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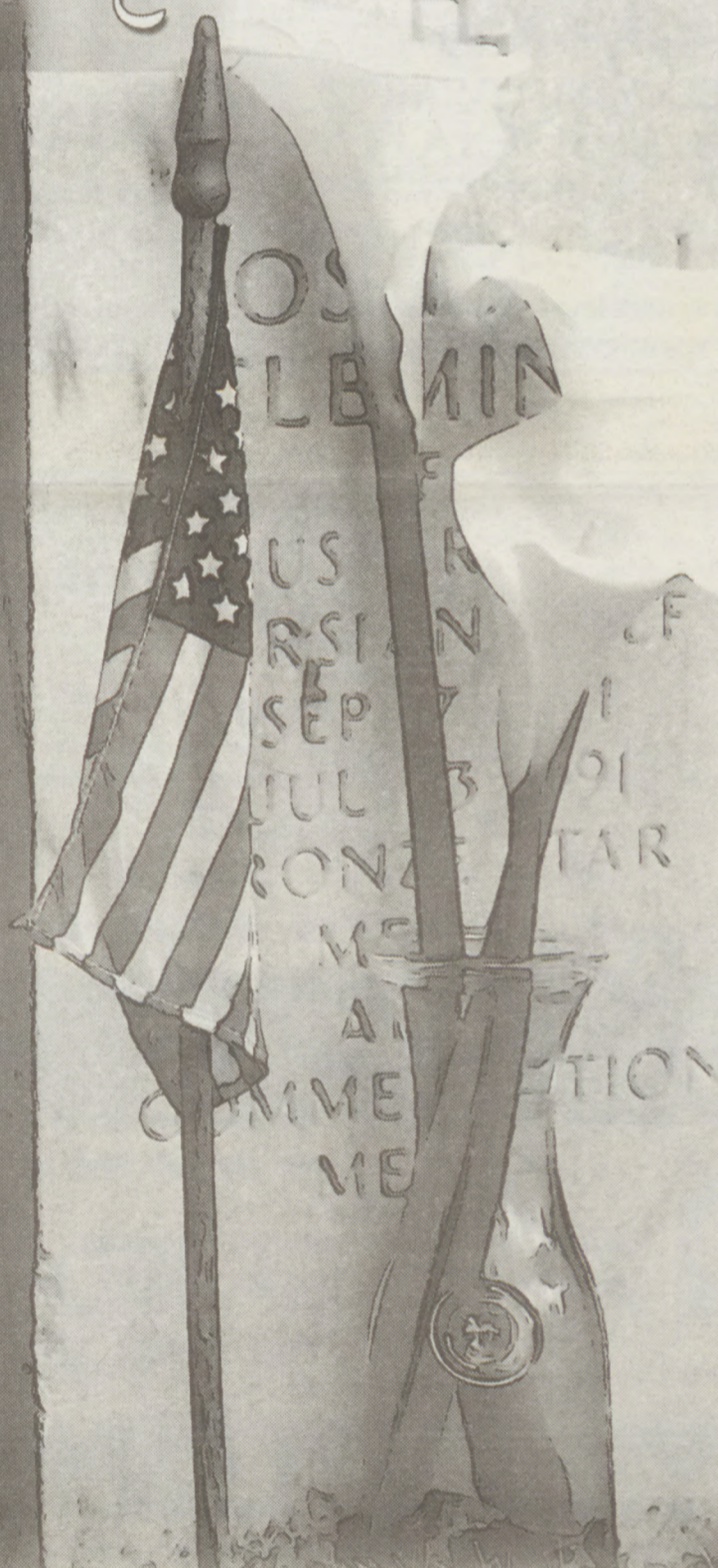
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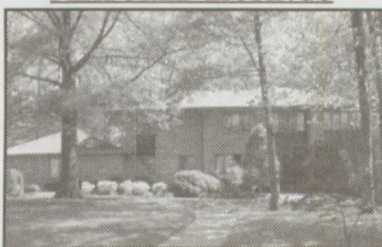


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EDITORIAL

A time to pay tribute

Last Sunday, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Delaware Division, held their annual convention. Arthur Samuelsohn, who served with distinction for many years as Commander, turned over the reigns of power to Myron Golin and his dedicated slate of officers. All have served their country with distinction during World War II, The Korean War and the War in Vietnam.

This small yet committed band of brothers bring comfort and support to their comrades in area Veterans Hospitals and lobby legislators to establish a Veterans Home right here in the State of Delaware.

Although their military service has ended, they continue to serve their nation through collections of food, clothing and other items that bring hope and sustenance to all in need.

During this Memorial Day weekend, it is particularly fitting to pay tribute to JWV members and assist them in their efforts to honor those Delaware Jews who lost their lives during World War II and the Vietnam era. Former Commander Samuelsohn

recently traveled to Dover to review the listings of those Jewish vets who are listed in the Book of Delaware History of Veterans of World War II 1941-1945. He could not find information on Nathan Burstan, Rupert Burstan, Charles Spiegel or Nathan Aerenon. He also is asking for assistance from Jewish Voice readers in securing data on Zane Glazer, who served in Vietnam.

If you have any information about these individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, please call him at 302-762-5519 or 302-762-6756.

At this time our thoughts and prayers go out to the brave men and women currently serving in the Armed Forces. May G-d watch over all of you, wherever you are stationed and keep you safe.

You are never far from our hearts!

Shabbat Shalom

Lynn B. Edelman

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JEALOUSY AND SUSPICION

Adam D. Fisher

What can a spouse do if he or she becomes suspicious of his or her mate? On TV dramas, people hire a private eye, but it isn't so simple in real life.

Numbers 5:11-31 in Parashat Naso includes a passage about a very strange ceremony that attempts to deal with the issue of jealousy. If a woman's husband becomes suspicious of his wife's fidelity and is consumed by jealousy, he may bring her to the priest, at which time she is made to drink a special potion. If she becomes ill, she is guilty: His suspicions are borne out. If she does not become ill, then his suspicions are unfounded. My teacher Rabbi Chanan Brichto (of blessed memory) taught that this passage was essentially designed to protect women against jealous husbands.

Once upon a time, long ago and far away, deep in the Carpathian Mountains, there was a village of ramshackle wooden houses where, during the fierce mountain winters, snowbanks would sometimes engulf houses and the narrow, unpaved streets became impassable. It was a Jewish village where the men cut wood from the deep forest and sold it to the sawmill for lumber. One of the lumbermen was Chaim, a huge man whose jet-black beard made him look even bigger. He inspired fear in strangers, but he was a gentle man who got down on his hands and knees to give children rides on his back.

One winter Chaim's wife, Sarah, became very sick and he was afraid to leave her alone. Since Sarah's good friend was Naomi who lived three streets away, Chaim asked Naomi to take care of her while he worked in the forest. When Chaim returned that night, Sarah seemed to be feeling a little better, having been cheered by Naomi's good humor and tender care. The snow was getting deeper and deeper and Chaim offered to walk Naomi home. As they were walking, the snow came up to Naomi's waist and she kept falling, so Chaim offered to pick her up and carry her. She agreed, and in a few big strides he delivered her to her door, knocked, and when Naomi's husband, Berel, opened it, set Naomi down safely inside the door.

