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# FEDERATION FOCUS

## Letter from our Federation president



**Robert Pincus**  
President

This summer, Sam Asher and I had the chance to meet with the Executive Directors and Presidents of each of our affiliated agencies. We discussed each agency's challenges and opportunities and what Federation can do to help. In a nutshell, our community is blessed with very dedicated and hard working professional and lay leaders in each of its agencies. They are doing more with available resources than seems possible, but they need

the help of the entire community to prosper. Yes, it takes a village - our Jewish community - for our agencies to succeed.

Let me tell you a little about each of our agencies:

• **Jewish Family Services** - Under the leadership of President Steve Tanney and Executive Director Dory Zatuchni, JFS was one of three non-profit agencies to win United Way's coveted 2005 Community Impact Award. JFS provides counseling to the Jewish and non-Jewish communities, as evidenced by their ever-expanding services to children and adolescents, older adults and adults with physical challenges, and the unified services of their counseling department.

• **Milton and Hattie Kutz Home** - Our community's Jewish nursing home founded in 1960, provides excellent residential care to our elderly population. Executive Director Karen Friedman and her staff serve 100 seniors. The Board of the Kutz Home, led by President Michael Rosen, together with the Auxiliary Board led by co-Presidents Ethel Parsons and Wendy Berkover, has done a fantastic job meeting the needs of the Kutz Home residents.

• **Kristol Center for Jewish Life at University of Delaware (Hillel)** - This month over 150 Jewish freshman at UD participated in Hillel's Freshman Fest. This represents over 50% of the self-identified Jews in the freshman class. Executive Director Susan Detweiler has clearly made Hillel the place to be in Newark and now sponsors four student organizations. Board President Mike Samuels leads a group of ded-

icated lay leaders in supporting Susan's initiatives and raising funds to expand programming.

• **Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center** - Executive Director Jeff Metz, President Bob Cooper and the JCC's Board are thrilled to have their new state-of-the-art facility nearing completion. The challenge for our community is to fill the JCC from the newly expanded Early Childhood classrooms to the beautiful new fitness center. Our JCC offers classes and programs for everyone from infants to senior citizens.

• **Albert Einstein Academy** - Our Jewish day school recently welcomed Dr. Jack Sparks as its new head of school. Dr. Sparks and President Dorothy Bobman bring boundless enthusiasm to their challenge of boosting declining enrollment, while providing top-level education at AEA. AEA opened this year in their not quite completed space on the Garden of Eden campus with 72 students and a dedicated group of teachers and parents. AEA continues its tradition of being one of the best schools in our area.

• **Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School** - Principal Marlene Milunsky and new President Sharon Rosen lead this agency, which provides post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah Jewish education to our children. Last spring, a joint Federation/Gratz task force commissioned an environmental scan to plan for the future. While awaiting the results of this study, Gratz provides courses ranging from study of the Talmud, to Israel advocacy to Jewish cooking. Gratz also is fac-

ing the challenge of expanding its enrollment.

These agencies provide services to our entire community and the one thing they need is you. As a community, we raised over \$21 million in our capital campaign to, among other things, renovate and expand our Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Campus. Now that it is almost completed, we need your help and involvement:

• If you are not a member of the JCC, join now and use these beautiful facilities!

• If you need early childhood care or are looking for schools for your children, visit the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Campus and see what the JCC, Albert Einstein Academy and Gratz Hebrew High School have to offer.

• Volunteer and get involved! There are a multitude of opportunities available to fit your needs, skills and time requirements. In addition, each of our agencies have separate boards of directors and are always looking for new leaders. Call one of our agency directors or presidents and ask how you can help.

• Support Federation and its agencies, both financially and through your involvement with programs and events. You probably will never see the people whom you help, but rest assured that people in need in Delaware, Israel and fifty countries around the world will benefit from your support.

It takes a village to build a successful community. Please help.

B'Shalom,  
Robert B. Pincus  
President

## Reflection and renewal

By Ruth Rosenberg  
Campaign Director

I love this time of year, the High Holidays. A time set aside for us to reflect on our lives and ourselves whether we are ready to or not. We've all heard people say, "The holidays are so late this year." (Or early or somehow not when we expect them) Truthfully, the holidays come just in time every time. Just in time to take stock and pray together for a better year to come. Last year was not necessarily terrible, but we as Jews always hope for more.

What did you accomplish in 5765? Did you have success professionally or in your personal life? Did you celebrate a lifecycle event or lose someone precious in your life? Since you are reading the Jewish Voice, chances are that you chose to Live Generously last year. You are someone who cares about your community and gives back in any way you can. You probably give to the

Federation Annual Campaign, to your synagogue and to other causes that touch your heart. You may volunteer at one of our agencies or your children's school. You choose to be connected.

Many of us reached out to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Thousands of dollars were raised here through JFD. Nationally, UJC raised more than \$8 million in just a few days following the devastation. The Houston Federation opened its doors, its homes and its heart to embrace the displaced New Orleans Federation. Wherever there are Jews in need, Federation is there to help.

In the past year, together we saved lives. We fed the hungry, educated and assimilated new Israelis and gave hope to countless people. We came together as a community to improve our own local agencies so that they can provide the best services possible in facilities that meet current needs. We can share the pride of living and acting a commu-

nity.

On the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we have an opportunity to work together to continue that good work. On Live Generously Mitzvah Day, Sunday October 9, the entire Jewish community is invited to share the experience of helping others, performing acts of loving kindness as one. We'll be painting, cooking, cleaning and giving of ourselves to help others. Sure you can perform mitzvot everyday, but on this day, we will all be lifted up by the experience of doing these things together. Please sign up today on our website [www.shalomdelaware.org](http://www.shalomdelaware.org).

What will 5766 bring? What changes will you make? What challenges will you face? Of course we can never be sure what joys or heartaches may come our way but we can do our best to do our best. Make the most of every moment; learn when you can; help when you can. In short, Live Generously. L'Shana Tova!



**Ruth Rosenberg**

## Jewish Federation of DE reaches new milestone

The 2006 Annual Campaign is underway and four new Lions have joined the Lions den! Annette Aerenson, Dorothy Bobman, Debra Kimless Garber, and Carla Markell join other philanthropic women in making a difference in the lives of Jews around the world. By making a leadership gift and becoming a Lion of Judah these women carry on the timeless values of tzedakah. 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.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware has nearly doubled the number of Lions since 2002. Over 1/3 of our Lions have already closed their 2006 pledges, with the total dollars raised from Lions at \$312,644 so far for the 2006 campaign (21 pledges recorded to date). Lions contributed \$531,999 to the 2005 Annual Campaign or just over 32% of the total funds raised by the JFD Annual Campaign. Lions demonstrate their commitment to the Jewish community through their Lion of Judah major gift to the annual campaign; multi-year Lions pledge to increase their support over two to three years to reach the Lion giving level. Our goal is to help as many people we can based on our core values of Chesed (caring and compassion), Torah (Jewish learning), Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) and Tzedakah (social justice). If you are interested in becoming a Lion of Judah, please contact Jennifer Young, Director of Women's Philanthropy at [Jennifer.young@shalomdel.org](mailto:Jennifer.young@shalomdel.org).



**Lions of Judah Annette Aerenson, Connie Sugarman, and Barbara Blumberg share a passion for improving the quality of life for all Jews everywhere.**

## Hurricane Katrina Relief

Delaware's Jewish community is reaching out to evacuees of the Gulf Coast region.

At the recent meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motion was passed:

"We will provide a free range of services to Jewish residents of New Orleans and affected areas who will be displaced for a substantial period of time. Services will include, but will not be limited to inviting families to come to Delaware to be housed by families in our community; free day school education and other services. We will also assist in helping evacuees to find jobs."

Services to evacuees on a non-sectarian basis will be made available as possible in light of the size of our community.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware has set up a mailbox for a relief fund through the United Jewish Communities system with checks being made payable to the JFD and sent to the Federation office, 100 W. 10th Street, Suite 301, Wilmington, DE 19801.

Please continue sending your financial assistance. If you would like to volunteer to provide housing for an evacuee(s), please contact Sheila Krinsky at the Jewish Federation of Delaware (302) 427-2100, ext. 15 or [sheila.krinsky@shalomdel.org](mailto:sheila.krinsky@shalomdel.org).



# EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

## AweSome reflections

This Saturday night is Selichot – a time to reflect on the coming Days of Awe. There is ample cause for contemplation, as 5765 has been marked by many joyful and tragic events.

Locally, we greet the New Year with renewed confidence in the ability of our Federation family of agencies to meet the present and future needs of our community. Thanks to the success of our Federation Community Capital Campaign, there is much excitement at the Weinberg Community Campus in Wilmington. A state-of-the-art Fitness Center and a bright and attractive Early Childhood Center have opened at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center, staff and clients of Jewish Family Services are enjoying their new space and the Albert Einstein Academy will soon move into its new quarters.

Along our nation's Gulf Coast, more than 1,000 men, women and children died and thousands more were rendered homeless in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. As we go to press, Hurricane Rita is expected to wreak havoc upon Galveston, Texas and in several flood-prone areas of Houston. In tribute to the G-d like generosity of the human spirit, people from all over the world have opened their hearts, homes and wallets to the victims of these devastating storms.

Our Federation is a proud partner in these awesome humanitarian efforts and is accepting local donations to a relief fund through the United Jewish Communities system. You can

participate in this non-sectarian appeal through a check made payable to the Jewish Federation of Delaware and mailed to our offices at 100 West 10th Street, Suite 301, Wilmington, DE 19801.

Moved by the magnitude of this natural disaster, the JFD Board of Directors recently resolved to do more! Board members are appealing to area families to provide temporary housing, to those Jewish families facing prolonged displacement. Once settled in Delaware, the Federation will coordinate delivery of such services as free day education, job search assistance to help them make a successful new beginning.

In Israel, thousands of former settlers in the nation's West Bank and Gaza regions will celebrate 5766 in new homes. Unlike those displaced by Hurricane Katrina, these settlers were removed from their communities as part of a planned evacuation effort orchestrated by the Israeli government to set the Roadmap for Peace back on track.

As we enter our synagogues during these High Holidays, let us pray that all whose lives have been uprooted in the wake of a tragedy or in the interests of peace, be blessed with shalom in the New Year to come.

La Shana Tovah from my family to yours,

*Lynn B. Edelman*

Lynn B. Edelman  
Editor

## Taste of Torah



Rabbi  
Michael Beals

"Taste of Torah" is a new initiative of *The Jewish Voice*, featuring insights of our Jewish community's spiritual leaders: Rabbis Michael Beals, Sanford Dresin, Peter Grumbacher, David Kaplan, Sarah Messinger, Eliezer Sneiderman, Jack Sparks and Chuni Vogel.

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ  
ALL ABOUT IT: SELICHOT ARRIVES EARLY

By Rabbi Michael S. Beals  
Congregation Beth Shalom

With the addition of a second month of Adar making for a 13-month calendar, this year all the Jewish holy days seem to come out "later." Of course later is only in reference to the secular, solar calendar. In the Jewish calendar, Rosh Hashana will still begin on the first day of Tishrei, just as it has since the creation of the world.

Of course, with Rosh Hashana 5766 coming out later on the secular calendar, Jews have been given the opportunity to use the month since Labor Day to work at improving our lives. Normally we do not have such a long lead from the end of summer to Rosh Hashana to focus on spiritual and interpersonal improvement that the Hebrew month of Elul offers, with its daily blasts of the shofar (excluding Shabbat) to, in the words of Maimonides, "wake us up from our moral slumber."

