israelis who are now law students.



Hillel students participate in birthright Israel.

And, of course, birthright Israel recruitment is one of our most effective ways of getting pro-Israel information out to the public. Gavin Bernstein, our Israel intern, was a birthright Israel alumnus. As he put it, "I'd done some research in an internship about Israel, and just decided to go. I got my fraternity brother to go with me, and it was the most amazing experience." Once ambivalent about Israel, Gavin's positive experiences on the birthright trip, motivated him to spread the word about the program through kiosks, flyers, and emails. Even those who didn't elect to take advantage of the trip were received important information through these ever present advertisements.

Because Israel programming is so important to our work, the Kristol Center for Jewish Life at University of Delaware has created an Israel Programming Fund. Donors can designate their gifts to the Fund, which will help cover the costs of hiring staff to plan, execute and effectively market these innovative pro-Israel initiatives to our student body.

As it says in Pirke Avot, we must respect the students for who they are, and where they are coming from, so that they, in turn, will listen to us. By controlling our passions, and channeling them into effective pro-

grams, we gain the ears of our students.

Kristol Center for Jewish Life at the University of Delaware, a constituent of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, is a part of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, the largest Jewish campus organization in the world. It has served Jewish students on campus since 1948. There are approximately 1500 Jewish students at University of Delaware, between 8% and 10% of the undergraduate student population. The Kristol Center provides religious services and social, educational, and leadership opportunities for Jewish students on campus, and promotes an interest in Israel and the welfare of the greater Jewish community.

The Kristol Center's commitment to creatively empowering and engaging Jewish students, its long-standing dedication to building Jewish identity, while nurturing intellectual and spiritual growth in a pluralistic community, positions Hillel as a leader in building a stronger Jewish people and stronger Jewish future.

For more information about Israel programming on the University of Delaware campus, or the Israel Programming Fund, please contact the Kristol Center at 302-453-0479 or sdhillel@udel.edu.

Melton School Graduates ... celebrating life-long learning



The community is invited to participate in ceremonies marking the graduation of the Melton School Class of 2005. Graduation is Tuesday June 7 at 7:30 at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel JCC.

On Thursday evenings, these Melton students (top left) made time to study Jewish texts: (rear row) Joel

Tenenbaum, Steve Klein, Steve Jonas and Stuart Nemser.

In the middle are Lisa Voigt and Leah Tenenbaum. Front and center are Beverly Minsberg, Susan Crane, Laura H. Kramer, Donna Abed and Janet Rice. Fellow students Mary Klein and Keven Kramer are not pic-



tured.

Wednesday morning Melton scholars include (back row) Cheryl Kamm, Marge Maerov, Robin K. Saran and Judi Feinson. Also, (front row) Tammy Farr, Mary Pierce, Sheila Inden and Suzanne Grant.

Classmate Michelle Margules is not photographed.

INSIDE DELAWARE

Delaware Gratz celebrates its 36th Commencement



On May 19th, six young men and women helped Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School celebrate its double chai anniversary. Participating in this historic event are (from left) Steven Gold, Alyssa Adkins, Kareen Preble, Tracey Friedman and Brian Wexler. The Class of 2005 also included Alexandra Pistilli (not pictured).

Beth Shalom confirmands lead Shabbat services



On Friday evening, May 27th, Beth Shalom students who attend Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School helped lead Shabbat services at their synagogue. During this special evening, five students were officially confirmed. 26 students from Congregation Beth Shalom current attend Gratz where Rabbi Michael Beals and Hazzan Michael Horwitz serve as faculty members. Members of the congregation celebrated this milestone during a festive oneg following services. Pictured with Hazzan Horwitz and Rabbi Beals are: (from left) Jeremy Dressler, son of Susan Szabo and Robert Dressler; Ben Morris-Levenson, son of Karen Morris and Alan Levenson; Ross Rudnitsky, son of Donna and Stephen Miller and Steven Rudnitsky; David Walter, son of Rhonda and Robert Walter and Eric Rosen, son of Sharon and Jordon Rosen.



60 YEARS OF MINYONAIRES. Alex Greenfeld of Washington, D.C. was the first president of the Minyonaire program in 1945. Russell Rosenberg is currently president of the AKSE young men's program. Over 150 people recently attended a 60 year reunion of the program. This celebration was a part of the synagogue's 120th anniversary. Former Minyonaires traveled from across the country to celebrate this acclaimed program which teaches post Bar Mitzvah young men about Jewish prayer, traditions and topical concerns. The cake-cutting ceremony pictured capped off an extravagant buffet breakfast. Photo and Cutiline by Joel Glazier