Berel erupted in anger. "How dare you touch my wife?" he demanded. "It was bad enough that you were alone with her, but to touch her, to pick her up, how dare you? For all I know, you have slept with her." Chaim was speechless, but Naomi had a quick reply. "Don't be ridiculous, Berel," she retorted. "Chaim was very kind. He walked me home in this blizzard, and when the snow came up to my waist, I couldn't even walk. If he hadn't been with me, I'd still be out there freezing to death. You should thank him." With that, Berel threw both of them out of the house. "You are not my wife any more," he yelled. Naomi had no choice but to go back and stay with Chaim and Sarah. The next day, Berel went to Rabbi Nachum and told him the story, saying he wanted to divorce Naomi.

The rabbi agreed that it was unusual for a man to be alone with a woman who was not his wife, and, yes, it was highly irregular for him to touch another woman, let alone pick her up and carry her. On the other hand, Naomi had done a great mitzvah and Chaim was only trying to protect her in the storm. But Berel was adamant. He insisted that the rabbi write the get, bill of divorce, immediately.

Finally Rabbi Nachum said, "I have a way of finding out the truth. I will make a special, secret potion and ask Naomi to drink it. If she is innocent, she will remain healthy, but if she is guilty, she will become gravely ill. Berel agreed. The rabbi finally convinced Naomi to drink the potion. She did, and nothing happened. In the end, Berel apologized to her and to Chaim and begged her forgiveness for being a jealous husband.

It is unfortunate that we no longer have such a simple way of eradicating suspicion and jealousy. What we do have is what we have always had—a willingness to trust, the cultivation of honesty, and the requirement to act in a way that inspires trust. But sometimes when relationships deteriorate, there is the possibility that some wise person will intervene and help couples restore their trust in each other, just as the priests did in ancient times and as Rabbi Nachum did in our story. You might just be that person.

Adam D. Fisher is the rabbi of Temple Isaiah in Stony Brook, NY.

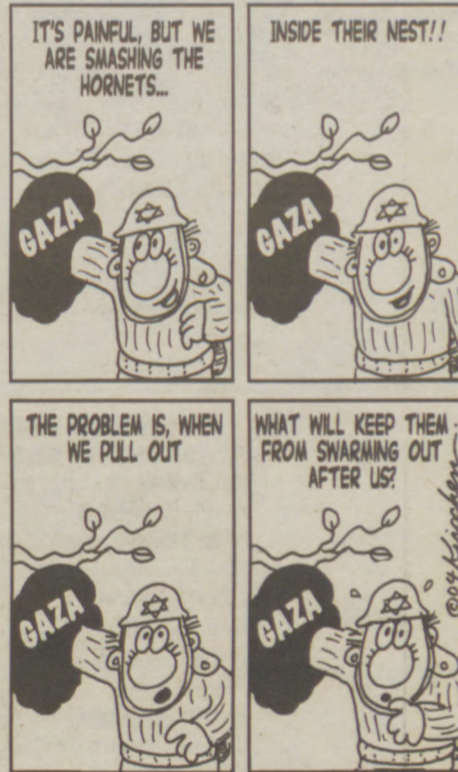
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FEDERATION FOCUS

Twenty-five Lions Attended the Lion of Judah Luncheon

Connie Sugarman, co-chair of the Women's Philanthropy initiative of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, welcomed 25 Lions to the Lion of Judah Luncheon held at Iris Tocker's home on May 18. New Lions received their pins in a pinning ceremony where a close friend of the new Lion thanked and welcomed her friend as a Lion

of Judah. The Lion of Judah was established in 1972 as a symbol to recognize a new level of commitment set forth by a cadre of donors that wanted to shape the future. Today, over 13,000 women throughout North America, Israel and through Keren Heyesod proudly wear their Lion of Judah pins to declare their commitment to the

preservation and growth of the worldwide Jewish community. Through the efforts of the Women's Philanthropy committee, the Jewish Federation of Delaware has grown from 34 Lions to 50 during the last two annual campaigns. Women's Philanthropy started a multi-year Lion of Judah program to help women plan their pledge over 2-3

years. The multi-year program allows a woman to look at her pledge and plan increases to become a Lion in dollar increments that she is comfortable with. For additional information in this program contact Jennifer Young, Endowment & Women's Philanthropy Director at 302-427-2100 x19.



New Lions pictured (left to right) Ellen Wagner, Wendy Shlossman, Michelle Margules, Michelle Engelmann, and Eve Slap. Other 2004 new Lions in attendance: Rhoda Dombchik and Robin Saran.



Iris Tocker's home was the location for the Lion of Judah luncheon



2003 new Lion Carole Bakst (right) was pinned by Andrea Levine



Caryl Marcus Stape, our first 2005 Lion, was pinned by Wendy Berger (right)



Toni Young announced her Lion of Judah Endowment, pictured with Women's Philanthropy co-chair Connie Sugarman (right)

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Pledges are in essence what make our community function. They fuel our annual campaign, our agencies and most importantly our allocations process. The simple act of pledging creates an effect similar to the ripples created from a drop in a bucket. The bucket in this case is our allocations process which is run by our Allocations Committee.

The Allocations Committee is comprised of various dedicated community members who have all of our best interests in mind. They are charged with the responsibility of assisting the Federation and agency staff in assessing and addressing the needs of our community.

Allocations to our constituent agencies are made based on our annual campaign's progress...the dollar value of pledges received. To that end it is incredibly important for everyone to make their pledge to the annual campaign before the first allocations meeting is June 2nd. This will allow us to make a more accurate estimation of how much funding each agency will receive.

Our goal is to have \$1.4 million into the annual campaign before this meeting. Our annual campaign currently stands at \$1.364 million. Please make your pledge today or by June 2nd.



Todd Polikoff
Campaign Director

DELAWARE CELEBRATES ISRAEL

Delaware celebrates Israel!

The rain did not dampen the spirits of Delaware Jews who turned out for a recent Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration at the Wilmington Jewish Community Center. There were programs, activities and products to delight the senses including: delicious Israeli food; beautiful arts and crafts from Israeli vendors; spirited dancing; boisterous singing; thought-provoking dialogue and much, much more. The Jewish Federation of Delaware and the JCC co-sponsored the May 19th event with support from Albert Einstein Academy, Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation, Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware, Congregation Beth Emeth, Congregation Beth Shalom, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Hadassah, Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Committee, Hillel at the University of Delaware, Jewish Family Service, Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Newark JCC, NCJW, Temple Beth El of Newark and Women's American ORT, Brandywine Chapter.



Jack McGough (left) was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his "Tireless efforts to educate and enlighten the public about the Holocaust and for his commitment to the State of Israel." McGough, a former Catholic seminarian, has served on the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and is a popular teacher of the Holocaust at the University of Delaware's Academy of Life-Long Learning. Sharing in the presentation is McGough's colleague, Dr. Leonard Cook.

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INSIDE DELAWARE

Ellen Bernhardt Gives U.S. Senate Invocation

By Joel F. Glazier

On May 20, 2004, the day after the Delaware Jewish Community's celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) and also Yom Yerushalayim, Delaware's Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, headmaster of Albert Einstein Academy, gave the invocation at the start of the business day for the United States Senate in Washington, DC. "G-d, Creator of the Universe, source of all goodness and mercy, we thank You for the bounty that is ours in this world... We come from many backgrounds and ancestries... bound together in these great United States..." The short, poignant opening prayer preceded the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bernhardt's family and several members of the Delaware Jewish community viewed the proceedings from the Senate Gallery, as all listened. "...We beseech you to give strength and wisdom to our Senators... And let us all say, Amen."