We have also been given a lengthier time to

spiritually prepare for the High Holy Days from Selichot, which normally occurs on the Saturday night just before Rosh Hashana. The rabbis created one exception to this rule. If Rosh Hashana occurred less than four days after Saturday night, then Selichot is pushed back to the previous Saturday night. This year, Rosh Hashana begins on a Monday evening (October 3), so Selichot is pushed back to tomorrow evening, September 24. This four day barrier between Selichot and Rosh Hashana was originally created to give time for the proper Temple sacrifices to be prepared, but in the absence of a Temple, this separation gives us time to consider the urgent spiritual messages of Selichot and to put these insights into effect before the Book of Life is opened on Yom Ha Din, the Day of Judgement, one of several alternative names for the Jewish New Year.

May the familiar, stirring music and the penitential prayers which the late-evening Selichot service offers, move us to embrace Teshuva, as we turn back to our best self, and to the Eternal One, who is ready to embrace us and welcome us back. L'Shana Tova Tikateyvu!

Note: Congregation Beth Shalom, 1801 Baynard Blvd., will begin their Selichot program, this Saturday evening, September 24, with an 8 p.m. guitar-led Havdalah service, followed by dessert, a theatrical presentation of "The Gates are Closing," by Merle Feld, featuring ten familiar faces from our Wilmington Jewish community, and culminating in Selichot services, featuring a choir that has doubled in size since last year, under the direction of Hazzan Michael Horwitz. This program is free and open to the community.

## This Week in Jewish History



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This Week in History" is an introduction to 350 years of American Jewish history, brought to you by the Jewish Women's Archive. More information about each of the events described below can be found on JWA's website at [http://www.jwa.org/this\\_week/week\\_31.html](http://www.jwa.org/this_week/week_31.html)

SEPTEMBER 21, 2001

Jewish Women Watching published an advertisement in the New York Times, on September 21, 2001, asking Jewish women to hold their community accountable for sex-

ism.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1895

Celebrated poet, novelist, critic, and editor Babette Deutsch was born on September 22, 1895.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1941

Sculptor Louise Nevelson's first one-woman show opened at the Nierendorf Gallery on September 22, 1941.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1932

Joanne Greenberg, author of 12 novels and four collections of short stories, including the best selling "I Never Promised You a Rose Garden," was born on September 24, 1932.

SEPTEMBER 25, 1944

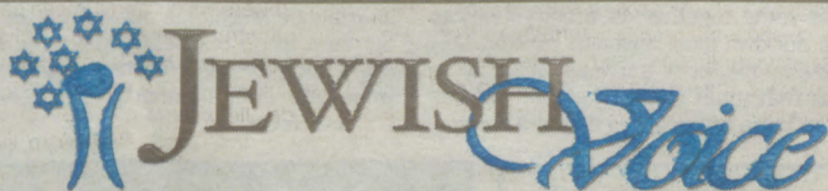
Eugenia Zukerman, the multitalented flutist, author, and journalist, was born on September 25, 1944.

## Photo of the Week



**RESCUING TORAHS AT RISK.** Students escort five rescued Torah scrolls from New Orleans to the Chabad Lubavitch Center, Texas Regional Headquarters in Houston for safekeeping, Sept. 9, 2005. Several Jewish groups saved Torahs from the New Orleans area that were in danger because of Hurricane Katrina. Some 25 scrolls were rescued by a makeshift coalition of representatives from the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans, national leadership from the Reform movement, rabbis from Baton Rouge and New Orleans and local law-enforcement officials. 'Among the 25 we saved were also a few that were rescued from the Holocaust, and here they've survived a second horrific disaster,' said Rabbi David Saperstein, the director of the Reform movement's Washington-based Religious Action Center. Chabad officials rescued at least 15 scrolls. 'It is a bittersweet occasion,' said Rabbi Zelig Rivkin, the executive director of Chabad Lubavitch of Louisiana. 'Hurricane Katrina has destroyed our homes, synagogues and our city but has not destroyed our community.'

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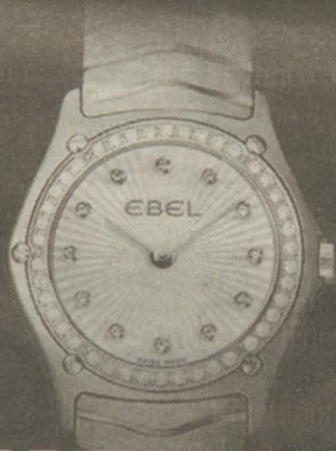


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## INSIDE DELAWARE

### Al Vorspan To Speak At Beth Emeth This Saturday!

Congregation Beth Emeth begins its centennial anniversary celebration this weekend with special guest speaker Al Vorspan. Vorspan, this year's Keil-Herrmann lecturer, will discuss "Start Worrying...Details to Follow" on Saturday evening, September 24th.

A leading participant in the civil rights struggle, the peace movement, and interfaith activities, Vorspan is the cornerstone of Beth Emeth's Selichot programming. His 9:30 p.m. talk will be preceded by an hour-long dessert reception featuring a chocolate fountain. A Havdalah service is slated for 10:45p.m., followed by the Selichot service at 11:00 p.m.

Al Vorspan is senior vice president emeritus of the Union for Reform Judaism and former director of the Commission on Social Action for Reform Judaism. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Religious Action Center in Washington, D.C. and serves

as consultant to the Center and to the URJ. He also serves as representative of the URJ to the United Nations and as National Co-Chair of the U.S. Inter-Religious Committee for Peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Vorspan's writing has appeared on the op-ed page of The New York Times, New York Times Magazine, Time, Moment, Reform Judaism Magazine, and other periodicals. He is the author of several books on Judaism and social justice, as well as a number of books of Jewish humor. His most recent book is *Tough Choices*, co-authored with Rabbi David Saperstein, Director of the Religious Action Center.

A passionate activist in the cause of human rights, he has received numerous awards for his tireless efforts. In 1984, he received the Allard Lowenstein Memorial Award, given by the American Jewish Congress, in recognition of his contributions to social justice and human rights. In 1987

he was honored with the Maurice N. Eisendrath Bearer of Light Award, and in 1988 he received the Doctor of Human Letters degree from Hebrew Union College-Institute of Religion.

Other upcoming events in celebration of Beth Emeth's centennial are:

**Friday, December 2nd** - Ron Suskind, a Pulitzer Prize winner and Beth Emeth alumnus, will speak during the Friday evening Shabbat Service about his book - "The Price Of Loyalty".

**December 16th** - Laurel Leff will be the speaker for the Rosenthal Jewish Book Month Program. She will talk about her book - "Buried By The Times: The Holocaust And America's Most Important Newspaper".

**Friday, January 27th** - The Outreach Committee will sponsor an event with the theme "Shabbat Around The World" beginning with Shabbat dinner at 6 PM.

**Weekend of March 17th and 18th** - This

is a special reunion weekend for Beth Emeth alumni - students, faculty, cadet aides, choir members and anyone who has been part of Beth Emeth's history.

**Saturday, April 29th** - There will be a gala dinner celebrating the 100th Anniversary at the BankOne Center on the Riverfront.

**Friday, May 19th** - Rabbi Eric Yoffie, President of the Union for Reform Judaism, will speak at Shabbat services.

**Sunday, May 21st** - A special "CoroAllegro and Friends" Concert, "Bernstein, Bloch and Beth Emeth", will be presented. Cantorial Intern Mark Stanton will be the featured soloist for the Ernest Bloch "Sacred Service".

For additional information, contact Congregation Beth Emeth at 764-2393.

Congregation Beth Emeth is located at 300 West Lea Boulevard in Wilmington, Delaware.

## More space for growth and collaboration at JFS

By Dory Zatuchni  
LCSW, Executive Director, JFS

The planning, packing, and moving are done. Despite the demands of relocation, Jewish Family Services' (JFS) staff and volunteers continued throughout the process to provide *Counseling, Care Management, and Community Education and Outreach* to those in need in the community. Now that we have settled in, it is wonderful to welcome clients and sister agencies into our beautiful new space, and how gratifying it is to invite other nonprofits to utilize our facility and services.

There are many who have made our transition into this facility a smooth one, and we are indebted to all. JFS greatly appreciates the efforts of the Jewish Federation of Delaware in conducting a successful capital campaign, making our new space a reality. JFS was fortunate to have **Richard Stat** guide us in achieving our vision during the design and planning stages. We thank him for his ability to translate JFS's growth and requirements into a space that integrates the seemingly opposite needs for both confidentiality and visibility. We are also thankful to property manager **Ron Snyder** and his staff, to whom we express gratitude for responding quickly to our needs.

Several key people helped us create a warm, attractive space, and we are thankful to each: **Lynne Ellick** and Ruth Pernick designed the lobby area; **Roger and Ruth Pernick** scoured the corporate world for furniture; and community member **Deane Kattler** selflessly gave of her time to help out



Dory Zatuchni

with the move. In addition, gifts of beanbags for our play therapy room and furniture for the Kimmel-Spiller Healing Center were received from generous community members. We also received \$30,000 from the JFD capital campaign for additional furniture.

For so long, JFS operated out of a 1,900 square foot space, making it a daily challenge for us to house staff, serve clients, and broaden services and programs. Now in our beautiful 6,000 square foot facility, we are better positioned for growth and better organized to offer the many services needed as the community grows and changes.

For example, to help us streamline paper-

work and insurance management, we have assembled a new financial department, staffed by a bookkeeper, accountant, and two insurance specialists. With the community's increasing demand for professional counseling, we expanded our clinical department, which now includes eight licensed clinical social workers, an MSW, and a part-time psychiatrist. We have a full-time staff member dedicated to supporting our *Media Matters* program for teens and older adults, and another dedicated to *family resource coordination*. To help older or disabled people maintain their independence, we now have five, part-time *independent living support specialists*. We also have a communications officer on board to heighten the community's awareness of our services and programs.

We are very excited about the future and how this new facility and staff organization will help us evolve and develop new partnerships to enhance our *legacy of strengthening community*.

#### A New Paradigm for Collaboration

In conjunction with our relocation, JFS is capitalizing on mutual opportunities with JFD and its constituent agencies. Any time you walk through JFS, you'll see a bevy of activity brewing: **Albert Einstein Academy** staff and parents gathered in our meeting room; offices occupied by **Delaware Gratz Volunteer Network** members packaging meals prepared by Gratz's *Cook for a Friend Program*; people going to and from the new freezer in our Volunteer Room, stocking donations or filling deliveries to Jewish folks referred by our community. Perhaps in pass-

ing our classroom this summer, you even noticed **JCC Summer Campers** participating in our *Media Matters* program, or **JCC Senior Center** members learning computer basics and World Wide Web etiquette!

Displays outside our offices showcase mitzvah and gift baskets created by the Volunteer Network. If you're here on a special day, you'll see those same volunteers creating baskets for **University of Delaware Hillel** students or helping **Albert Einstein Academy** faculty to develop student mitzvah projects. Not far in the future, you may encounter rabbis from local synagogues leading programs for the **Kimmel-Spiller Healing Center**.

Our organizational collaborations extend beyond the Jewish community as well. **Girls Inc.**, for example, uses JFS counseling services. Members of the **Boys and Girls Club**, **Girls Inc.**, **Claymont Community Center** and adolescent men from **Ferris School** and **Mowlds Cottage** all participate in our *Media Matters* program.

At our dynamic Wilmington and Newark offices, there is so much activity benefiting the community, it is nearly impossible to foresee what our continued services and joint efforts will mean to the individuals and families we serve. We hope that you will share in this excitement by visiting our new home at **99 Passmore Road** in Wilmington (the other side of Garden of Eden Road). Look for **Jewish Family Services** on our door—you'll notice we've added an "s" to "Service" to reflect the increasing ways we are launching our mission into action.