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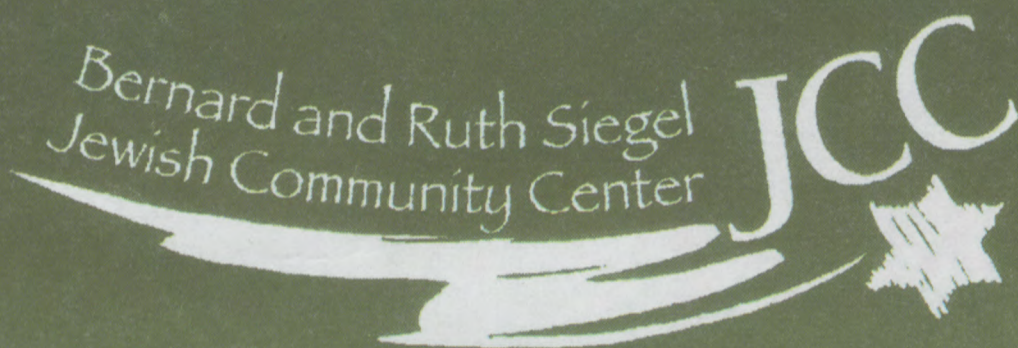
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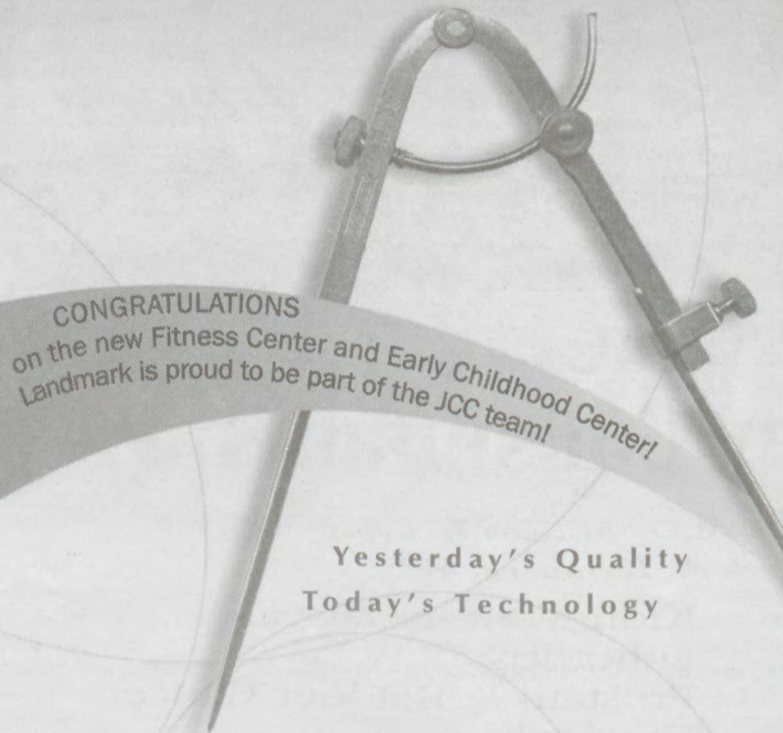


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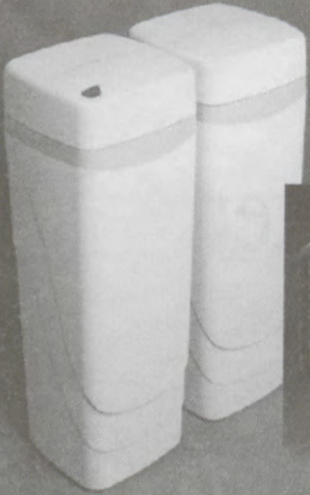
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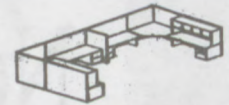
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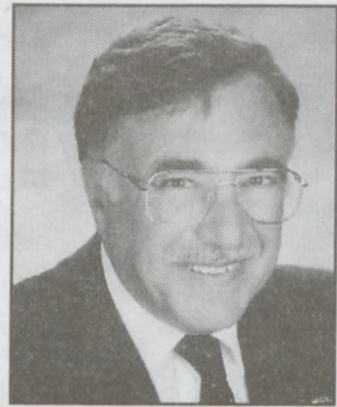


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Abbas' challenges mount

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Hamas, however, is refusing to cooperate: The Israeli daily Yediot Achronot reported last weekend that Hamas was training hundreds of Palestinians as a potential rival force to the P.A. security organs.

* Political tension between Hamas and Abbas' Fatah movement is rising ahead of elections, with growing concern that Hamas may win as much as 40 percent of the vote. Relations were further marred by disputes over the outcome of municipal elections already carried out in the Gaza Strip, with Fatah moving to annul voting in several areas where they fared poorly.

* Fatah is trying hard to defer the elections until next January — long after the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, which many Palestinians view as a victory for

Hamas violence. Hamas regards Fatah's machinations as an attempt to escape the verdict of the electorate.