Senator Biden's tribute

"Delaware is a small state and everyone seems to know everyone else. We go to each other's

events...are affected by each other's losses. Sometimes the closeness gets us in trouble, but I would not change it for the world." Biden has represented Delaware in the Senate for almost 32 years and he mentioned that Bernhardt is only the 5th guest Chaplain he had invited from Delaware.

Biden continued, "It has been a pleasure visiting [Einstein Academy] on a number of occasions. Bernhardt's dedication, talent, faith and deep abiding commitment to her students and her work in my State has touched many people in our community. For that, we are all very grateful. I am proud to share the floor with the rabbi today."

Biden referred to his personal connection with Rabbi Bernhardt as a quintessential example of the nature of the State of Delaware. "I went to St. Helena's for grade school and everybody hung out in your father's nearby drugstore. I know the rabbi grew up over the drugstore." The Senator added that he and Bernhardt shared learning from the late Delaware Rabbi Leonard Gewirtz from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. "Leonard

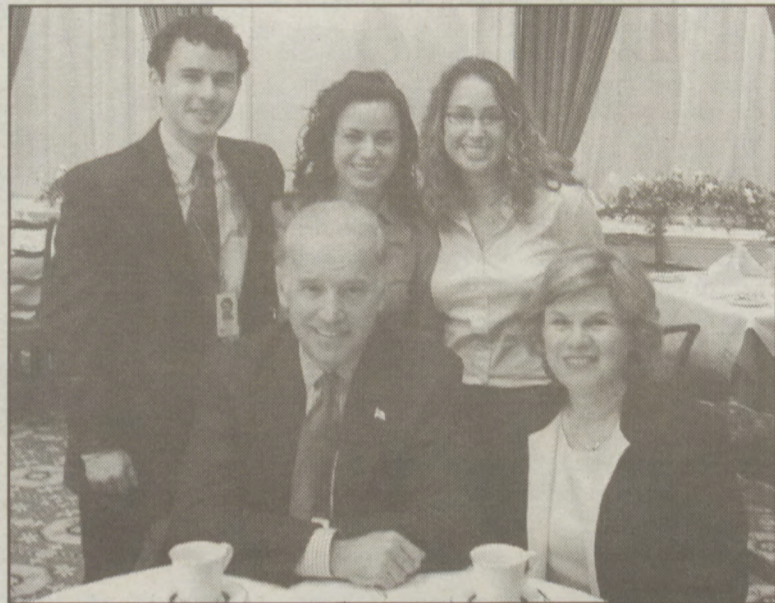
Gewirtz, I refer to as "my rabbi". He was my first tutor—literally because of my interest in theology and the Holocaust. Ellen will tell you he is part of the reason she decided to become a rabbi."

Biden did not mince words (all of which are dutifully recorded in the Congressional Record) referring to Gewirtz as "a great man, who was proud of this country and who is truly missed." Looking at Rabbi Bernhardt, Biden added, "To have you here, I am sure, he [Gewirtz] is smiling and proud."

"You have good blood"

The Senator pointed out that he and Bernhardt were products of their parents' upbringing. He mentioned how Ellen's grandparents came to the U.S. by way of Ellis Island and her father, Herman Gordon, heroically served in the Army Air Corps. "His plane was shot down and as a Jew, he became a POW in Germany for 9 months, part of which was spent on a "death march". He hopes future generations develop an appreciation for the sacrifices of so many Americans.

Rabbi Bernhardt sat teary eyed at times as Senator Biden praised



RABBI BERNHARDT GOES TO WASHINGTON: Senator Joseph Biden and Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt (front row) enjoy a celebratory lunch in the "Senator's Only" Dining Room in the Capitol Building. Kveling in the honor of their mom being asked to lead the opening prayer of the recent Senate session are Rabbi Bernhardt's children Josh, Idit, and Elana Romirowsky.

and remembered her parents and her work. "I still find it hard to believe this happened to me. Words cannot express how moved I was—finding myself in the Senate as a second generation Jew delivering a prayer," she said later to family and friends from Delaware who had

attended the opening of the U.S. Senate that day in Washington.

(The complete text of the invocation and of Senator Biden's remarks can be found in the Congressional Record. On the internet it is accessible at <http://thomas.loc.gov> and click on May 20, Senate.)

Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah is 75 years young!

Barbara Yalisove, chairman and Helen Schutzman and Deane Kattler, co-chairmen have planned a memorable tribute to honor Wilmington Hadassah's proud history of service and accomplishment in Israel and around the world.

Long before the State of Israel became a reality, Hadassah tended the sick, rescued the children of Europe, built institutions and contributed to the development of a modern viable democracy in the

midst of great turmoil. "Our Wilmington Chapter was there filling quotas through Donor luncheons and rummage sales, educational programs and many special events," said Yalisove.

On Monday, June 7th, 2004 at 7:00 PM at Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W.Lea Boulevard, Wilmington, we will celebrate this milestone event in the life of Wilmington's Jewish community. The entire community is invited to

enjoy the many creative exhibits of memorabilia of the organization's past collected from the archives of the Jewish Historical Society and contributed by many members.

As part of the celebration, Hadassah will honor all past Presidents, recent Life Members and Hadassah Associates, and install the new officers for Hadassah's 76th year.

Don't miss this special evening of nostalgia and warm reminiscences.



HADASSAH MYSTERY PHOTO: Help us to identify these lovely ladies (circa 1940). We believe that they are attending a Junior Hadassah function. Come to the Hadassah Birthday celebration on June 7th to see an enlargement of this photo and add to our list of "who's who" in the picture!



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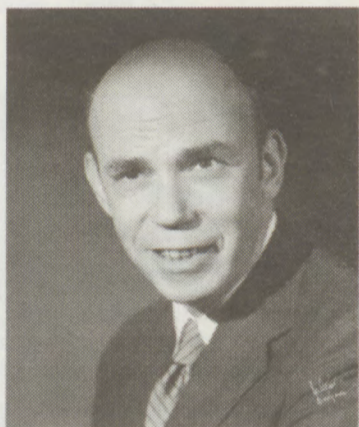
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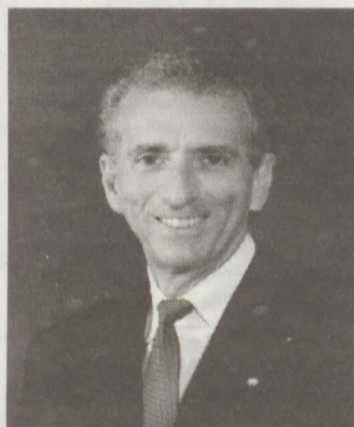


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John J. Loftus is an international advisor on Nazi prosecution and author of several books and articles. During the Carter and Reagan administrations, Attorney John Loftus was a prosecutor with the Justice Department's Nazi War Crimes Unit. There, he discovered Top Secret documents revealing that the Nazis he had been assigned to prosecute were working for NATO intelligence. He resigned from the Justice Department and exposed the shocking Nazi scandal on an Emmy Award winning segment of 60 Minutes.