### JFS launches local effort to aid Hurricane Katrina victims

The board and staff of Jewish Family Services (JFS) of Delaware is mounting a local relief effort to benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina. The organization is partnering with Rep. Mike Castle and the Delaware Food Bank, collecting non-perishable canned goods for shipment to the storm-ravaged Gulf Coast area. Donations will be accepted throughout the month of September in the lobby of the JFS offices in Wilmington, at 99 Passmore Road (off of Route 202) and in Newark, at 288 E. Main Street.

Items of need are canned/dry goods (e.g., soup, peanut butter, tuna), granola/breakfast bars, beef jerky, bottled water, diapers, baby food, canned/dry pet food, and household cleaning items. All donations will be delivered to Rep. Castle's offices in Wilmington, where they will be transported to those in need. Volunteers are also being sought to make donations drop-offs. For those who prefer to make a monetary gift, JFS will accept donations made payable to the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies (AJFCS).

Please join us in helping to ease the plight of so many Gulf Coast residents, and donate to this much-needed effort. For additional information about this our other volunteer projects through JFS, please contact Lisa Driban, JFS Volunteer Coordinator, at 302-478-9411, ext. 21 or [ldriban@jfs-delaware.org](mailto:ldriban@jfs-delaware.org).



Right, Cook for a Friend program participants include: lead teacher, Rosanne Griff Cabelli, teacher Ella Zukoff and parent volunteer Ira Horden.

Gratz's Cook for a Friend Program created 20 Shabbat meals this month in the JCC kitchen for local recipients identified by Jewish Family Services. Rosanne Griff Cabelli is the lead teacher for this program, on a team that includes Ella Zukoff, Dianne Seidel and parent volunteers on cooking nights, plus Meredith Weiss and Julie Schwartz on Critical Thinking Skills and Youth Leadership nights. This extremely popular Gratz program has doubled in size from last year. In addition to earning Gratz credits, the students earn community service credits and enjoy the mitzvah of performing *tikun olam* in our community.





## INSIDE DELAWARE

# AKSE announces special 120th anniversary honorees

Every year, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth bestows a special honor on two pillars of the congregation at Rosh Hashanah services. This year is AKSE's 120th anniversary. To help launch its next 120 years, AKSE has two very special endowed honors for Rosh Hashanah 5766. On the first day the honorees are all of the past presidents of the congregation. On the second day the honoree is Gladys Gewirtz, the beloved Rebbetzin for one third of Adas Kodesch's

120 years.

According to historical records, 61 presidents have served AKSE and its predecessors in its first 120 years. These individuals have played a key role in shaping the congregation and guiding it through many challenges and successes. It is most fitting, therefore, to recognize those who have helped the congregation reach this milestone. A certificate is being created to permanently commemorate this honor and to

display on a wall of the synagogue.

Ever since she first arrived in Wilmington after marrying Rabbi Gewirtz, z"l, in 1948, Gladys has been much more than a Rebbetzin. A gifted teacher, she has taught both children and adults over the years at AKSE, at the University of Delaware, and in her own home. For many years, she served as the director of curriculum and teacher training in the AKSE religious school. Gladys was a founding member of the Hebrew

speaking Chug Ivri and still participates in the reinvigorated group. She also performed in the AKSE choral and dance groups.

Those who wish to make a contribution to "endow" these honors should contact the AKSE office at 762-2705 as soon as possible. A special leaflet to be distributed at Rosh Hashanah services will list all contributors of \$36 or more to honor all the presidents and of \$18 or more to honor Gladys Gewirtz.

## Delaware Teacher Trains at Holocaust Memorial Museum

By Joel F. Glazier

Wilmington Friends School teacher John Hanson was one of 12 American teachers who participated in the Museum Teacher Fellows Program at the United States Holocaust Memorial this summer in Washington, D.C. The 10-year veteran teacher remarked, "I am sure I'll be more effective in my teaching about The Holocaust after the intense week of learning and training."

"I have had an interest in the subject since a great high school teacher of mine in Iowa introduced me to the topic over 25 years ago. There were only 2 Jewish students in my high school of 1200 students and I had known nothing about The Holocaust nor had any knowledge whatsoever about Jewish issues or history," said Hanson. In his five years at Wilmington Friends School he has always devoted several weeks to the topic and has usually had a Survivor in to talk to his classes.

Prior to his move to Delaware, Hanson taught at St. Paul's School for Girls in Baltimore. "I found then that some of my middle level students really perked up when assigned recommended books on the topic. I was never discouraged from teaching the topic at that Episcopal run school." He has found similar encouragement at Friends and a language arts teaching colleague makes the unit interdisciplinary when she complements his history lessons with the study of short stories and teen age literature devoted to the topic.

### Preston Holocaust Education Committee Work

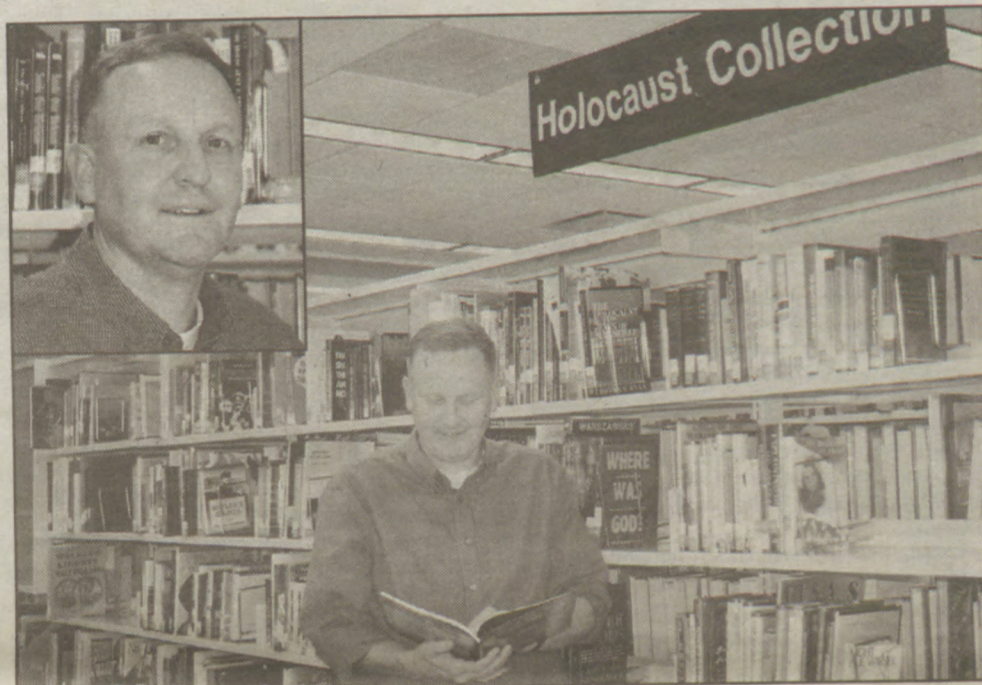
Hanson has just joined the Halina Wind

Preston Holocaust Education Committee. The JFD sponsored interdenominational-based group recently received a grant to create a Knowledge and Skills cluster on the teaching of The Holocaust for Delaware teachers. Using interdisciplinary methods is one of the features of such training clusters.

"At the museum this summer there were 12 American teachers and 2 from Croatia. Now working in Delaware with the Preston Committee members has really impressed me. It is delightful to see the excitement and enthusiasm of the committee. I have found the perfect way to share some of my knowledge with other teachers through this committee."

Each of the Holocaust Museum Fellows is expected to work in community efforts as well as school-based instruction in aspects of Holocaust education: Hanson is particularly impressed with the large collection of Holocaust books housed at the Foulk Road library that is part of the special Preston Collection. "Coming from a larger state, Iowa, and having taught in Maryland, it is such a positive feature to have this fine collection of materials available to every public library in the entire state of Delaware thanks to the library loan program."

Hanson, who earned a BA at the University of Iowa and a MS at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, is looking forward to getting involved with other aspects of the Preston Committee. "If one is going to teach only one topic in history, it must be The Holocaust. Basic human truths are all there regarding how citizens live in the



Teacher John Hanson finds useful teaching materials at the Foulk Road Public Library, where the Preston Holocaust Collection is housed.

world. The lessons are universal from this unique event in history," says Hanson.

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee is currently working on creating the mentioned teacher skills cluster; continues to collect video testimonies of area Holocaust Survivors, Liberators and Rescuers and creating an interactive CD for classroom use; arranges

for Holocaust speakers in schools; provides books to the Holocaust collection at the County library; annually organizes a community Yom Hashoah commemoration and sponsors bus trips for teachers and clergy to the Holocaust Museum in Washington. For more information contact Regina Alonzo, chair, at Alonzo@kennett.net.

## 120 More Years for the First Synagogue in the First State!

When someone celebrates a birthday in Israel they might hear the words Ad Meah v'es-rim, may you live to be 120! This phrase is inspired by Moses, who continued to lead the Jewish people with passion and resolve through his 120th birthday!

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth has achieved this milestone and enjoys the singular distinction of being the first synagogue in the first state. During Rosh Hashanah of 2005, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, will celebrate its 120th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the leaders of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth have embarked on a campaign to raise \$1.5 million to retire debt and build an endowment fund in order to ensure the Synagogue's financial future. Aptly dubbed, the "120 Years and Growing" campaign is Co-Chaired by Arlene Simon, and Iris and Allan Tocker.

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth prides itself as being a spiritual home to a diverse membership united by a love of



AKSE congregants Allan and Iris Tocker, Arlene Simon and Martin Zukoff are helping to ensure the synagogue's financial future.

Judaism and the Jewish people. They welcome all community members, regardless of financial capability. Congregants are encouraged to take advantage of a wide range of programming including worship, educational opportunities and cultural experiences and activities.

For 120 years, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth has provided the Wilmington Jewish Community with a place to wor-

ship, to learn, and to congregate. Now its leaders are working to ensure that Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth will be here for generations to come. Here's to 120 more years!

For more information about the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth 120 Years and Growing campaign and/or the other activities scheduled as part of the year long celebration, please call the office at 302-762-2705.

## Two receive grants for study in Israel

The Board of Advisors of the Anna E. Finger & Ruth Gordon Memorial Trust is pleased to announce its grant recipients for 2005:

Rachel Kessler - to attend the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem.

Danielle Lipman - to attend the Habonim Dror Workshop in Israel.

The Anna E. Finger - Ruth F. Gordon Memorial Trust is a Wilmington based charitable fund that makes annual grants for the promotion and study of Judaism and Jewish culture. The Trust was established in 1968 by Louis J. Finger and Abraham J. Gordon in memory of Mr. Finger's mother and sister and Mr. Gordon's wife. The Trust makes grants to institutions for promotion of or to individuals as scholarships for programs including, but not limited to, Hebrew language, Bible, Jewish literature, Jewish reli-

gious customs and ceremonies, theology and Holocaust studies.

The Board of Advisors considers financial need as a substantial, but not controlling factor in evaluating grant requests. Likewise, the Advisors will afford a preference to programs or individuals affiliated with Congregation Beth Shalom. Recipients of individual grants or scholarships will be expected to share their experience as part of an event open to the community.

The Advisors anticipate making grants totaling \$2,500 for the calendar year 2006. Grant applications for 2006 are now being accepted and should be directed in writing prior to January 15, 2006 to David L. Finger, Finger & Slanina, LLC, 1201 Orange Street, Suite 725, Wilmington, DE 19801-1155. For more information contact Gregg Millman, Board Chairman, at 302-993-8078.