The Abbas-Bush summit last week gave the Palestinian leader a tail wind as he continued to Canada and North Africa.

He was particularly encouraged by Bush's statement that Israel should refrain from taking measures that might predetermine future negotiations over the Gaza Strip, West Bank or Jerusalem.

But Washington pleasantries are one thing, and the harsh reality of the Palestinian territories is another. Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon are scheduled to meet in the next few weeks. The main purpose of the meeting will be to coordinate the withdrawal from Gaza, but Abbas will demand substantial Israeli gestures as well.

Yediot Achronot reported last weekend

that following the withdrawal, Israel will build a "safe passage" road between the Gaza Strip and West Bank, creating a sort of territorial continuum between the two parts of a projected Palestinian state.

Legislator Ephraim Sneh of Israel's Labor Party wrote this week in Ha'aretz that Israel, faced with the strengthening of Hamas, should do its utmost to strengthen Abbas. He suggested immediately releasing about 1,000 Palestinian prisoners, increasing the number of work permits to 20,000 and beginning a process of family reunification that would allow thousands of Palestinians to return to Gaza after Israel withdraws.

But some politicians, including Health Minister Danny Naveh of the Likud, argued this week that even the release of 400 prisoners was too much since Palestinians are still attempting to carry out terrorist attacks

and Abbas is doing little to stop them.

Sharon, who wants to broaden his base of support ahead of the Gaza withdrawal, appears unlikely to further antagonize the Israeli right. He expressed disappointment with the result of last week's Bush-Abbas summit, comments that may also reflect political constraints limiting Sharon's maneuverability toward the Palestinians.

"The Palestinians came out feeling no pressure to fight terror, and that they don't have to take immediate action," Sharon told members of the U.S. House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee who were visiting Jerusalem this week.

But Sneh argues that Sharon must show greater flexibility.

"Israel's choice is either a settlement with Mahmoud Abbas or a renewed war with his heirs, Hamas," Sneh wrote.



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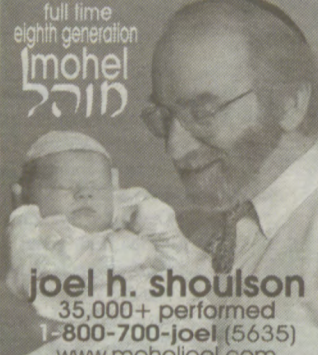
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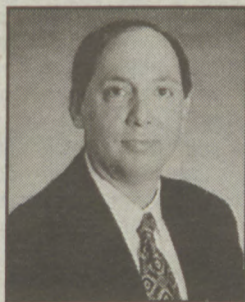


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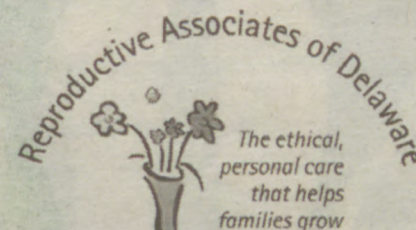
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LIFESTYLES

Ein Gedi provides an Oasis in all Seasons

By Joel Glazier

Spring in the Delaware Valley is marked by a remarkable array of flowers, colorful displays in yards, lush greenery from trees and even aromatic gardens in parks and wild settings. As the heat increases outside along with the stifling humidity, many people then spend less time outdoors in the hazy days of summer. In the dry, pollen free air around the Dead Sea in Israel, a world-renowned botanical garden grows year round for all to enjoy. Kibbutz Ein Gedi is home to not only one of the largest cactus gardens in the Mid-East but also is a setting for a resident community and a fully equipped hotel built amid the lush display.

"Tourism is the Kibbutz's main business, now," says Daniela Cohen, who works in the hotel's gift shop. She adds, "We have been hurt by the last several years' drop off in tourists and this kibbutz had been relying on



Daniela Cohen, welcomes all to Kibbutz Ein Gedi. She works in the hotel gift shop, where she fields questions about the Kibbutz's history. Her family is among the original founders and she is particularly fond of sharing information with visitors from the Partnership 2000 Community (Delaware and New Jersey).

such business economically." Kibbutz Ein Gedi also operates a spa on the nearby Dead Sea shore. Many visitors to Israel make a stop at The Dead Sea whose waters and black mud are believed to be beneficial for several ailments.

1300 years as a destination

Ein Gedi is mentioned as the place King David hid from King Saul. Additionally a reference is as timely today from The Song of Songs (1:14): "My beloved to me is a spray of henna blooms from the vineyards of Ein Gedi." Over 900 species of plant flourish on the grounds of the kibbutz and its Nature Reserve. Presently, Kibbutz Ein Gedi is an established home to 250 members and a popular tourist spot often for day trippers or missions who make the Ein Gedi and its Dead Sea Spa a must visit.