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*The Jewish Federation of Delaware welcomes those who would like to connect
with the Jewish Community and encourages the participation of interfaith
families, couples and significant others in all of its activities.*

Hadassah wants to get out the vote

Wilmington Hadassah is joining hundreds of Hadassah chapters nationwide in a voter registration drive aimed at encouraging more women and more members of the Jewish community to participate in the civic process. Hadassah will register voters at various locations throughout the summer and fall.

Members of the community who are interested in serving as temporary registrars of voters and participating in this voter challenge must be trained and certified before they can sign up new voters. The Delaware Board of Elections will conduct a training session at the JCC on Thursday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m.

"Most Americans don't realize that nearly 35 percent of the eligible women and 25 percent of the eligible Jews in the county are not registered to vote," said Hadassah National President June Walker. "Hadassah is taking action to help give these under-represented groups a voice."

The Hadassah Voter Challenge is a national, non-partisan voter registration and turnout campaign held every four years. The first time the drive was held in 1996, Hadassah registered 5,000 new voters.

History shows that just a few individuals can make a difference in the outcome of an election. In 2000, George W. Bush was elected President by winning the state of Florida with just 537 votes. In 1994, U. S. Rep. Sam Gejdenson (D-CT) was re-elected to Congress by only a 21-vote margin. In 1960, one vote per polling site could have elected Richard Nixon rather than John F. Kennedy.

For further information, or to sign up for the training, please contact Dina Lipschultz, 762-4341 or dina.lip@verizon.net.

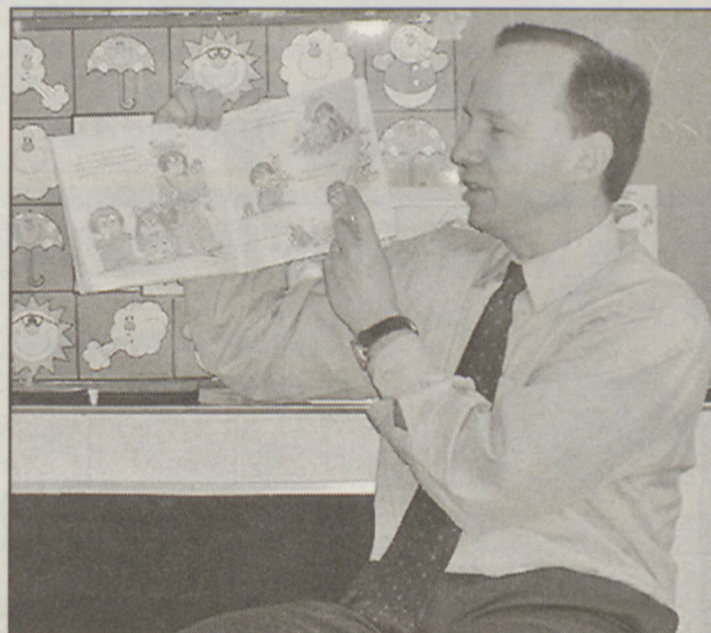
State treasurer visits Albert Einstein Academy

Delaware State Treasurer Jack Markell visited the kindergarten students of Albert Einstein Academy last week to promote his "Read: Using Your Library as an Investment in Your Library" program. It is Markell's goal to visit every elementary school in the state of Delaware.

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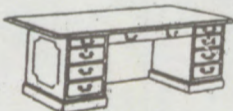
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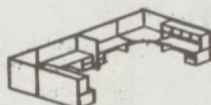
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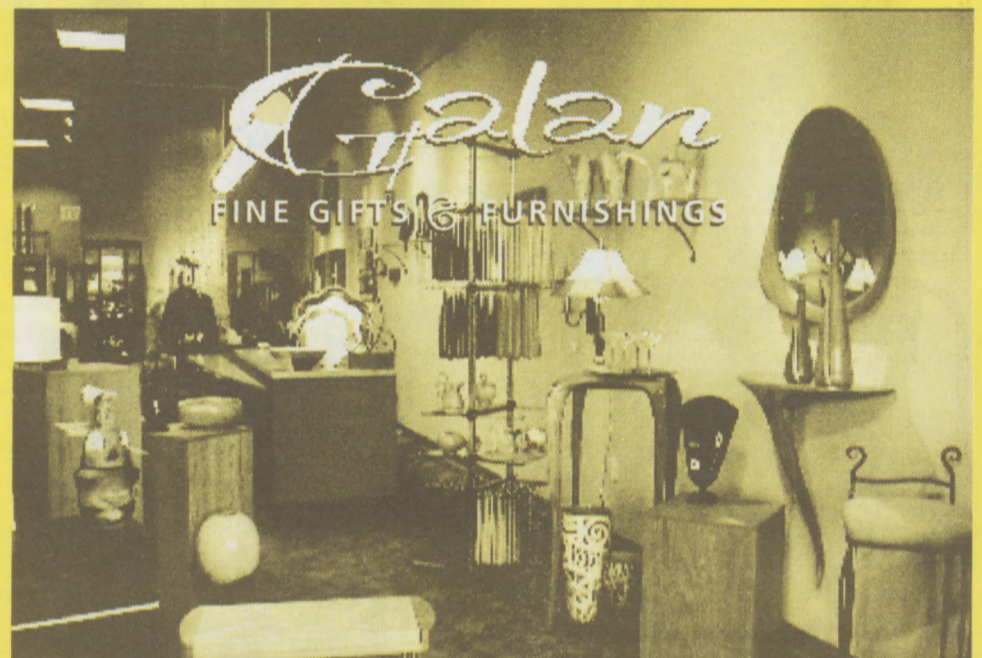


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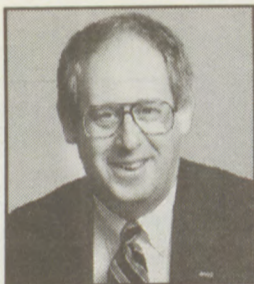
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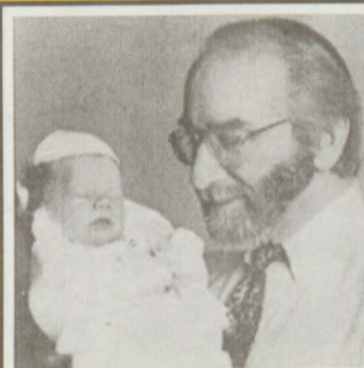
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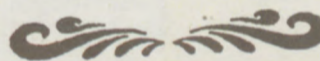


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PERSPECTIVES

Tackling the post-Bar Mitzvah dropout

By Joe Berkofsky, JTA

Afternoons this past school year often found teenager Ross Weissman tutoring sixth-graders in Hebrew or leading third-graders in prayer.

Weissman, 18, and many of his friends became mentors for younger children at Congregation Beth Am Israel in Penn Valley, Pa., a Conservative synagogue whose religious school allows teens from eighth to 12th grades to earn high school credits or get paid for being "madrichim," or counselors, between their Bar and Bat Mitzvah and the end of high school.

"If you work toward the goal of a Bar Mitzvah, then that's it," Weissman says. "But after Bar Mitzvah you can still have that connection with your friends, and you're still part of the congregation. I was able to foster my connectedness with Judaism."

Weissman is the product of one of several campaigns in the Jewish community to combat, and even reverse, a longtime tendency among young people to drop off the Jewish radar after their Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

With studies showing about half of children in the non-Orthodox religious denominations forgo any formal religious education after Bar Mitzvah age, these efforts signal new hope that organized American Jewry may hold onto their young.