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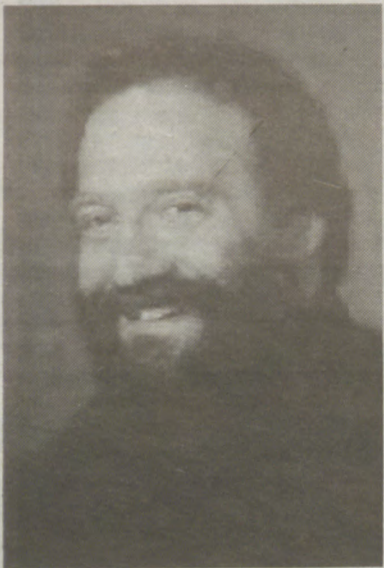
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## Cover artist explains his piece



Bruce David

### L'Chayim Celebration A Life Cycle Event

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L'chayim, to life, is a popular Jewish toast and frequently utilized term of celebration. Additionally, this expression implies the need for people to recognize and appreciate all their special blessings, to rejoice in the precious gift of life.

While this is something to remember on a daily basis, perhaps it is never more apropos than on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. At this time, when tradition informs us that a person's des-

tiny is determined for the upcoming year, we pray for the well being of our families, friends, Israel and all good life. Truly this is a unique "life-cycle" occurrence, an annual occasion to reflect on our lives, how we have chosen to live them, and ways in which we can improve ourselves in the coming year.

Moreover, Rosh Hashanah is an opportunity to take the time to be truly thankful for the gift of life and the blessings we receive each day. Unfortunately, due to the demands of society, jobs and family, these are matters that are too often ignored.

This composition is meant to celebrate both the beauty and importance of the Rosh Hashanah festival, as well as the spirit of this holy day, a valuable reminder of our constant need to be thankful, and enjoy the wonders and miracles we experience daily.

"Today is the birthday of the world," a frequently used quote from the Rosh Hashanah service, was an influential component of the inspiration for this design. In recognizing the monumental and breathtaking aspects of the cosmos, as well as the enormous power and intelligence necessary to create such a complex and magnificent universe, this stain glass window design commemorates the awe-inspiring facets of creation.

As such, many of the awesome phenomena that permeate our universe are integrated in this work of art. These include a "big bang" illustration in the top left panel; a galactic explosion of planets, stars, asteroids and lightning; a depiction of the sun radiating in the

upper section of the center pane; the bluish crater covered moon, straddling the middle and right panels; the swirling formation of a galaxy being created in the upper right segment of the windows; numerous asteroids, including the large one beneath the moon spanning the two panels on the right; and several other stars and planets, including Jupiter, together with its rings in the lower left pane. Yet another step of creation is denoted by the separation of the heavens above, from the waters beneath. Artistically, the planets and stars in the window were created by originally fusing specialty glasses together, before hand painting and etching all the fine details in the designs.

The rainbows, plants and water are significant reminders of several of the remarkable characteristics of nature, closer to home, which we often tend to take for granted. While constantly benefiting from all the splendid gifts of nature and life which subsidize our existence continuously, their inclusion in this composition is a reminder to take the time to appreciate and be thankful for the generous abundance of these gifts which we depend on daily. Moreover, this understanding should prompt us to recognize and take pleasure in our own place as part of the natural life growth process.

In keeping with the festival theme, several relevant items of Judaica are integrated into the picture. The candles that we light to begin this sacred occasion, to separate the holiness of this time from an ordinary day, are located in the left glass panel.

Two small shofars, overlaid on and helping compose a Star of David, are placed just to the right of the candles in the center pane. The two shofars positioned here in this manner serve a double purpose. First, they are a reminder of the mitzvah of hearing the sounding of the shofar blasts, a distinctive commandment of the Rosh Hashanah festival. Serving as a special call to the Jewish people, denoted by the Star of David, this deed also urges us to remember and return to our roots, to help make the world God created a better place for all life to live. A component of the way in which we accomplish this task is by "sounding the call" that others may come to appreciate and share in all life's special gifts and wonderful blessings, that all might learn to share God's gifts in peace. Continuing along with this same "sounding the call" thought, the rainbow colors exploding from behind the Star of David correspond to the Jewish life purpose to be a "light of the nations," and the universal aspects of God's love for all life.

Epitomizing the tremendous impact of this act and message, a third large shofar, as well as a second set of rainbows, are also included in this stained glass windows design. Starting in the middle of the right panel, before swirling into the center panel and then back into the right pane, this shofar twists its way around once more before culminating with an explosion of rainbow colors in the lower center section of the design.

Here, in this same area, a unique interpretation of multidimensional symbolism may be found. The base of this

large shofar is additionally depicted as a hand holding up a wine cup. Kiddush, saying the blessing over a glass of wine, is an important element of all the Jewish festivals. With this prayer, we thank the Holy One of Being for the fruits of the vine. However, implicitly, we are thanking our Creator for the fruits of life.

This has added significance on the festival of Rosh Hashanah, where we express our gratitude for all our blessings and gifts, our thanks for the opportunity to start again, and our resolve to try to improve the way in which we live our life. The best way we can do this is by reconnecting with the importance of our unique calling and by fulfilling our special life purpose in a meaningful way.

The wine cup's relative placement among the shofar, rainbow, water and plants reflects the interconnectedness of all these concepts in a life growth and world setting. Together, the meaning underlying each of these, combined with the creation representations incorporated in these windows, form the basis for the theme of this Rosh Hashanah composition, designed to celebrate all the special blessings, gifts, wonders and miracles of life.

Appropriately, the L'Chayim toast mentioned at the beginning of this script most often involves the raising of a glass of wine. As such, what more suitable time could there be than Rosh Hashanah to display our thankfulness for all our blessings and lift our glass to life.

L'Chayim!

## The Rabbi Writes –

# First year in Delaware's Jewish community

By Rabbi Michael Beals  
Special to the Jewish Voice

Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote in his classic book, *The Sabbath*, that Jews, unlike other peoples, make palaces out of time not space. We commemorate key moments in time and infuse them with meaning. So I would be remiss if I did not step back and mark August 15<sup>th</sup>, my first year anniversary of serving the Jewish community in Delaware as Rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom.

### Community Integration

Although I serve as Rabbi of the only Conservative synagogue in Wilmington, this is just one of my hats in the Jewish community. I am also the Jewish Specialist at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center, history and liturgy instructor at Gratz Hebrew High School, Rabbinical Assembly of Delaware representative to the Albert Einstein Academy Board of Directors, Advisor to the Conservative Movement student organization at the University of Delaware, monthly speaker on WDEL's "The Rabbi Speaks", and friend/cheerleader for the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Which brings me to one of the things I love best about the Jewish community in Delaware. There is so much good that one person can do in this community. I come from Los Angeles, where I served my congregation loyally for more than seven years. But with 500,000 Jews, spread out for many, many miles in each direction, it is easy to get lost, and it is very hard for one Jew to make a difference. Here in Wilmington, I find members of Beth Shalom, along with their co-religionists from Adas Kodesch, Beth

Emeth, Beth El and Chabad, involved in every major organization in the Jewish community. So to serve my congregants I really need to take an active interest in every Jewish organization as well. It is especially encouraging to see members of each of Delaware's congregations attending each other's life cycle events, as well as each congregation's major fund raising events.

Last year I had to sift through a variety of invitations to serve Jewish communities, from Vancouver, Canada to Boulder, Colorado, and what made Delaware's Jewish community stand out for me was the level of integration between each Jewish organization and synagogue. It is so much easier to improve the Jewish community when organizations work together, through friendships and professional ties. It is so much more attractive to work cohesively than the model which often plagues Jewish communal organizations: separate fiefdoms warring over their own small piece of turf.

### New faces Present New Opportunities for Cohesion

I find that in the short one year that I have been here there has been so much change in key positions within the Jewish community. Delaware is blessed to be joined by Dr. Jack Sparks, new Director of the Albert Einstein Academy; Stacy Horowitz, new Director of Early Childhood Education at the JCC; Ilana Sklover, new Director of Youth Programming at Temple Beth Emeth; Lynda Bell, new Director of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School; and Roland Roth, new Director of Education and Programs at Congregation Beth Shalom, and as of this writing we anticipate a new Director of the Jewish

Community Relations Council at Jewish Federation. Joined by six brand new faces in important educational positions, there is so much good that can be done for the Delaware Jewish Community.

Outgoing Jewish Federation President Barry Kayne envisions an integrated cradle-to-grave approach to Jewish education in Delaware, where every Jewish educational organization would cooperatively coordinate their educational programming. With seven Jewish professionals all starting tabula rasa, with a clean slate, there is no institutional baggage which would hinder our working together as an organic whole. In fact, by sharing a mutual freshness to our respective positions, it should be even easier for us "newbies" to work in synch with each other.

### Remarkable Spirituality

Of all the moments which stand out in my first year in Delaware, the one which moves me the most is how the community responded to Seth Bloom's illness between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur last year. Through his work in synagogue fund raising, community building, and leadership at the Albert Einstein Academy, Seth has become a beloved part of the many sub-communities which comprise the overall Delaware Jewish community. On the eve of his brain surgery I was in awe of how many of my congregants and members of other synagogues, including many "non-shul goers," came together at Congregation Beth Shalom's morning minyan to pray for Seth. People prayed with such kevana, spiritual directedness, with such fervor and determination, that it would have been impossible for the Holy One to ignore such supplica-

tions. Time and again, for shiva minyanim, funerals, whenever people are vulnerable and in need, this community comes through in such a magnificent way.

### Congressional Support

I come from a state where both women U.S. Senators, Boxer and Feinstein, are Jews and yet I, as a long-serving rabbi of a small Los Angeles congregation, would never have had the opportunity to meet them. Within my first week of becoming rabbi at Beth Shalom, one of my congregants had already set up a Sunday brunch for me and my wife, Elissa, with Senator Tom Carper and his delightful wife, Martha. Several months later, when Senator Carper was making a life-changing trip to Israel with one of his sons, I was one of a select group of Jewish Delawareans to meet with him to discuss my concerns about the Middle East Peace Process. Upon his return from Israel, Senator Carper came directly to the JCC to give a full report of his experiences to the Jewish community. Senator Carper returned to the JCC to help celebrate Gratz Hebrew High School's graduation.

I have never been hugged by a Senator in my life until I met Senator Joe Biden. He, too, reported directly to the JCC upon monitoring the Palestinian elections following the death of Yasser Arafat. He gave an in depth briefing and praised the Jewish community of Wilmington as being the most informed audience in Delaware on issues of foreign policy. I previously had the honor of sharing my pulpit with Senators Biden and Carper at the funeral of a highly esteemed member of my congregation who died much too early. You can count on both senators to make surprise vis-

its at shiva minyanim to show their support for bereaved families in the community.

Congressman Mike Castle impressed me with his personal support for our community when I had the pleasure of posing with him in support of last year's Jewish Federation's Super Sunday. With our respective phones pressed to our ears, we lent our smile and support to the Federation's efforts to care for Jews and non-Jews alike in our community, as well as Jews in communities throughout the world.

I hope we never take the wonderful care our Congressional team shows to our Delaware Jewish community for granted. I think it is such an extraordinary phenomenon to have such access to members of Congress, and to know how much they genuinely care about Israel and how much they appreciate and respect their Jewish constituents.