Beyond the group tour visitors a steady flow of northern Europeans have reveled in the area's special climate for years. "Some of the Scandinavian countries' health and welfare systems actually subsidize patients who spend several weeks a year at Ein Gedi for therapeutic treatment of skin disorders. The high mineral concentration in the air allows for several hours of daily sun bathing without harmful effects of burning rays, which are filtered out here at 1312 feet below sea level," explains Daniela Cohen, who also acts as a historical spokesperson for the kibbutz, which was established in 1953.

One does not have to be a specific treatment seeker to benefit from an Ein Gedi visit. Located in the Tamar Region, which is part of Delaware's Partnership 2000 Community, the full service hotel is actually a modern collection of individual cottages. Fully air conditioned, TV equipped, in room coffee, refrigerator, phone, and comfortable furnishing rival the best of the high-rise beach front lodgings of the Tel Aviv and Eilat sea side locations.

A unique feature of Ein Gedi is the opportunity to be housed within an International Botanical Garden. Birds in the morning and palm tree fond movement in the evening breezes replace bus, car, and crowd sounds. The world-renowned garden is comprised of plants from desert, tropical, steppe and Mediterranean regions including species referred to in ancient Jewish texts. A zoo on the premises features several roaming peacocks like those portrayed in the mosaic floor design of the unearthed 5th century Ein Gedi synagogue.



The Entrance to Kibbutz Ein Gedi is decorated with flags from the many home nations of its visitors. The large cactus garden greets visitors within its International Botanical Garden designation.

Regional Draw

The Ein Gedi Schools located in the kibbutz educate 325 children in kindergarten through high school. Many students are bused in from smaller settlements and kibbutzim in the Tamar Region. Elementary School Principal Ada Shamir remarks, "Our children had been used to finding a variety of young people from European countries who spent months on the kibbutz as volunteers. Sadly that international exposure is less now due to the sharp decrease in such volunteers from the European areas."

The Ein Gedi High School, offers opportunities of more exposure as students travel from distant settlements to attend the comprehensive school. Twice a year an *Ein Gedi* Newspaper is produced by the high school students, printed by the *Maariv* Newspaper. The Ein Gedi resident students walk to school each day, comfortable in their home surroundings of ample sweet spring water in the desert, a nearby nature reserve with wild animals, the cactus garden with over 1000 species and some find training at the 45 acre date palm plantation, located outside the kibbutz's garden setting.

Guests at the Kibbutz Ein Gedi hotel feast in the morning on a huge buffet breakfast, heavy on fresh produce and dairy products. The rest of the day can include a visit to the nearby Dead Sea Spa with mud covering, Dead Sea salt water floating, and mineral hot baths (massage treatments optional), or hiking through the nature reserve and its waterfalls. As evening arrives a bountiful buffet dinner (with a choice of fine wines) is served in the modern dining hall and guests can then star gaze under clear skies, read in public rooms, maybe attend a presentation about flora and fauna or kibbutz history or simply sleep in the bromide and oxygen heavy air that induces a different level of relaxation overlooking the Dead Sea which is the lowest point on earth.

Jerusalem is a one-hour drive away. The folks at Ein Gedi do not seem to miss the rush of city life. They all welcome visitors especially those from their Partnership 2000 Community. For many on the Delaware Valley, a visit to Longwood Gardens in nearby Pennsylvania is common for a surge of flower power and tranquility. Ein Gedi offers an opportunity to sleep among such flower power and tranquility.

Annual meeting of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home

At the April Annual Meeting of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, residents, staff and community volunteers came together to celebrate the many reasons why this

organization has so deeply touched the lives of our community's elderly since its founding in 1960. Today, some 90 men and women consider this Wilmington

skilled nursing facility their home and enjoy a wide range of social and recreational programming while receiving quality medical and rehabilitative services.



At the Annual Meeting, agency President Michael Rosen (center), Executive Director Karen Friedman (left) and Kutz Home Auxiliary President Iris Tocker share some smiles.



Michael Rosen visits with resident Phyllis Kraft (center) and her sister-in-law, Rita.



Esther Stieska, activity assistant, was named Kutz Home Employee of the Year.

HOLIDAY FEATURE

A Harvest of Shavuot Delights

By Linda Morel, JTA

No-fuss celebration: If you don't have the time to entertain people or organize activities for Shavuot, which falls this year on June 13th, simply serve a dairy dinner and remind the loved ones at your table that today is the day that G-d gave us the Torah. For without G-d's gift, there'd be no Jewish people at all.

Recipes from "Olive Trees and Honey" by Gil Marks.