The issue has particular resonance at this time of year, because Shavuot, observed Wednesday and Thursday of this past week, is when many Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist congregations held confirmations for their 10th- or 11th-graders.

The confirmation ceremony,

coming on the holiday that celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, gives teenagers the opportunity to affirm their commitment to Jewish life.

Synagogues "cannot rely on the notion that kids will remain with us simply because their parents pressure them to or because they want to retain their Jewish education," says Rabbi David Wirtschafter, associate rabbi of Peninsula Temple Shalom in Burlingame, Calif.

"We have to create another reason beyond that."

Until recently few such choices existed.

Though day school ranks have mushroomed in the past decade or so, to nearly 200,000 students, the majority of whom are Orthodox, the vast majority of Jewish youths involved in Jewish education faced one path—Hebrew school, now often called congregational or religious school.

The most recent National Jewish Population Survey found that a majority of Jewish children receive some type of Jewish education.

At the same time, studies of the non-Orthodox streams show evidence of the post-Bar Mitzvah exodus. A 2000 longitudinal study by Barry Kosmin and Ariela Keysar called "Four Up," for the Ratner Center of the Jewish Theological Seminary, followed Conservative movement students since 1995 and found only half stayed in religious school through 12th grade.

Similarly, a representative sampling of Boston-area Jewish teens in Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist synagogue schools in 2000 by the Cohen

Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University found that participation dropped as teens grew older.

According to the study, participation dropped from 86 percent in 7th grade; to 72 percent in 8th and 9th grades to 69 percent in 10th and 11th grades, to 56 percent by 12th grade.

In addition, Reform movement surveys, conducted randomly and of communally active teens, found that within 18 months after Bar and Bat Mitzvah, 50 percent of those teenagers stop participating in educational programs, while by the end of high school only 15-20 percent of teens are involved, says Rabbi Andrew Davids, co-director of the youth division of the Union for Reform Judaism.

The Brandeis study suggested that parental influence plays a big role on that decline, and Davids agrees.

"So many parents had an unfulfilling experience, so they feel while the Bar or Bat Mitzvah is an obligation, once that obligation is fulfilled, they're released from any responsibility," Davids says.

Efforts to get young Jews to feel part of the community, however, seem to be bearing early fruit, though no one has yet researched their influence on a national scale.

Cyd Weissman, whose son participated in the Beth Am Israel's "madrichim" program, was for a decade director of the suburban Philadelphia congregation's school and found that effort yielded an 85 percent retention rate from ages 13 on.

"Eight years ago we had two or three kids in a confirmation class;

now we have 25," she says.

The idea was to take older students and have them help younger students in areas they excelled at, whether it was Torah or arts and crafts, she said. In the process, relationships sprung up between the generations, in a Jewish setting, and connections were made.

"The whole frame for Jewish education is, you have learning with meaning, in a nurturing, caring context; you start when kids are younger and you build on that when they're older," she says.

Now Weissman is working with 20 non-Orthodox synagogues in the New York area on a project called "Re-Imagine," for the Experiment in Congregational Education. In it, each synagogue is asked questions such as what role family and community plays, and what's the connection between learning and living.

The Reform movement is also launching new, informal methods of Jewish education outside of congregational school classrooms and youth groups but inside synagogues. These "alternate doors" to Judaism include teen healing services; rap groups or Jewish theater, Davids says.

In one rural Northern California synagogue, students are overhauling an old car, then debating the Jewish view of tzedakah, with a view toward selling the car and donating the proceeds, or the car itself, to a charity, says Rabbi Laura Novak Winer, director of youth and informal education for the movement's Pacific-Central-West region.

At Temple Shalom, just south of San Francisco, students since last fall

have been taking Stanley Kaplan preparatory tests for the college board SAT exams. They'd warm up by picking out key vocabulary words from each week's Torah portion, doing the movement's new "10 Minutes of Torah" study first.

The idea is to get teens involved in areas they already consider important, then envelop the activity in a Jewish setting in a form of "soft sell," Wirtschafter says.

"We're not going to throw hardcore Bible or Talmud or history studies at them. The first step is getting them back in the door," he says.

But Rabbi Ed Feinstein, of the Conservative synagogue Valley Beth Shalom in the Los Angeles suburb of Encino, takes a different approach.

Feinstein, who wrote a book aimed at answering theological questions from a teen perspective, "Tough Questions Jews Ask," says "kids know when they're being sold something. They have a powerful nose for the phony."

His synagogue take a tough tack with parents of teens entering their religious school. "We tell them that if they leave after Bar Mitzvah, it's a lie," he says.

Instead, the school practices "good teaching," he says. One teacher screens episodes of the classic TV show "Twilight Zone" and debates the Jewish ethical issues the shows raise. Another teaches a class that debates Jewish values arising from provocative court trials of issues such as assisted suicide.

"In the end, it's the question, 'Is this worth my time?' " he says of whether students will choose to stay on.

Beth Emeth's Mark Stanton ordained as Cantor



Mark Stanton, cantor at Wilmington's Congregation Beth Emeth, was ordained by The Academy for Jewish Religion (AJR) during ceremonies on May 19 in the Hayes Auditorium at the College of Mount St. Vincent, Riverdale, New York.

At Beth Emeth, Cantor Stanton has led both the adult and youth choirs. He looks forward to enhancing the awareness of Jewish music in the greater Delaware area. For more than nine years, he served as cantor at Temple Sinai in Lawrence, New York.

A native of Flushing Queens, Cantor Stanton has performed in concert halls around the world, from Lincoln Center to Graz, Austria. He has a Bachelor of Music degree in opera performance.

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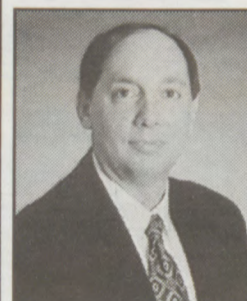
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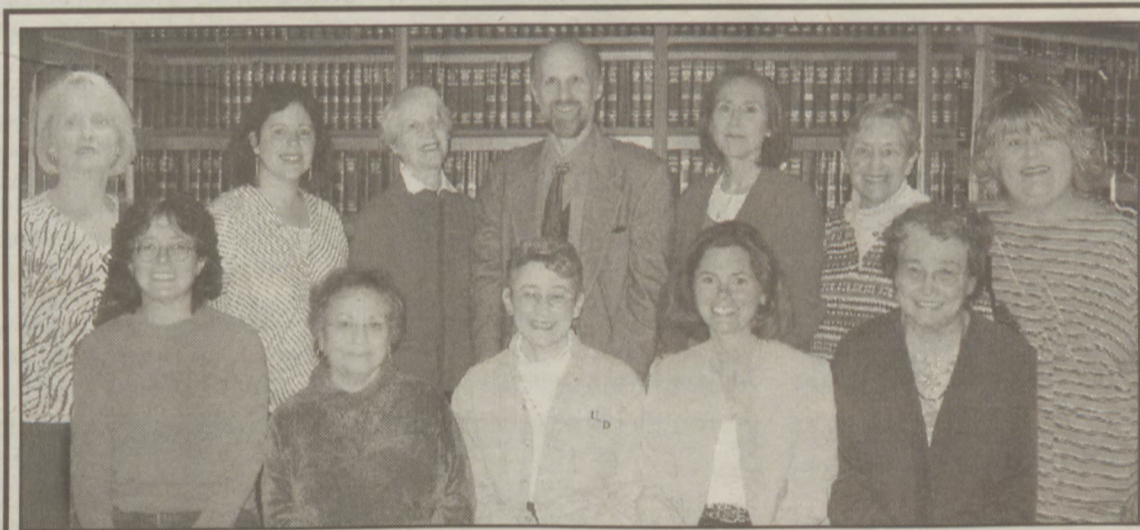
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GLOBAL JEWISH NEWS

European Jews confer, plan future

By Ruth Ellen Gruber, JTA

European Jews are struggling to find an effective way to assert their identity and articulate a coherent, collective voice in a rapidly changing Europe.