### Feeling Appreciated

As I look back on first year in Delaware, I feel extraordinarily blessed and appreciated. My congregants and members of the greater Jewish community have been so kind in their words of praise and support. They, by their behavior, inspire me and want me to give of my very best for them. I am so grateful how well my wife, Elissa and my young daughters, Ariella, 4, and Shira, 14 months, have been embraced and loved by this community. Wilmington really is the ideal place to raise a family.

A one year anniversary only happens once in a lifetime. I hope this will be the first of many years of service to the Jewish Delaware community and I thank *The Jewish Voice* for allowing me to reflect on this year with you.

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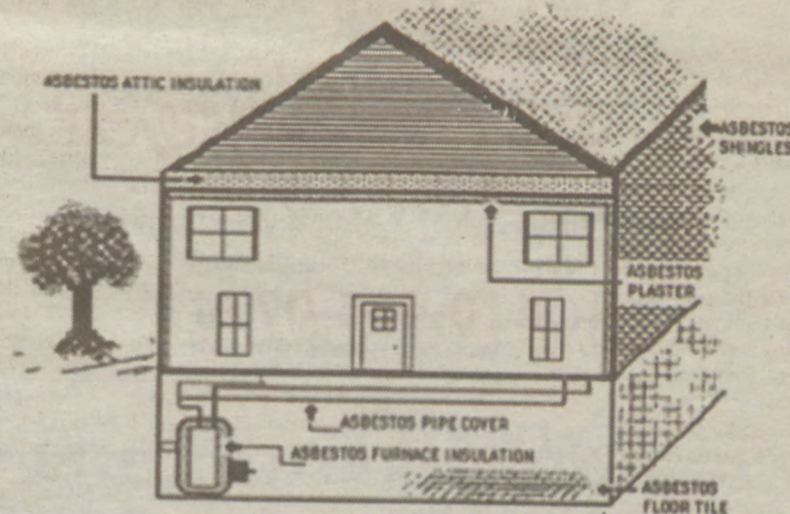
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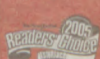
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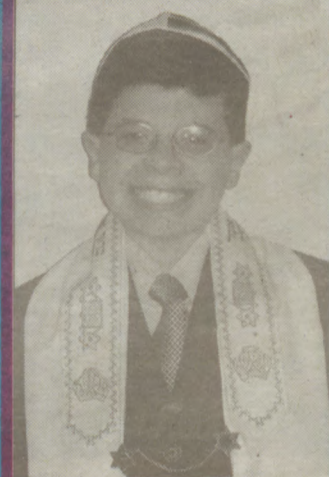
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## Resolve to read in 5766

**Company C — An American's Life as a Citizen-Soldier in Israel**

By Haim Watzman

387 pages, \$26.00

Farrar, Straus and Giroux; 2005

**Review by Joel F. Glazier**

This year, 2005, readers of newspapers, Jewish or otherwise, have been exposed to stories of Israel's disengagement from Gaza and areas of the occupied West Bank. Some stories predicted civil war in Israel. There were stories of religious leaders urging civil disobedience and urging soldiers to refuse orders. The Jewish press, especially in America, printed highly charged opinion pieces about what would be best or worst for Israel and even for the future of the Jewish people.

Haim Watzman's book, *Company C—An American's Life as a Citizen-Soldier in Israel*, is a revealing attempt to share what goes on in the minds of soldiers in the IDF (Israel Defense Forces). Not only does Watzman share his own strong, and at times unsure, opinions about the army's role and soldier's responsibilities, the reader also is privy to the bantering, dialogue, silence and divisions among loyal reservists as they share maneuvers, attacks, winter chills, summer sweats and Palestinian bullets and stones. The opinions, observations and predictions of editorial writers, reporters and religious leaders are not what one reads in this book, nor are opinions from Jewish leaders residing thousands of miles away from Israel.

**A liberal, Orthodox, mature soldier's conflicts**

Watzman's experiences and thoughts are shared in the style of a seasoned journalist

and translator that he is and from his perspective of an Israeli reservist who moved from America more than 20 years ago. However, Watzman's passion, personal stake and above all an unwavering loyalty to Israel, Judaism and his buddies in Company C are obvious in this long memoir. At times his emotions make the details of actual army actions merely secondary afterthoughts.

As an immigrant who did not serve in the IDF until his twenties, Watzman served 18 months in the Army and then his journey for 18 years assigned to a reserve unit Company C.

"In a year and a half as an enlisted man, I hadn't made a single friend worth keeping," Watzman writes as he begins very detailed descriptions of his new buddies with whom he spends several weeks a year away from his Israeli-born wife and children. However, Watzman is very conscious throughout his reserve years about the age difference between him and most men who choose to dutifully report for real reserve duty and not seek alternative office work or exemptions.

Watzman reflects, "I felt closer to these [Company C] guys than I did to my friends in civilian life... Yet I was a stranger among them, too. I hadn't gone to their high schools... grown up in the same milieu." One of the main differences between Watzman and his fellow reservists was his own social group, which centered on the English speaking Kehilat Yedidya, his Orthodox congregation in Jerusalem. Kehilat Yedidya sponsors Palestinian/Israeli dialogue groups and also encouraged its members to participate in weekly anti-Occupation demonstrations in Israel.

A unique quality to this book is Watzman openly sharing his own religious and political turmoil as he serves in the West Bank while

being against the Israeli occupation there. It is obvious his duties as a soldier always takes precedence. He ponders not showing up for some duties but never refuses to report even when ill or injured. He never wanted to take an easy way out, especially when Company C lives were at stake in hot confrontations.

**Wimps and Dialogues**

A chapter is entitled Wimps, a word not usually associated with any aspect of the Israeli military. Is voting for the Labor Party even while fighting potential terrorists considered acts of wimps? Is brooding about the accidental breakage of an heirloom vase in the home of a Palestinian a sign of weakness? Internally debating the morality of banging on the door of a Palestinian family might be the topic of a salon discussion, but incidents like this play heavily on Watzman. The events in this book are not the usual memoirs of a soldier. The macho bragging of kills and bravery are not the emphasis here.

"As a soldier I had, first and foremost, to protect myself and my comrades," Watzman shares after he had been targeted for death by a thrown masonry block in the Palestinian village of Beit Sahour. After that, Watzman later attends a dialogue meeting in Beit Sahour with Israelis and Palestinians.

"If I were younger I'd be out on the streets with a Molotov cocktail," proclaims a 45 year old Israeli to the Palestinians in the group.

"I'm one of the guys you want to throw a Molotov cocktail at," says Watzman to the Israeli. Drumming fingers on an armrest was the Israeli's response. Soldier Watzman soon gives up on trying to get a dialogue between the men of Company C and the Palestinians of Beit Sahour.

Company C included men from a variety of

political, geographical, familial and religiously observant backgrounds. All were treated equally while on duty and it is a rare army that allows for serious debate and logistics for setting up new quarters to insure an appropriate Shavouth celebration after a windstorm destroys a field kitchen. A special run is made into Jerusalem to secure sufficient building supplies to construct a sukkah large enough for all men to share meals. There also are times when a minyan of 10 soldiers cannot be rounded up for daily prayers. Some of the anecdotes and events in the book get down to the nitty gritty of life in this reserve unit.

As reports of the disengagement appeared in the news this summer, a different consciousness about the soldiers on that duty is present after reading this book. Visitors to Israel will think differently about the soldiers seen on duty at checkpoints, roadblocks or on the roads reporting to duty. Watzman opens up the army world to the non-soldier. At times the details are overly long, as are the confusing divisions of companies, battalions, divisions, etc. However, one may not think about phrases, "IDF Soldiers on patrol.... Soldiers called up for duty.... Snows covered the outposts on Mt. Hermon..." in the same way again.

Watzman's book is a good read for Americans especially as the deep thoughts of Israel's soldiers are rarely heard, while political leaders' voices are constant. One wonders how or if the other men in his company, reflect about their time in reserve duty. Some of their views of the aging, earnest, Orthodox, liberal Watzman come out in his book. What would their books be like? What tales, one has to wonder, if any, do they share with their families about this man, who proudly describes himself as an American citizen-soldier in Israel?

## Calendar celebrates Jewish athletes

**By Richard Asinof, JTA**

What does a hockey goalie, a pole-vaulter, two fencers, a marathoner and a kayaker have to do with the coming Jewish New Year?

They are female Jewish athletes whose images grace a new 5766 calendar, *Jewish + Female = Athlete: Portraits of Strength from around the World*, produced by the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, celebrating 14 current stars and 13 legends from the past in a tribute to the accomplishments of Jewish women in sport.

"Jewish girls deserve to grow up knowing that strength is beauty," Shulamit Reinharz, the founding director of the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, told JTA in a recent interview. "And Jewish children of both genders should look at these amazing athletes as role models."

The calendar — and a larger-than-life, free-standing traveling exhibit available to schools, synagogues, libraries and community centers — will be officially launched at a Sept. 18 celebration at Brandeis University.

The calendar celebrates in action photography contemporary Jewish female athletes from around the world and also pays tribute to the stories of Jewish female athletes who were pioneers in breaking down barriers.

For instance, the month of April, Nisan-Iyar, highlights Israel's professional tennis star, Anna Smashnova. It also details the "herstory" of Angela Buxton, the only Jewish woman in history to win at Wimbledon.

Buxton overcame pervasive anti-Semitism in the tennis world. She teamed with the black player Althea Gibson, winning the women's doubles championships at Wimbledon and the French Open in 1956. Buxton went on to become the co-founder of the Israel Tennis Centres.

The "cover girls" for the calendar are Sada and Emily Jacobson, sisters and saber fencers from Atlanta, Ga., who both competed in the 2004 Olympics — Sada won a bronze medal — and have each won NCAA championships. In the photograph the two sisters are shown fencing in an open field. "You can't win just be

being the strongest and the fastest. You also have to be the smartest," said Emily Jacobson, in a quote accompanying the picture.

A senior at Yale University, Sada Jacobson told JTA it was a "big honor" to be on the cover on the just-published calendar.

Jacobson said fencing "is a great sport because it incorporates the physical with the intellectual. She and her sister, she continued, are "extremely" competitive. "When we fence each other, it's all business. We go to win. But when the bout is over, we're back to being sisters. We cheer each other on and try to help however possible," Jacobson said. She added that she hopes she can serve as a role model for younger athletes.

All of the women were chosen both for their athletic prowess and pride in their Jewish identity, according to Reinharz. The decision to focus on Jewish female athletes is credited to Nathalie Alyon, who worked for the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute.

"We hope to help expand the understanding of Jewish women's lives, interests and accomplishments and encourage the Jewish community to rethink traditional gender definitions," Reinharz said.

This year's calendar is the latest in a series of produced by the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute to create a new image of Jewish women. A previous calendar featured female rabbis from around the world.

Reinharz explained that the genesis of the calendars was an effort to change the stereotypes surrounding the images of Jews — both in the Jewish and non-Jewish communities. "What's the typical image of a Jew?" she asked rhetorically. "All too often, it's of a bearded older man praying or blowing the shofar."

The images of female athletes portrayed in the calendar provide a sharp contrast with that stereotype — Zhanna Pintusevich-Block, a sprinter from Ukraine, in mid-stride, arms pumping, and Jillian Schwartz, a pole-vaulter from the United States, soaring over the bar, nothing but blue sky above her muscular body.

"When we're looking at these women, we're looking at their bodies, for sure," said



Reinharz. "It's also important for us that you look beyond the picture and see people who have accomplished so much, as humans who have a history, using their minds to figure out what's required to achieve success, using their emotions to go the extra mile."