HUNGARIAN GREEN BEAN SOUP

4 cups water
1 small onion, chopped
1 teaspoon table salt
1 pound slender young green beans, trimmed and chopped into pea-sized pieces
3 tablespoons unbleached, all-purpose flour
1 cup sour cream, at room temperature

1 to 3 teaspoons tarragon vinegar or fresh lemon juice

Drop of honey (optional)

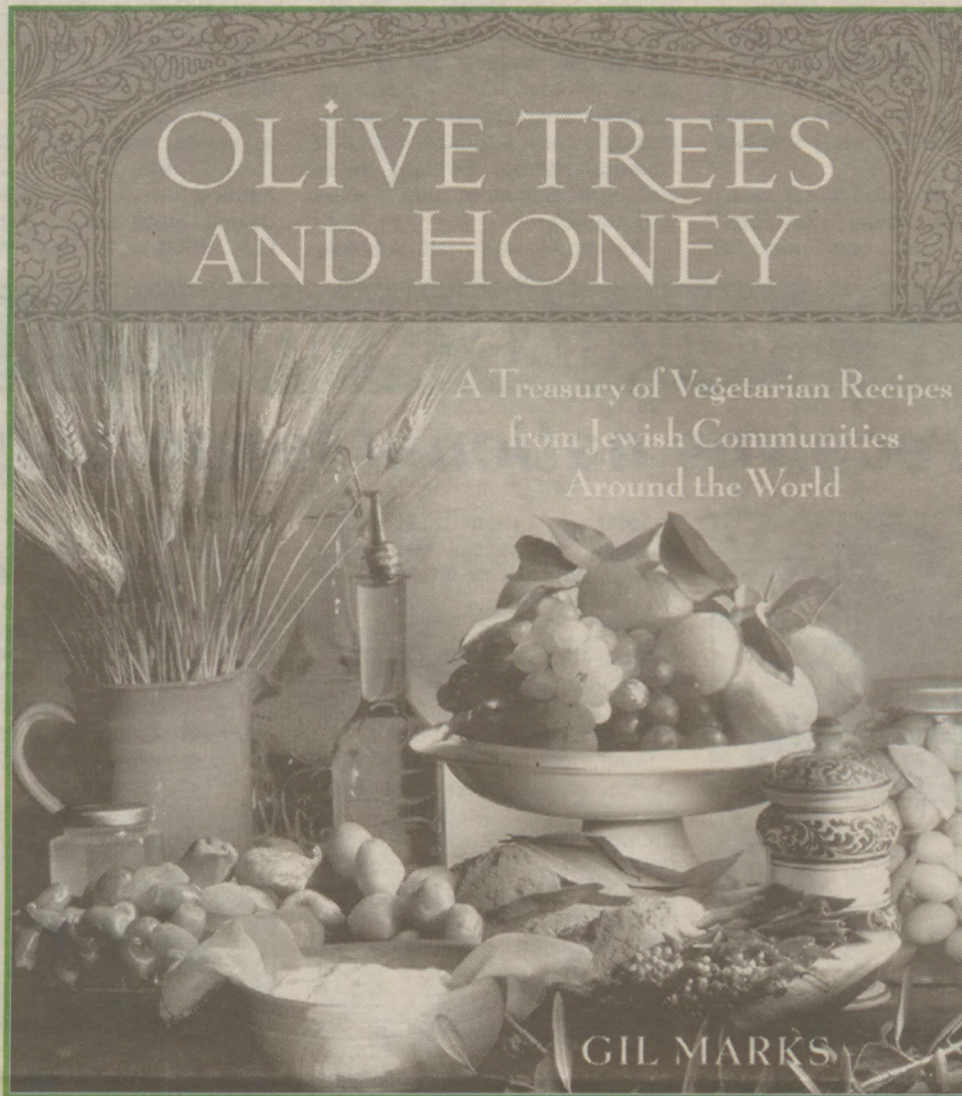
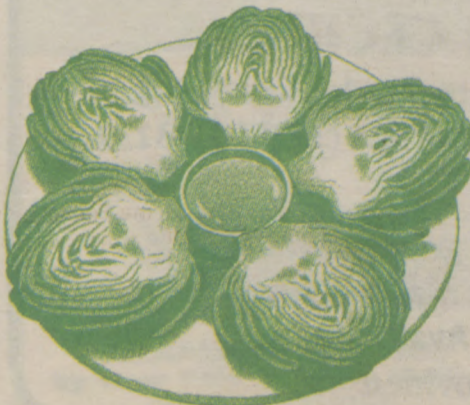
For garnish, chopped fresh chives or dill, or sweet paprika

In a large pot, combine the water, onion, and salt. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to low, cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Add the beans and simmer, uncovered, until very tender but not mushy, about 15 minutes. Remove from heat.

In a medium bowl, stir the flour into the sour cream. Gradually stir 1 cup of the hot bean mixture into the sour cream. Add the sour cream mixture to the soup, beating constantly. Simmer, stirring constantly, over low heat without boiling, until heated through and slightly thickened, about 5 minutes.