This challenge, European Jewish leaders say, is breaking stereotypes and fostering a positive sense of self-definition in the face of looming challenges that have put recent optimistic models of Jewish integration to the test.

"One of the biggest challenges we have is to get Jews generally and the world at large to recognize that we are not just defined by the three elements of anti-Semitism, the Holocaust and defense of Israel," Jonathan Joseph, the incoming president of the European Council of Jewish Communities, told JTA.

"It is obvious that 90 percent of our lives is not defined by these elements, but 90 percent of our image is," Joseph said. "I cannot sit and watch while we define ourselves and allow the world to define us in just those terms."

Joseph was elected president of the European Council of Jewish Communities at the conclusion of the third General Assembly of European Jewry, a three-day shmooz-fest held in Budapest on May 20-23 that gathered a record number of Jews from across Europe.

Sponsored by the European Council of Jewish Communities and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the G.A. provided an opportunity for more than 1,000 Jewish activists from more than 40 countries to party, network and assert their commitment to the ideal of a European Jewish identity.

Delegates came from all walks of life — including 72 doctors — and ranged in age from students to octogenarians.

They converged on Budapest from established communities in Western Europe and from tiny outposts in post-Communist states — and from every type of community in between. There even Jews there from Malta and Kosovo.

It's been a real opportunity for communities in Europe — especially in a Europe that is trying to unite, expand and grow — to get together, get to know each other and start generating joint activities," Zdravko Sami, the president of the 208-member Jewish community of Macedonia, told JTA. "For small communities like us, it's really important."

But a series of uncertainties cast a shadow on the otherwise exuberant celebration.

These included external questions, such as the impact on Europe's Jews of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Islamic fundamentalism and international terrorism, which all have become acute since the last European G.A., held in Madrid in 2001.

Indeed, Israeli author A.B. Yehoshua shook up the conference

with an appeal for European Jews to take the lead in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, calling on them to help draw the new border between Israel and a Palestinian state.

He called U.S. policy in the Middle East "useless" and chastised European countries for not having played a more active role in helping settle conflicts such as the Balkan wars of the 1990s.

Conference participants also focused on deep-seated internal challenges, such as articulating a coherent Jewish voice in Europe, strengthening European Jewish leadership, evaluating a Jewish role in European affairs — and even defining whether a European Jewish identity really exists.

"Are European and Jewish interests compatible?" Paris-based historian Diana Pinto, long a champion of asserting a European Jewish identity in Europe, asked delegates. "In the past four years, a feeling has emerged that the answer is no. Some forces in the Jewish world think that Europe is tone deaf, and even inimical."

But, she said in an interview, part of the blame lies on Jewish leaders who are unable to get a clear message across even to sympathetic non-Jewish interlocutors.

"Back in the 1930s, the Jewish leaders in Europe were capable of formulating Jewish needs and concerns but had no one to speak to," Pinto said. "But now, when there are so many ears open to Jewish concerns, I sometimes feel that the leadership seems only capable of mumbling."

The Budapest gathering took place just three weeks after the European Union expanded eastward to embrace Malta, Cyprus and eight former Communist countries, including Hungary.

Holding the meeting in Budapest was a deliberate recognition that the Cold War divide that for decades had split Europe — and Europe's Jews — no longer exists.

But European Jews are looking forward to the effects of E.U. expansion with a mixture of eagerness and anxiety. And the conflicting emotions, combined with worry over anti-Semitism and the continuing conflict in the Middle East, had an noticeable impact on the G.A.'s atmosphere.

"We are looking at a politically united Europe for the first time ever," Joseph told delegates. "We are experiencing a reawakening of Jewish life and culture in Europe on a scale not seen for 100 years."

At the same time, he said, "We are living at a most delicate moment in global Jewish terms, with the Middle East in turmoil again, an intermingling of anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism and the physical manifestation of this uncomfortably close to us. How we respond over the next few years will be one of the most significant things we will do as a Jewish people, and particularly as a European Jewish people."

"Anti-Semitism will never disappear," Joseph said. "But the best antidote to anti-Semitism is a positive presence of Jews. Jews have got to stand tall — and never have we had such an opportunity to do so."

A number of participants said that despite pledges by European Jewish leaders to develop a strong Jewish voice, the G.A. appeared to be inward-looking — to the point where one Italian delegate spoke of a "self-ghettoization."

"We are turning inward," she said. "The threats from outside are making people wary. We see families who want to put their children into Jewish schools because they are afraid to have them sit next to the children of Muslim immigrants in public schools."

The European Council of Jewish

Communities, funded in large part by the JDC, is a service organization that aims to facilitate cooperation and communication among Jewish communities and organizations, as well as to promote initiatives fostering Jewish culture and heritage, Jewish education, social welfare and communal development.

A new mission statement prepared for the G.A. stressed that it also aims to represent Jewish interests at E.U. headquarters in Brussels on issues that could affect Jewish communities.

These issues include moves in some countries to limit or ban Jewish ritual practices, such as kosher slaughter and ritual circumcision, on the grounds of animal or children's rights.

They also include ensuring Jewish

input in the promotion of civil society and democratic ideals in the new Europe.

Henry Grunwald, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, warned that as European citizens, Europe's Jews must define their own identities in positive terms and must resist the temptation to circle the wagons.

"If we don't," he said, "we risk falling into the trap of letting ourselves be defined by our attackers, by anti-Semitism."

"We must be proud to be Jews, be confident to be Jews," he said. "Let's not make the mistake of thinking that everyone out there is out enemy. We have many friends, and we are not doing our job if we don't go out there and keep up our friendships and make new ones."

Celebration highlights Russian Jews' progress

By Lev Krichevsky, JTA

For many decades, Isaak has lived on an apartment block next to the Choral Synagogue in Arkhipova Street here, just a stone's throw from the Kremlin.

But he never went inside the synagogue, nor did he join the crowds that in Soviet times gathered in front of the building on weekend nights and on Jewish holidays to celebrate their Jewish identity.

"You have to understand me: I was a Communist, I had a good job — why would I need all this?" said Isaak, 78, a retired engineer who used to work for the City of Moscow and who asked that his last name not be used.

But Isaak, who later moved to the outskirts of the Russian capital, took a trip to the downtown synagogue last Sunday to take part in celebrations for Israel's 56th Independence Day.

"I wanted to see how many Jews are left in Moscow," he said half-jokingly.

There are quite a few, actually: Moscow is home to anywhere between 100,000 and 250,000 people with Jewish heritage, but most of them are not involved in community affairs. Still the celebration showed just how far the community has come since the collapse of Communism, when many Jews were afraid to acknowledge their heritage.