For Linda Borish, an associate professor of history at Western Michigan University, the calendar represents an opportunity to share her original research on the history of Jewish women in American sports. Her odyssey began in 1999 when she was asked to review a book on Jewish men in American sports for American Jewish History, the official publication of the American Jewish Historical Society.

"I wondered," she said, "why there was no inclusion or record of Jewish women athletes. Was it because women did not participate or play, or was it because the author didn't look?"

What Borish found was that Jewish women not only played but were often leaders in their sports. To her, the *Jewish + Female = Athlete* calendar adds to the historical record about Jewish women seeking opportunities in sport and society.

One of the most compelling stories, according to Borish, is that of Charlotte "Eppy"

Epstein, who founded the famed New York Women's Swimming Association and led the way for the recognition of women's swimming as an Olympic sport in 1920. Her swimming champions, known as "Eppy swimmers," set 51 world records and won 30 national relay championships.

"Many people know the story of Jewish athlete Marty Glickman, a sprinter, being denied the opportunity to race at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin," Borish said. "In 1936, Eppy resigned as assistant manager of the U.S. Women's Olympic Swim Team and from the U.S. Olympic Committee in protest of Nazi Germany's persecution of Jews."

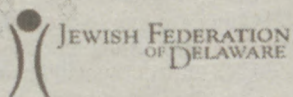
Now, says Borish, the story of Epstein and other Jewish female athletes are being rediscovered. "For the first time," Borish told JTA, "the new edition of *Encyclopaedia Judaica* will have new entries about Jewish women and sports," based on her research. "I'm waiting for when there are trading cards for Jewish women athletes," she said.

The calendar, which is available for \$13.95, can be ordered online at [www.brandeis.edu/hbi](http://www.brandeis.edu/hbi) or by phone at (781) 736-8114.





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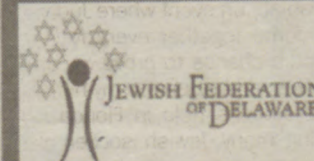
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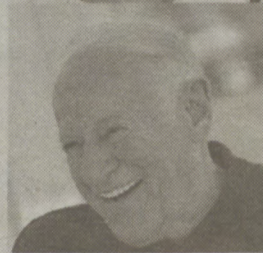
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3. Is the water **CLEAR**? The **SCIENTIFIC** word for water clarity is **TURBIDITY**. Water can become **FOGGY** from urban runoff (**POLLUTION** from cities) or boat traffic.
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## BODY of Water\*

To solve the riddle below, tell which **Mayim מים** Mitzvah each person is doing.

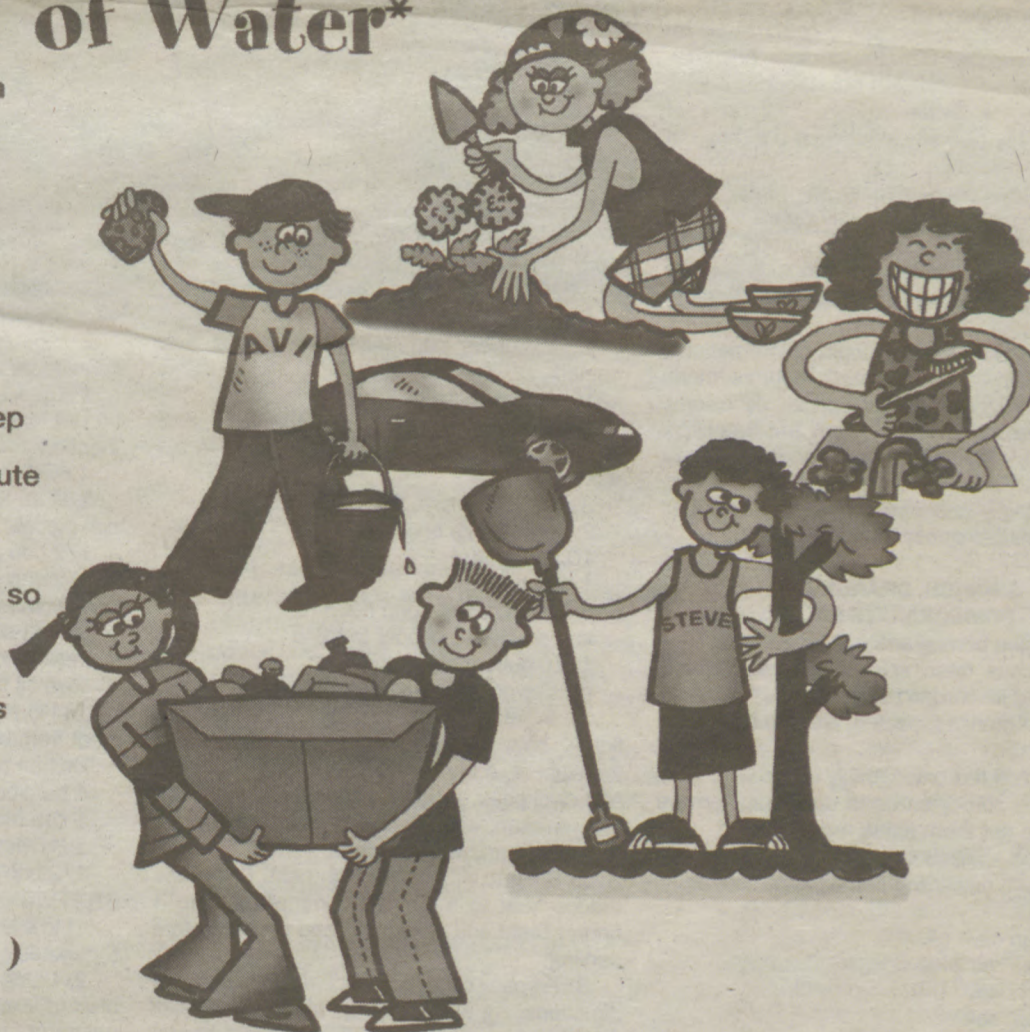
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3. Hannah plants the type of 6 8 that keep bugs away, instead of using pesticides which can pollute the water.
4. Esther and Lester dispose of household chemicals safely, so they don't run into the 7 10 supply.
5. 2 3 uses a bucket instead of a hose when he washes the car. He can save 50 gallons of water that way!

What part of the human body is bad for the earth's water supply?

The 1 2 3 4 5! (6 7 8 9 10)

(\*A body of water is any water that is contained, or surrounded by land. This riddle, however, is about the human body.)

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Knock knock. Who's there? Wayne. Wayne who? Wayne go away, come again another day!



# WHAT'S COOKING?

## No time to cook

By Ann Romirowsky  
Special to the Jewish Voice

School has started, Hebrew school begins, and there's shopping, soccer practice, music lessons and homework to be done. As summer wanes, life suddenly picks up speed once again. Now is the time of year when we reflect on the past year and pray for a good year to come!

When we are all so busy, we can take a tip from television cooking shows and make our holiday dinners a lot quicker to prepare by making them "semi-homemade". By using foods that are already prepared or semi-prepared and adding some of your own touches, dinner can be quicker, easier and no one will be the wiser.

Let's start by selecting some sweet, round challahs. Zomick's is my personal favorite. It is very heavy and cake-like.

While traditional sliced apples and honey are not too time consuming to prepare, why not try assembling a platter of dried, sweet dates. This is absolutely no work at all.

A beautiful platter of store-bought hum-

mus, babaganoush, assorted cured olives and some Israeli canned pickles make an easy and festive condiment-with no work for the cook.

Ah, the chicken soup. This can be a little trickier. Using canned chicken broth or soup, add one whole onion peeled, 1 peeled sweet potato cut in half, 1 peeled parsnip, three or four whole carrots that have been peeled and a few stalks of celery. Bring to a boil, and reduce to a simmer, then add a small bunch fresh dill wrapped in cheese cloth. Continue to simmer until sweet potato and carrots are soft. Taste the soup and if it is bland add a chicken bullion cube and let simmer a few more minutes until dissolved. Taste again and adjust seasonings. Strain the soup, reserve carrots and sweet potato and discard other vegetables. Mash the carrots and potato, or use a ricer or food mill and add to the soup. This gives a golden color and a sweet taste.

Make matzo ball with seltzer instead of water or half chicken soup and half water and then follow the package directions. After cooling, these will freeze very well.

For the main course, try an Empire BBQ turkey. Since it is already cooked, thaw it in the refrigerator in a disposable roasting pan. When it is about 90% thawed, unwrap and remove any ice or fat left in the cavity and discard. Carve the turkey and put in a disposable roasting pan. Add to the drippings some orange juice, BBQ sauce and any seasonings you think it needs. Pour this over the turkey, cover the pan with foil and reheat. Note: the amount of drippings left from the frozen turkey will determine the amount of additional liquid you need to add. You want just enough liquid to keep the turkey moist while reheating. Serve on a large platter garnished with parsley and sliced oranges.

Try Near East cous-cous for a starch. Again, use as many boxes as needed. Add one package of pine nuts per box and two tablespoons of sun dried tomato pesto per box. If you can not find the pesto, you can use chopped sun dried tomatoes in oil. Follow the package directions. After the water boils, add the pine nuts and tomatoes. Stir well and add the cous-cous. Stir again,

remove from heat, cover tightly and follow the directions on the box. This can be served warm or at room temperature.

A very easy way to prepare fresh asparagus is to use a large skillet with a tight fitting lid. Clean and snap off the tough ends of the stalks. As the skillet begins to heat, add enough olive oil to cover the bottom, the juice of one lemon, and two tablespoons of crushed garlic in oil. Add salt and pepper to your taste. When the pan is hot, but not smoking, add the asparagus, cover tightly and remove from heat. Using large potholders, shake the pan in an up and down motion to coat the stalks. Serve hot or at room temperature.

And finally, for dessert, fresh fruit direct from the salad bar. A store-bought bobka or rugalach gently reheated in the microwave, has a fresh, soft texture if served immediately after heating. Or, you can serve Tofutti and fresh berries.

I wish everyone a year of good health, family peace and world peace.

Ann Romirowsky is a registered dietician and a gourmet cook.

## Not your typical High Holiday fare!

By Linda Morel, JTA

Mandy Bachrach, an illustrator and the mother of six children, teamed up with her friends, Valerie Kanter, a polymer clay artist, to create "Crowning Elegance: A Kosher Culinary Experience". What makes "Crowning Elegance" different from all other community cookbooks? It is a coffee-table volume with a real binding and more than 400 pages of sophisticated recipes accompanied by 180 breathtaking photographs.

In a collaborative spirit, each woman brought something "to the table". Bachrach comes from an Ashkenazi background; Kanter hails from the Syrian Jewish community of Brooklyn. This diversity influenced the range of recipes they chose.

"I'm totally connected to my roots," says Kanter, explaining that she still wears the gold bangle bracelets customary among Syrian Jewish women. "I return to Brooklyn twice a year to see family and purchase Middle Eastern ingredients."

In addition to its cornucopia of international recipes, "Crowning Elegance" features menu and wine suggestions for special occasions, such as Autumn Shabbos, Yom Tov, Break-the-Fasts, Oriental Dinners and Summer Barbecues. The cookbook is available at selected bookstores and can be ordered online at [www.crowningelegance.com](http://www.crowningelegance.com).

### SPINACH, ORANGE AND POMEGRANATE SALAD

- 1 medium pomegranate
- 2 bunches fresh spinach leaves, coarsely torn, stems discarded (about 8 cups)
- 2 navel oranges, peeled, pith removed, segments halved

1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced

1) Slice pomegranate in quarters. Remove seeds and set them aside.

2) Place spinach in a large salad bowl. Add oranges, red onion and pomegranate seeds.