Stir in the vinegar (or lemon) to taste. If too tart, add a little honey. The soup should be tart and sour, not sweet. Cool to room temperature, then refrigerate until chilled, at least 3 hours. Ladle into chilled bowls and garnish.

Yield: 5-6 servings



SEPHARDI STUFFED ARTICHOKEs

1 lemon, halved
4 large globe artichokes

Stuffing:

1 1/2 cups fresh bread crumbs
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/4 cup chopped fresh dill
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 to 3 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon table salt
Ground black pepper to taste
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
2 cups water
3 tablespoons olive oil for drizzling

Squeeze the lemon halves into a large bowl of cold water and add the lemon shells. Cut off the stems at the base of the artichokes so they stand upright. Remove the loose, tough outer leaves. Cut about 1 inch off the top of each artichoke, then, using scissors, snip off the thorny tips of each leaf individually. Scoop out the fuzzy chokes with a grapefruit spoon or melon baller. Store artichokes in the lemon water. Drain well before stuffing.

Stuffing: In a medium bowl, combine all the stuffing ingredients and stir to blend. If the artichokes are tightly closed, bang to top of each one on a flat surface. Beginning at the top of each artichoke, spread the leaves open with your fingers as much as possible, then gently pack the stuffing between the leaves, then into the center of the artichokes. Do this inside the stuffing bowl so the excess falls inside.

Pour the 2 cups of water into a non-

reactive saucepan (non-aluminum or iron) large enough to hold the artichokes in a single layer. Place the artichokes upright in the saucepan and drizzle with the oil. Cover, bring to a boil, reduce the heat to low, and simmer, adding more water as needed, until the artichokes are tender and the outer leaves pull off easily, about 50 minutes.

Yield: 4 servings



IRAQI NOODLE OMELETS (Edjah Shiriyya)

1 pound broken angel hair pasta
6 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 to 1 1/2 cups grated or shredded muenster, cheddar or gouda
About 3/4 teaspoon table salt
Ground white pepper to taste

1 1/2 teaspoons caraway seeds (optional)

2 to 3 tablespoons oil or butter for frying, or more if necessary

In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook the pasta until tender but firm, 3 to 5 minutes. Do not overcook. Drain, rinse under cold water, and drain again.

In a large bowl, toss the noodles with the eggs, cheese, salt, pepper, and caraway seeds.

In a large, heavy skillet, heat a thin layer of oil or butter over medium-low heat. In batches, drop the noodle batter by 1/2 cupfuls to form 4-inch pancakes. Fry, turning once, until golden brown, about 2 minutes per side. The omelets can be kept warm on an ovenproof platter in a low oven for up to 30 minutes.

Yield: about 8, four-inch omelets

VARIATION: Middle Eastern Baked Noodles (Macaroni al Horno). Spoon the pasta mixture into a greased 9-by-13 inch baking dish and bake in a preheated 375 degree oven until firm and golden brown, 20-30 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before cutting into squares.

Yield: 6-9 squares

ASHKENAZI BAKED RICE PUDDING (A Creamy Dessert)

4 cups water
2 teaspoons table salt
2 cups medium or long-grain rice
1 stick unsalted butter
8 large eggs
1 cup sugar
3 cups milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 teaspoons grated lemon zest

About 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-by-13-inch baking dish.

In a large saucepan, combine the water and 1 1/2 teaspoons of the salt. Bring to a boil and add the rice. Cover, reduce the heat to low, and simmer until the water is absorbed, about 18 minutes. Fluff with a fork. Add the butter to the hot rice and let melt.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl beat the eggs, sugar and milk together until creamy, about 5 minutes. Add the remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt, the vanilla, and the zest. Stir in the rice.

Pour into the prepared pan and sprinkle lightly with cinnamon. Bake until golden brown, 50 to 60 minutes.

Serve warm or at room temperature.

Yield: 6-9 squares



MILESTONES

In Memoriam

BRODSKY

Jack Brodsky of Northcrest died May 18th at the age of 69. A graduate of the University of Delaware, he retired after 25 years of service as a revenue agent for the Internal Revenue Service.

Mr. Brodsky was active in the Delaware Jewish community as a

past president of the Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society and as a member of Congregation Beth Emeth. He also was a member of Oriental Lodge #27 AF & AM and the Delaware Consistory and Nur Temple Shrine.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Wilma, his sister, Diane Klein and his parents,

Morris and Nettie Brodsky. Survivors include his wife, Mary; daughters, Helena Kemp and Rebecca Salomon; sisters, Betty Edelman and Esther A. Schaffer; grandchildren, Madison, Zoe and Jonathan Kemp; George, Henry and Ayla Salomon; and nieces and nephews.

A funeral was held on May

23rd at Congregation Beth Emeth with a Masonic service immediately following. Interment was in Beth Emeth Memorial Park.

Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to either the American Diabetes Association, 100 West 10th Street, Suite 1002, Wilmington, DE 19801 or to Big Brothers-Big

Sisters of Delaware, Inc., 102 Middleboro Road, Wilmington, DE 19808.

SPRITZLER

Sylvia Spritzler, 89, of Wilmington, died May 28th. She was the mother of Janet and David, sister of Allan and Muriel Rutstein. Service and interment were private.

NACHAS NOOK

Heiman receives national leadership award

Tina Heiman, a past co-president of the Wilmington chapter of Hadassah, recently received the 19th Annual Hadassah National Leadership Award. This award pays tribute to members whose leadership accomplishments within Hadassah and civic, educational and cultural organizations reflect the Hadassah's commitment to the principles of voluntarism. Award recipients are selected by their peers and represent a wide range of achievements.

"Leadership often means taking risks, being able to face criticism, developing vision and carrying through a project despite all complications," said June Walker, National President of Hadassah. "Anyone who has dared to be a leader understands the challenges. How delighted we are to welcome Tina Heiman into the Hadassah family as the recipient of the Hadassah National Leadership Award."

Tina is the third generation in her family to be active in Hadassah. The legacy began with her grand-



Tina Heiman

mother Gussie Golden, whose name is on the original charter of the Wilmington Chapter. Second generation was Tina's mother, Cissie Golden. Tina learned well by their example.

She has served the Wilmington

chapter in many capacities. Currently she is the Fundraising Advisor, Northern Seaboard Region Web Master, and is a member of the Past Presidents Council. Tina has proudly passed on her family's leadership legacy to the 4th generation of Hadassah women-her daughters, Natalie and Aileen.

Tina, the owner of College Choice, an educational consulting business, is a graduate of PS DuPont High School, Goucher College and has a Masters degree from West Chester University. She has served on the board of directors of Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School and the Florence Melton Adult Mini School and is a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. She also serves as a parent outreach associate for the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth, and is the class volunteer for Goucher College.

She and her husband, Henry Heiman, have been married for 35 years.

The award was presented by

past president Cheryl Kamm at the Wilmington Hadassah Chapter annual Donor event on May 15th.

"Tina's past achievements have led to this well-deserved honor. She has earned this award for outstanding dedication to the development of leadership in Hadassah, for exemplary deeds as a leader, and for commitment to the Jewish

People and the Zionist ideal," she said

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Albert Einstein Academy students show athletic prowess

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Max Berger-former AEA student now at Sanford Bar David- AEA graduate now in 7th grade

BUSINESS PROFILE

Meet Praveen Patel: Bagel Maven

Praveen Patel never heard of a bagel before moving to Delaware in 2001. Now, the Indian native and his wife, Jyoti make bagels fresh daily as the owners of Manhattan Bagel, 3209B Concord Pike, Wilmington.

A college graduate who majored in Physics, Patel proudly displays the diploma he received from Bagel University in Eatontown, New Jersey on the wall in his store. "BU" is a two-week course run by Manhattan Bagel to help franchisees develop the marketing and food preparation skills they'll need to succeed.

While this is Patel's first independent business venture since moving to the United States in 2000, he has a strong and varied

business background in his homeland. He served for 11 years as an executive in one of India's largest banks and also ran a large paper mill.

Like most émigrés, Patel came to America in search of better economic and educational opportunities for his family. His daughter, a 19-year-old student at Penn State University and his son, a 15 year old who attends Brandywine High School, help out their parents in the store during school vacations.

Patel enjoys being in the "bagel business" despite the long hours and hectic pace. He describes his bagels (which also include a low-carb variety) as "the best in the State of Delaware" and stresses that they are made fresh every day

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From 1992 to 1999, Mr. Connolly was an Assistant United States Attorney. In that position, he led an 18-month multi-agency investigation into the disappearance of Anne Marie Fahey, press secretary to former Delaware Governor Tom Carper, which resulted in the indictment of Thomas J. Capano for first degree murder. He was cross-designated as a Special Assistant Attorney General to co-prosecute State v. Capano and won a first degree murder conviction. In addition, Mr. Connolly prosecuted the first federal criminal civil rights case in Delaware history.

From 1991 to 1992, Mr. Connolly clerked for Judge Walter K. Stapleton of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He has litigated more than 40 cases in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and prosecuted over 100 defendants for various offenses.

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This program is free and open to the entire community. Please RSVP to either Susan Goodman, at 529-0189 or Nance Brown at 798-7772.

JULY BRUNCH TO HONOR DOVER MAN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

The community is invited to attend a special Sunday Brunch on July 10th at 11:30 a.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover. The event will honor congregant Mal Gelof on the occasion of his 90th birthday. The cost is \$25 for adults, children under the age of 5 will be admitted free of charge. All food will be donated and ticket proceeds will help finance renovations to the synagogue, located at 340 North Queen Street. For additional information or to make reservations, please call 302-734-5578.