The Jewish Agency for Israel, which organized the event together with the Russian Jewish Congress and Moscow's Jewish community, printed some 10,000 invitations.

Some 5,000 to 7,000 attended, and few of those who came seemed to be concerned about security.

Sergei Zeidman, a 30-something Web designer from a town near Moscow, came with his wife and 6-month-old daughter.

"I didn't hesitate for a moment whether we should go," he said as his wife attached a small Israeli flag and a bunch of blue-and-white balloons to their daughter's stroller. "I was sure

the organizers would take security seriously."

He was right. There was a heavy police presence at the street festival, and many more patrolled nearby streets that were closed for traffic during the seven-hour event.

According to a Russian Jewish Congress official, some 350 police, including members of elite special forces, were on duty along with some 150 private security guards.

Organizers said they chose the venue for the festival because it had a significant historic meaning for Israeli-Russian relations.

In the fall of 1948, a visit by Golda Meir, Israel's first ambassador to Moscow, to what was then Moscow's only synagogue sparked a spontaneous pro-Israeli demonstration of some 40,000 Soviet Jews.

In the 1970s and 1980s, this street was the center of Jewish life in Moscow. It was the only place where

thousands of Soviet Jews — under the surveillance of KGB agents, of course — could openly express their Jewish identity and their desire to immigrate to Israel.

But Jewish life certainly has changed since Soviet times.

Vladimir is a Moscow-born doctor who also asked to be identified only by his first name. His story of aliyah began on the same street back in the late 1980s when, as a medical student, he decided to leave Moscow.

He returned to Russia five years ago to start his own medical practice.

"When this country was different we thought Israel was the only place to be," he said. "But look around. People can wave Israeli flags as if this is New York or Jerusalem. It's good that today the younger generation doesn't

have to make these tough choices we faced. You can live here, or go to Israel and always come back."



A father holds his young son up on his shoulders during recent festivities marking Israel's 56th year of independence, in Moscow. Credit: Ilya Dolgopolsky/JTA

MATTER OF OPINION

Russian Names on the Casualty Lists

By Nechemia Meyers

Twenty-one year old Dennis Laminov, who made aliyah from Russia in 1999, was killed earlier this month while serving with the IDF on the border with Lebanon. Even in the absence of a full-scale war, Israeli soldiers are being killed, and many of them, like Laminov, are recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

There are no official figures about how many olim are serving in front-line units or how many of them have fallen in battle.

According to some estimates they make up at least one-third of the combat soldiers, which, if true, would mean that they are doing more than their share in defending the country, since immigrants from Russia, the Ukraine and Belarus make up only 20% of the Jewish population here.

Why do so many of them decide to put themselves in harm's way by volunteering to serve in the units where casualty rates are highest? The answer to that question depends on whom you ask.

Yuval Shachal, a lecturer in Communications at the College of Management in Tel Aviv, attributes their gung ho attitudes to the fact that they, like a large percentage of immigrants from the former Soviet Union, are right-wingers who feel that peace is not in prospect and that Israel's survival depends on keeping the Arabs at bay.

Disagreeing with him is Prof. Victor Brailovsky, a Russian-born member of Tel Aviv University's Department of Mathematics who

is now serving as Deputy Minister of the Interior. Himself a representative of the centerist Shinui Party in the Knesset, he says that immigrants from his former home country, while once predominantly right-wingers, are now politically divided roughly along the same lines as other Israelis. In this context he cites, a recent poll conducted by Israel's Russian-language TV station. "According to that poll," Brailovsky notes, "62% of such immigrants favor Prime Minister Sharon's plan for withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, about the same percentage as their fellow citizens."

A person who works at the IDF's induction center with young men who have volunteered to serve in combat units has no idea whether the Russian immigrants among them are right-wingers or left-wingers. "What I can say," he told me, "is that they are highly motivated. They are determined to do front-line service even if they

have health problems, come from families facing economic difficulties or are living here while their parents remain in the former Soviet Union."

Some of these soldiers' parents aren't here because until now they have not been eligible to come as olim under the terms of the Law of Return. This is changing, says Brilovsky. "Thanks to the fact that the secularist Shinui Party is now in charge of the Ministry of the Interior, parents of soldiers serving in the Israeli Army are being allowed to settle here, whatever their status from a Halachic viewpoint," the Deputy Minister declares.

This policy makes a great deal of sense because—as the latest casualty lists from Gaza show once again—soldiers who are not Jews according to the Halacha (together with modern Orthodox servicemen) are putting their lives on the line to a greater extent than other sections of the population.

Fifty years ago ...

By Carl Alpert

Recent news reports from Iraq, Gaza, Israel and other parts of the Middle East do not make very pleasant reading these days. How eagerly we look for encouraging, optimistic news. Was there a time when there was nothing to worry about?

The military tension in Israel was with Jordan, which occupied the Old City of Jerusalem and parts of the West Bank. Three members of the Mevuoth Betar settlement in the Jerusalem corridor, who were guarding an orchard near the armistice line, were killed by Jordanian forces who charged that the Israelis had crossed the border. Several days later we get the following report: "Jerusalem suddenly became a target of Jordanian fire on the evening of June 30, 1954, when machine guns, Stens, rifles, grenades and two-inch mortars were opened up from the Old City Wall. A short time later all the Arab Legion positions along the entire demarcation line in the city were shooting.... Firing continued intermittently until about a quarter of an hour after midnight, when heavy mortar fire was directed at the Arab lines by Israel guns." One Israeli was killed and 21 injured.

Infiltrators from across the border killed one Israeli in Raanana. Tension continued as the Jordanians warned that they feared an all-out Israeli attack which would force them back across the river.

After some months of quiet along the Kinneret, Syrians killed two Israelis in a police patrol boat.

Demography was an unknown word. The Jewish population of the

country numbered 1,500,000. Non-Jewish citizens numbered 188,000, including about 13,000 Bedouin in the Negev. Better contact with Eilat was established as the army completed construction of the last stages of the connecting road.

Human interest stories served to offset the tensions. In 1946 a 4-year-old Arab boy from the Old City of Jerusalem, suffering from tuberculosis of the bones, was hospitalized in a Jewish institution. The Israel War of Independence separated the boy from his family, and it was not until 1954 that he was reunited with his mother, cured of his ailment.

Despite the need for constant military alertness, the country's economy provided a bright picture. A large part of Israel's earnings in foreign currency came from the export of agricultural goods, primarily citrus and wines. New markets overseas were opening up for tomatoes, potatoes, cauliflower, garlic, peppers, eggplants and melons. One prediction was that bananas would soon rival citrus as Israel's major agricultural export.

The country's total unemployment figure in mid-June was 11,700.

While financial aid from the United States had been most helpful, Washington warned that because of the improved economic situation here, the \$52.5 million allocated in the current fiscal year, would probably be reduced next year.

As a result of growth in tourism, the second of the four main runways at Lod Airport is to be extended to enable jet planes to

take off and land on it. The Tourist Centre optimistically believes that during the next three or four years, it may be possible to increase the number of tourists to 100,000 annually.

Survey work has now begun in connection with the building of a port at Eilat.

In short, there were bright spots amidst the military threats. No one had any idea that in two years, as a result of the Suez crisis, Israeli troops would swarm through the Sinai and would be stationed alongside the Canal. Who, at the time, could have predicted what Israel would be like half a century later, in 2004?