#### DRESSING

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 2 tsp. honey
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper

In a small bowl or jar, combine olive oil, red wine vinegar, honey, salt and pepper. Drizzle salad with dressing and toss to coat. Serve immediately.

Preparation time: 20 minutes

Experience level: Beginner

Yield: 8 servings

### MOROCCAN COUSCOUS SOUP

- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 onions, chopped



- 1 pound short ribs
- 1 (15-ounce) can chickpeas, rinsed and drained

- 1 medium zucchini, sliced
- 1 head green cabbage, cut into thirds
- 1/2 small butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cubed

- 3 medium carrots, cut into 1-inch slices
- 2 chicken legs and thighs
- 10 cups water
- 1 tsp. turmeric
- 5 Tbsp. chicken-soup flavoring salt and white pepper to taste
- 1 (10-ounce) pkg. couscous
- parsley or cilantro sprigs, optional

1) In an 8-quart stockpot over medium flame, heat oil, add onions and saute until translucent. Add short ribs. Turn until browned. Add chickpeas, zucchini, cabbage, squash, carrots, chicken, water, turmeric, chicken-soup flavoring, salt and white pepper.

2) Bring to a boil over high heat. Cover and reduce heat to a simmer. Simmer for 3 to 4 hours. Taste and adjust salt and pepper before serving.

3) Prepare couscous according to package directions. For a hearty soup, place a few tablespoons of couscous in individual soup bowls. Ladle broth with vegetables, meat and chicken on top of couscous. As a main course, place all of the couscous on a large serving platter and spoon vegetables, meat and chicken on top. You may use the broth as a starter on its own with a simple garnish of fresh parsley or cilantro.

Preparation time: 15 minutes

Cooking time: 4 hours

Experience level: Beginner

Yield: 8 to 10 servings

### BRAISED STUFFED VEAL BREAST

- 2 cups day-old Italian bread cut into 1/2-inch squares
- 1 cup rice milk

- 1/2 cup fresh flat-leaf Italian parsley, chopped
- 4 medium cloves garlic, slivered

- 1/2 lb. sliced pastrami, chopped into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup pine nuts toasted (optional)

- 1/2 cup dark raisins soaked in warm water to re-hydrate, drained
- coarse salt to taste

- freshly ground black pepper to taste
- olive oil for drizzling, plus 2 Tbsp.
- 1 (4-lb.) veal breast. Ask butcher to separate meat from bones. Take home meat and bones.

- kitchen twine
- 4 hard-boiled eggs, shelled

- 1 cup red wine
- 1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup water

#### STUFFING

1) In a large bowl, soak bread in rice milk for 5 minutes.

2) Using clean dry hands, squeeze out and discard excess rice milk. Add parsley, garlic, pastrami, pine nuts (if using) and raisins. Season lightly with salt and pepper.

3) Drizzle with olive oil to moisten and mix thoroughly to combine.

#### VEAL

1) Line counter with one or two 18-inch pieces of plastic wrap. Place veal on plastic wrap. Make a deep slice along side of veal breast, and fan open like a book. Lay another 18-inch piece of plastic wrap on top.

2) Using the smooth side of a mallet, pound veal until it's about 1/2 inch thick, being careful

not to tear veal. Discard top sheet of plastic wrap.

3) Rub surface of veal with olive oil, and season with salt and pepper. Lift veal and place 3 strands of kitchen twine across plastic wrap. Place veal across twine.

4) Spread stuffing evenly over veal, leaving a 1-inch border all around. Place the eggs lengthwise down the center.

5) Roll up veal jellyroll style, using plastic wrap for support. (Don't roll plastic into veal. Discard it after veal is rolled.) Tie twine securely around veal.

6) Rinse veal bones. In a large roasting pan, over medium heat, place about 2 Tbsp. olive oil.

7) Carefully lift veal roll and place in roasting pan. Sear stuffed veal breast on all sides. Add wine, tomato sauce, water and veal bones.

8) Cover and simmer for 1 hour, turning and basting occasionally. Discard bones before serving.

Preparation time: 30 Minutes

Cooking time: 1 hour

Experience level: Intermediate

Yield: 6 servings

### APPLE SPICE CAKE (Pareve)

- 2 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and cubed
- 1 cup sugar

- 1/2 tsp. salt

- 11/2 cups flour

- 1 tsp. baking soda

- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg

- 1 tsp. cinnamon

- 1/2 tsp. allspice

- 1 egg, lightly beaten

- 1/2 cup margarine, melted

- 1/2 cup nuts, optional

- 1/2 cup raisins, optional

- nonstick spray

1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease an 8x8-inch baking dish with nonstick spray.

2) In a large bowl, combine apples and sugar. Let stand 10 minutes.

3) In a small bowl, sift together salt, flour, baking soda, nutmeg, cinnamon and allspice.

4) Pour egg and margarine over apples. Mix to combine. Mixing by hand, add dry ingredients and nuts and raisins (if using) to apple mixture. Mix until just incorporated. Push mixture into the baking dish.

5) Bake for 50 to 55 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes. Invert onto wire rack to finish cooling. (If left in a baking dish, cake will become too moist.) When completely cooled, cut into squares, three down and three across.

Preparation time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 50 to 55 minutes

Experience level: Beginner

Yield: 9 servings.



# GLOBAL JEWISH NEWS

## Sharon faces key test

By Leslie Susser, JTA

After weeks of bitter sparring, what could be the decisive first round of the big fight between Ariel Sharon and Benjamin Netanyahu for leadership of the Likud Party and the country is set to take place.

If pollsters are to be believed, Sharon will struggle to hold onto power in the party in next week's key showdown.

The images of settlers being evacuated from their homes in Gaza and the northern West Bank did not play well in the Likud. And though the prime minister has been fighting back, he still trails Netanyahu, who resigned last month as Sharon's finance minister, in the Likud's Central Committee, where the clash will take place.

Sharon's fate — and the future shape of Israeli politics — could be decided on a seemingly minor procedural issue. On Sept. 26, the 3,000 members of the Central Committee will determine whether to hold a party leadership primary in November or, as scheduled, next April.

Sharon's main rivals for the top spot, Netanyahu and the leader of the hawkish "Likud rebels," Uzi Landau, both want the earlier date, hoping to exploit the post-Gaza backlash in the Likud against Sharon, which is reflected in a slew of recent opinion polls on the leadership issue.

Sharon wants more time to consolidate his support, and is presenting a vote for an early primary as an attempt to "expel" a serving prime minister, a year and a quarter before the end of his term.

Both sides see the Central Committee ballot as a vote of confidence in the party leader. Deputy Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, one of Sharon's closest political allies, describes the impending vote as "the most important by a party-political body in Israel in a decade."

The outcome could determine who the next prime minister will be, whether Likud remains the party of power or splits in two, whether a totally new Israeli political map emerges and whether there is a follow-up to the Gaza withdrawal.

Latest polls show the Netanyahu-Landau axis leading by between 2 percent to 6 per-

cent. According to Yediot Achronot, 47 percent of the Central Committee is for early primaries and 45 percent is against; Ma'ariv puts it at 48 percent to 42 percent.

Sharon's Sept. 15 speech at the U.N. General Assembly in New York, in which he indicated readiness for further concessions, did not help his cause in the Likud.

"The Palestinians will always be our neighbors. We respect them and have no aspirations to rule over them. They are also entitled to liberty and to a sovereign national existence in a state of their own," he declared.

Some pundits argued that the speech showed that Sharon has made up his mind to leave the Likud.

"This is not the way people in the Likud talk," political analyst Aluf Benn wrote in Ha'aretz. "This way leads toward the center, toward a public that wants peace and quiet and is willing to give up more territory."

Yediot's Sever Plotzker, in a piece headlined "Divorce from the Likud," wrote that "Sharon's balanced, moving and excellent speech in Hebrew was aimed exclusively at center-left voters. There was not a single word calculated to please his traditional constituency: the members of the Likud Central Committee and Likud Party members."

Sharon, however, says he is determined to stay and win in the Likud. On the plane back from New York, the prime minister declared that he had founded the Likud and wouldn't leave it to found another party.

Sharon knows that that's what many of his potential supporters in the Central Committee want to hear. But he also knows that the veiled threat to leave the party if he loses is his strongest weapon: Many Central Committee members may support him simply to prevent a split in the party, which could end up with Likud losing power in the next national elections.

So Sharon's camp is deliberately putting out an ambivalent message: Sharon says he won't leave, while close aides say he will if he loses.

Ma'ariv columnist Ben Caspit summed up the situation: "Sharon," he wrote, "already has one leg outside the Likud, but the other leg is still in and kicking."



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, right, and then-Cabinet Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, attend a Cabinet meeting in a 2002 file photo. CREDIT: BP Images/Pool/JTA

Netanyahu's tack has been to depict Sharon as a man who has abandoned Likud principles and is therefore no longer fit to lead the party. In a joint letter to each of the 3,000 Central Committee members, Netanyahu and Landau describe Sharon as "a subcontractor for the policies of the left," and say that if he's going to leave the party, it's better that he do so sooner rather than later. The greater the lag between the time Sharon founds a new party and the next elections, the more the new party will lose its luster, they argue.

Insiders say about 900 of the committee members will vote against Sharon on any issue, and that another 900 or so will support him. The battle is over the remaining 1,200.

Yitzhak Regev, a leading Sharon activist and influential member of the Central Committee, says turnout will be key.

"If there is a high turnout, as I am sure there will be, Sharon will not only beat Netanyahu, he will destroy him," Regev told JTA. "The media have placed the issue at the top of the national agenda. Everybody understands its importance, and they will all turn out for the vote."

But it's more complicated than that for

Sharon. One of his chief concerns is that even if he wins in the Central Committee and goes on to win the party primary and the next general election as Likud leader, he is likely to have an even more hawkish and oppositional Likud faction than the one that has constantly tried to tie his hands in the present Knesset.

He knows that could make his job as prime minister impossible — and he also knows polls indicate he would win the premiership as leader of a centrist party, with or without an electoral alliance with left-leaning Labor or centrist Shinui.

These two factors could well lead him to break away from Likud at a later date, even if he wins the Central Committee vote.

If Sharon loses, there's no question: Pundits unanimously predict that he'll argue that the Likud has changed, that it's no longer the same party he founded and that, since it clearly doesn't want him, he will leave to head a new party against Netanyahu's more hawkish Likud.

Either way, the Central Committee vote could be a catalyst for major changes in Israeli politics, which could have a strong effect on the big picture in the Middle East.

## Ukraine's Jews confused after government shake-up

By Lev Krichevsky  
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JTA

Orange is out of fashion in Ukraine these days.

"My business has virtually come to an end," laments Larisa, a middle-aged woman selling orange baseball hats, button pins and scarves with President Viktor Yushchenko's name on Kiev's central street who gave only her first name. "No one wants to buy this stuff anymore, even foreigners."

The Orange Revolution — which took its name from the color of Yushchenko's party and swept him to power in Ukraine in January — was welcomed by millions of Ukrainians, including Jews, as putting an end to the widespread corruption associated with the country's former president, Leonid Kuchma.

Recently, corruption accusations by some of Yushchenko's closest aides led to the ouster of several top officials and ultimately forced the beleaguered president to fire his entire Cabinet.

According to Ukrainian law, the president has three months to form a new government, though observers agree he is likely to complete shaping his new Cabinet much sooner.

"What is happening in Ukraine is quite messy, and such messiness is quite normal in young democratic societies," John Hrebst, the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine,

told a group of Jewish leaders from Eastern and Central European countries and Australia who were attending a session of the Euro-Asian Jewish Congress General Council in Kiev earlier this month.