JEWISH WAR VETS TO HOST OSS MEMBER

The Jewish War Veterans of Delaware invite the community to attend an important program on Sunday, June 19, 11 a.m. in the B'nai B'rith Building, 8000 Society Drive in Claymont. The speaker will be Roger Hall, who served with the OSS during World War II. He has written You're Stepping on my Cloak and Dagger, a cult classic for spy organizations. Veterans, spouses, patrons and any new members are welcome.

SUMMER ISRAELI DANCE SESSIONS ANNOUNCED

The open Israeli dancing sessions are continuing in Wilmington, twice-monthly at both the Bernard and Ruth Seigel JCC and at the Arden Gild Hall. The sessions are led by Sharon Kleban and Howard Wachtel. Beginners are urged to attend the first hour; as during the second hour progressively harder dances are taught and/or danced.

Summer sessions at the JCC are: Sundays June 5, July 17 and

August 7. They run from 3-5 p.m. and cost \$3 per session for JCC members, students and Albert Einstein Academy families; \$5 for others.

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING ALL SUMMER LONG!

Arden Folk Gild dances continue the last Wednesday of the month, from 7:30 - 9:30 on June 29, July 27 and August 31. These are \$3.50 per session for Arden Club members, \$4 for non-members.

For more information, call (302) 475-3708.

SEASIDE SLATES JUNE PROGRAMS

While at the Beaches, join the Seaside Jewish Community for the following programs:

6-18 Saturday Shabbat Services at 10:00 AM at Seaside Jewish Community Center.

6-18 MOVIE NIGHT at Midway in Rehoboth Beach in private screening room. View "The Holy Land", a story about the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. Dinner, 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., movie and popcorn, 9:30 will be dessert and discussion. Cost is \$17.00 per person. Call Cindi at 302-227-1107 for reservations.

6-23 Monthly Discussion Group, 7:30 pm at Seaside Jewish Community Center. Topic, "Questions about Inter-marriage."

6-26 Seaside Jewish Community to receive its first Torah Scroll. Dedication begins at 1PM, at Seaside Jewish Community Center.

JFS WORKSHOPS WITH THE DELAWARE MONEY SCHOOL - FREE!

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ALSO AT JFS—Surviving the Pitfalls of Divorce. Presented by Carol Arnott, Certified Divorce Financial Analyst, Greenville Financial Group. Wednesday, June 15, 7:00 p.m. FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR NYC THEATRE TRIP

Join members of the Delaware Gratz Auxiliary on their Wednesday, August 24th bus trip to New York City to see a matinee performance of the critically acclaimed "Jewtopia" at the Westside Theatre. For details, please call Annette Chason at 479-0848.

SURVIVORS SOUGHT FOR NATIONAL REGISTRY

The American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, the umbrella organization for survivors in North America, is asking survivors and their descendants to please contact them by e-mail so that they can be added to the Ben and Vladka Meed registry at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and to the organization's email list. The organization promises not to sell any lists or to spam people. Contact AmGathTogether@aol.com.

JEWISH HISTORY MUSEUM SPONSORS FREE JULY PROGRAM
Learn how to care for, preserve

and safeguard your family heirlooms and collectibles during a July 26th, 1 p.m. free program at the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia. Don Williams, a senior conservator at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. and writer Louisa Jaggar, authors of the new book "Saving Stuff", will talk about their book. Following their presentation, experts from America's oldest auction house, Freeman's in Philadelphia, will be available to provide appraisals of fine jewelry, furniture, decorative items, books and manuscripts. Conservators from Philadelphia's Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts will also be on hand to discuss how to preserve books, photographs, letters and other family heirlooms. For additional information, please call the Museum at 215-923-3811. The Museum is located at Independence Mall East, 55 North 5th Street in the same building as Congregation Mikveh Israel, one of America's oldest Sephardic synagogues.

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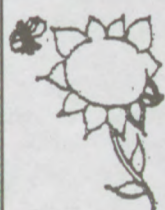


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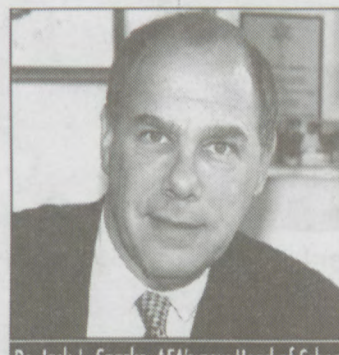
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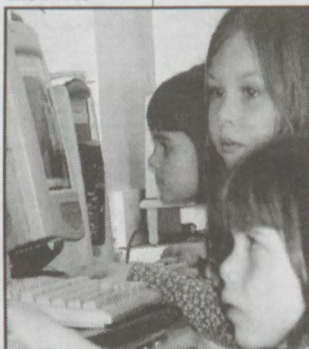
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