Is anyone willing to predict what a report like this will sound like fifty years from now, in 2054?

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MILESTONES

In Memoriam

BALICK

Vivian Balick, 83, of the Captain's Deck, died May 11th after a long illness.

Mrs. Balick, the widow of Jacob "Jay" Balick, was born in West Philadelphia. She was an active member of Congregation Beth Shalom, its Sisterhood and Hadassah.

Survivors include her two sons, Sanford and Lawrence, and her two grandsons, Blake and Tobias.

Funeral services were held on May 14th in Congregation Beth Shalom with interment in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

The family would appreciate contributions in her memory to either the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809 or to Delaware Hospice, Suite 100, Clayton Building, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810.

BLAU

Jerome J. Blau, 77, of Wilmington, died May 10th at Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Blau worked for some 38 years as a chemical engineer at the DuPont Company. He was an Army Air Corps WWII veteran and a graduate of Northwestern University. He was very active in the Naamans Little League.

He is survived by Lois, his wife of 55 years and his four children and their spouses, Jeffrey and Susan Blau of Raleigh, NC, Janet and William Pyle of Wilmington, Michael and Allison Blau of Briarcliff Manor, NY and Paul and Sharon Blau of Newark. He also will be missed by his seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral and burial service, coordinated by Chandler Funeral Homes, was private.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's

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GOLDSTEIN

Robert P. Goldstein, 61, of New Castle, died May 20th. He was a 25 year member of Congregation Machzikey Hadas, Montefiore, and worked 25 years for Toll Operation I-95.

He is mourned by his two daughters, Naomi Cebenka and Andrea Blum; his mother, Ruth Goldstein; his sister, Harriet Frye; his niece, Melissa Frye; seven grandchildren; and his former wife, Ruthann Goldstein.

Graveside services were held on May 21st in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. The family would appreciate memorial contributions directed to Chabad, 1811 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19803

MOSKOWITZ

Omer Nacham Moskowitz, 24,

died April 30th. He will be mourned by his parents, Hilna and Stuart; his sister, Jessica Ailla and his son, Jarred. May his memory be a blessing. Private funeral arrangements were made by Schoenberg Memorial Chapel in Wilmington.

NEWMAN

Rose Newman, 91, of Wilmington, died on April 14th. She was a long-time, active member of Congregation Beth Shalom, its Sisterhood and Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation. Mrs. Newman retired from Speakman Co. in 1977.

Mourning her passing are her sons, Edward L. and David A. Newman. She is interred in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. The family requests that contributions in her memory be made to the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

SHAPIRO HORMADALY

Israel Jane Shapiro Hormadaly, a

school teacher in Omer, Israel, and former resident of Liberty, NY died on April 22, 2004 in Israel. She was 56. Jane was born in Liberty, NY or August 30, 1947, the daughter of the late Irving and Florence Shapiro, and the step daughter of Dorothy Shapiro of Liberty, N.Y. She was a graduate of Liberty High School, Boston University and the University of Pennsylvania. She is survived by her step mother Dorothy Shapiro of Liberty; her husband Jacob Hormadaly; her two sons David and Yonaton, and her daughter Maya, all are living in Israel. She is also survived by her sister Laura Shapiro and her husband Donald Wilen of New Paltz, NY; as well as a large extended family consisting of many relatives living in the United States and Israel. She was truly loved by everyone and will be greatly missed by all. Burial was held in Omer, Israel on Sunday, April 24, 2004.

NACHAS NOOK

Ariel Kayne becomes an officer



Mazel tov to Ariel Kayne, son of Dr. Barry and Reiko Kayne of Wilmington on his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. After his graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy on June 4th, Ariel will visit family in Japan and participate in a birthright Israel experience before beginning flight school in Texas later this year.

Shtofman recognized by Elks

97 year old George Shtofman, a resident of Ingleside Retirement Apartments, was recently honored by the Wilmington Lodge, No. 307, B.P.O. Elks, for his 76 consecutive years of membership in this service organization.

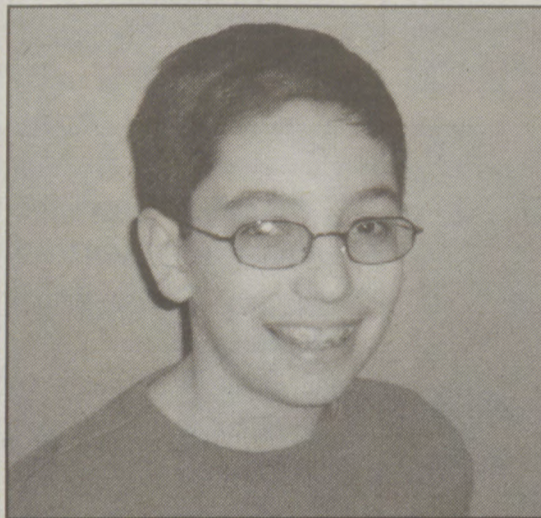
Organization leaders are researching whether Shtofman has set a national record for this impressive achievement.

His lodge brothers paid tribute to him at a festive dinner and presented him with an inscribed table clock.

A former editor of the News Journal, Shtofman serves as editor of the Ingleside newsletter. He is president of Ingleside's Resident's Council and is an active member of its Advisory Board.



Mazel Tov Daniel Metz



Daniel Metz became a Bar Mitzvah on May 22, 2004. Daniel is the son of Jeff and Cindi Metz, and brother to Elana. His grandparents are Joanne Viviano, Wil and Roberta Viviano, and Thelma and Marvin Victor. Daniel is a 7th grade student at Hanby Middle School in Wilmington, Delaware.

He plays the trombone and guitar, enjoys computer games, playing Magic Cards, archery, and loves to read. Daniel also writes stories and poems and hopes to publish them someday.

For his Mitzvah Project, Daniel provided an archery program to Camp Possibilities, a camp for children with Diabetes who come from disadvantaged homes and would otherwise not have the opportunity to learn the sport. His archery instructor has volunteered to teach the program to the staff and campers, and Daniel is providing all of the equipment. His family is very proud of him.

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KLEZMER SOUNDS OF SUMMER

The first concert of three free, rollicking, outdoor concerts, presented by Darlington Arts Center in collaboration with Concord Twp., is set for Thursday, June 10 at 6:30 pm at the park adjacent to the Twp. Building, 689 Smithbridge Rd., in Concord, and features the Fabulous Shpeilkehs, Klezmer Band. Fund for the whole family with ample room for picnicking and free parking. For more information, call (610) 358-3632 or the web at www.darlingtonarts.org.

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ATTENTION KNITTING NOVICES AND EXPERTS

Knit-Knacks is a new group for knitting novices and experts sponsored by Jewish Family Service. The group begins on Wednesday, June 2, 2004, from 10:30 a.m. to

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LEARN THE ART OF BABYSITTING

The Jewish Community Center Newark has scheduled a Babysitter's Training course, hosted by the American Red Cross, for 11 to 15 year olds. The course will be held Sunday, June 13th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This six hour program includes lunch. It will give participants the knowledge, skills and confidence to care for infants through school age children. Students will receive a babysitter's handbook and a Red Cross card. A special backpack and kit can be purchased separately that day for an additional \$18. Registration for JCC members is \$68, non-members are \$75. Seats are limited. Please call (302)368-9173 to make a reservation by June 10th.

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