Do Ukrainian Jews feel safe at this time of uncertainty and crisis?

The short answer is yes.

But many members of Ukraine's Jewish community, which some estimate at 500,000, say they are confused about the current crisis, as are many non-Jews in this former Soviet republic of 48 million.

Yushchenko's rise to power was fueled by promises to eradicate corruption and introduce liberal economic reforms to ensure the well-being of Ukrainians.

Instead, the country's economy seemed to have lost much of its potential to grow during Yushchenko's first half-year in office. In August, Ukraine had zero economic growth for the first time in years.

"I don't know what is going on with us," said Mila Haikina, a Jewish woman from the town of Poltava. "All we saw so far was the prices going up."

She was referring to several crises that hit the consumer market this year — the prices of sugar and meat rose dramatically, for example.

Jews are also confused when it comes to discussing Yushchenko's record on issues of specific concern to the them, such as the problem of anti-Semitism and of restitution of former Jewish communal property that remains in the hands of the state.

Yushchenko spoke strongly in favor of the Jewish community on many occasions and condemned a recent act of anti-Semitism when a yeshiva student was severely beaten in Kiev in late August.

But some Jews feel this is not enough. Anti-Semitism has been on the rise in Ukraine in the past year. Most recently, Rabbi Michael Menis and his son, 14, both citizens of Israel, were attacked and beaten near the National Expo Center in Kiev. The police detained eight of the attackers, reportedly members of a neo-Nazi skinhead gang who said they attacked the "Jews to purify the nation."

"Many Jews still trust Yushchenko, but we want to see real results," said Arkady Korbeletsky from the Jewish community of the Crimea in southwest Ukraine. "He and other top officials have made very good statements, but so far these were only words."

In fact, many believe that despite the current political uncertainty and additional anxiety over the parliamentary elections to be held next spring, Yushchenko has the best chance of all politicians to guarantee relative stability and calm in Ukrainian society.

"I'm sure that as long as Yushchenko remains the president, Jews should feel safe," Yevgeniy Chervonenko, the former minister of transportation and communications and the only Jewish member of the ousted Cabinet, told JTA.

"To me, it is clear that we are not going to see any revolts or excesses," said

Alexander Paskhaver, a Jewish economic aide to Yushchenko.

Similarly, Ukraine's acting foreign minister, Boris Tarasyuk, tried to dispel fears held by some Jewish observers in the West that Jews are being put at risk in Ukraine's current climate of political difficulties.

Yushchenko is the main guarantor that the government's course of protecting minorities and fighting anti-Semitism will not change, Tarasyuk said at the briefing for leaders of the Euro-Asian Jewish Congress earlier this month.

While there were Jews in the former Cabinet and among Yushchenko's top aides, there are no Jewish politicians in the new government. Yet this should not be seen as a result of some special policy, a leading Jewish figure said.

"Some Jews may lose their position of power but not because they are Jewish," Josef Zissels, the leader of Ukrainian Va'ad, an umbrella group of Ukrainian Jewish organizations and communities, said.

"People in the old team did not manage to keep their business and political interests apart."

Zissels said the new Cabinet would still be likely to deal more vigorously with such issues as fighting anti-Semitism and returning synagogues to the community.

"The old team was not dealing much with real issues, being mostly consumed by the political tug of war. Those who will replace them will be more apt to deal with practical issues."



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Jonathan M. Gusdorff, D.O. received his Bachelor of Arts from Hofstra University and his doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his radiology residency at Bryn Mawr Hospital and radiology fellowship, in neuroradiology, at Emory University School of Medicine.

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E-mail: [rabbi@chabadDE.com](mailto:rabbi@chabadDE.com)

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President: Esther Timmeney

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**Yom Kippur:** Wednesday, October 12-5:00 p.m. dinner at the Kristol Center. Cost is \$8.45 per person. RSVP to [jspicer@udel.edu](mailto:jspicer@udel.edu). 6:30 p.m. Conservative and Reform services for Kol Nidrei. Thursday, October 13-9:30 a.m. Reform and Conservative Services. 5:00 p.m. Afternoon Service and Healing Service. 6:00 p.m. Yizkor and Closing Services. 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.-Break the Fast at the Kristol Center. For more information call Executive Director Susan Detwiler at 302-453-0479.

## Kent County

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October 3: 7:30pm for Erev Rosh Hashanah at Virden Center

October 4: 10 am for Rosh Hashanah services at Virden Center, 5 pm for Tashlich Services

October 7: 7:30pm for Shabbat Services at SEASIDE

October 12: 7:30pm Kol Nidrei at Virden Center

October 13: 10am Yom Kippur Services, 3:30pm for Discussion Group, 5pm for Evening Service with Break-fast to follow (all at the Virden Center)

October 15: 10am for Shabbat Services at SEASIDE

October 23: 10am for Simchat Torah Festival and Religious School Consecration and Sukkot Service with "Pizza in the Hut" to honor our new Members (at SEASIDE)

\*All High Holy Day services are going to be held at the Virden Center in Lewes at 700 Pilottown Road. Feel free to call them at 302-645-4100 for directions.

\*\*Tashlich Services will be at Dr. David Ehrenfeld's house in Henlopen Acres on the Canal (Directions will be given out at services that day)

SEASIDE will again have a traditional dairy meal to end the Yom Kippur day fast. It will follow the Havdalah service and will be at the Virden Center. Advance reservations are required. The cost is \$22 per adult and \$14 per child ages 3 - 12 (children under 3 are free). Your check is your reservation and must be received no later than Friday, October 7th. Please send your check to Seaside Jewish Community, P.O. Box 1472, Rehoboth Beach, DE, 19971. For more information, you can contact Cindi and Stanley Silverblatt at 302-227-1107.

## Beth Shalom slates Selichot evening of theatre

The community is invited to a special Selichot commemoration this **Saturday night, September 24, at 8 p.m.**, Rabbi Michael Beals, spiritual leader of Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom, will be directing an evening of interactive theatre. The performance will feature ten congregants presenting the award-winning play, "The Gates Are Closing" by Merle Feld.

The play takes place in a synagogue on Yom Kippur evening, the following morning and late that afternoon. The action follows ten main characters spanning a wide range of ages, backgrounds and professions as they grapple with issues of identity, meaning, loyalty, betrayal, repentance, and forgiveness on the most somber of days.

"Gates Are Closing" has been performed in over 200 synagogues and college campuses across the United States, Canada, England, Mexico, and Australia. "The play is highly evocative, astute and powerful as it weaves the familiar themes of Yom Kippur through the lives of rich and engaging characters in surprising and

poignant ways," wrote Rabbi Justin David of Congregation B'nai Israel in Northampton, MA. "The play's end, heralded by the sound of a shofar, left our congregation breathless... something quite wonderful for Saturday night as an inspiration to the Selichot service itself."

At 8 p.m., September 24, congregants will usher in Havdalah with Rabbi Beals on the guitar and Hazzan Michael Horwitz lending his singing voice, a dessert oneg with the cast, followed by the 90-minute production of "Gates are Closing". An interactive discussion between the congregants, Rabbi Beals and cast members will follow. Some rabbis have commented that the discussion is the most valuable part of the entire experience. A Selichot service will begin at 10:15 with Rabbi, Hazzan and Beth Shalom choir.

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Happy New Year to all our friends and family.  
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Happy New Year to all our friends and family.  
**Phyllis & Buddy Aerenson**

#### B

To all of our family and friends, we wish you a happy and healthy New Year.  
**Carole, Barry, Sean & Bradley Bakst**

L' Shana Tova.  
**Bernard & Helen Balick**

We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.  
**Steve, Laura, Ashley, Taylor & Lindsay Balick**

Happy and Healthy New Year.  
**The Dave Balick Family**

L' Shana Tova  
**Jean & Jack Blumenfeld**

We wish our family and friends a happy and healthy New Year.  
**David, Dorothy, Rachael & Sarah Bobman**

Healthy New Year's Greetings!  
**Dr. & Mrs. Howard Borin**

L' Shana Tova.  
**Ruth Bucholtz**

#### C

L' Shana Tova - Happy and Healthy New Year to All.  
**Eddie & Jim Chaikin**

L' Shana Tova.  
**Eileen & Robert Cooper**

We wish our family, friends and the community a healthy and sweet New Year.  
**The Crain Family**

#### D

Wishing our family and friends a Happy and Healthy New Year.  
**Robert & Arlene Davis**

#### E

L' Shana Tovah.  
**Micki & Lanny Edelson**

Wish all members of the community a L' Shana Tova.  
**Lena, John, Rachel & Aviva Elzufon**

Happy and Healthy New Year.  
**Alice & Bennett Epstein**

#### F

L' Shana Tova.  
**Hinda & Jack Fink**

L' Shana Tova to All.  
**Allen, Karen, Andrew & Tracey Friedman**

Happy New Year!  
**A Friend**

#### G

We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!  
**Jodi & Jim Gevurtz, Paul, Zen, Daniel & Robin Gevurtz**

L' Shana Tova - May this be a year of peace for all mankind.  
**Mrs. Marvin S. Gilman & Family**

L' Shana Tova - Happy New Year!  
**Joe & Phyllis Glick**

L' Shana Tova.  
**Sheila & Perry Goldlust**

From our family to yours, a year blessed with health, happiness and peace.  
**Stuart, Suzanne, Niki, Jake & Sam Grant**

L' Shana Tova.  
**Debbie, Jerry, Hannah & Marni Grossman**

A year of health, blessing and peace!  
**Suzy & Rabbi Peter Grumbacher**



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L' Shana Tova.  
**Ivy, Donna, Lea & Micah Harlev**

Wishing all our friends a healthy and happy New Year.  
**The Horowitz Family**

#### K

Health and Happiness in the New Year.  
**Cheryl & Ken Kamm**

L' Shana Tova!  
**The Kattler Family**

Healthy and Happy New Year!  
**Frances & Steven Klein**

May all have a healthy New Year in the J's wonderful new facility!  
**Mary & Dan Klein**

Wishing a peaceful and healthy New Year.  
**Nancy Kronfeld**



#### L

L' Shana Tova.  
**Susan & Russell Labowitz**

L' Shana Tova to our family and friends and wishes for peace.  
**Lebowitz/Neckowitz Family**

Best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year.  
**The Lessner Family**

L' Shana Tova to the Community.  
**Donna & Stuart Levin**

New Year's Greetings.  
**Marilyn & Richard Levin**

L' Shana Tova to All!  
**Amy, Michael, Sara, Jillian, Joshua, Allison & Jacob Leviton**

Healthy and Peaceful Year to All.  
**Marsha & Melvin Levy**

Wishing a Happy and Healthy New Year to All.  
**Judy & Allan Levy**

L' Shana Tova! May we all share a peaceful year.  
**Nan Lipstein**

Wishing you a healthy and happy year!  
**Joan Luachetern**

#### M

Wishing our family and friends a peaceful 5766.

**Martin & Shelly Mand**

May this year bring peace, health and happiness to all.  
**Elias & Vivian Mamberg**

Wishing the entire community a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year!  
**Cindi, Jeff, Daniel & Elana Metz**

#### N

L' Shana Tova.  
**The Narun Family**

A happy and healthy New Year to All!  
**Leslie, Jim, Mike & Craig Newman**

#### P

L' Shana Tova! May the coming year bring peace, health and happiness to all!  
**Susan Parcels**

A year of sweetness to all our friends.  
**Ellen, Stephen, David, Rachel & Arielle Pearlman**

Greetings to all our friends.







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#### R

L' Shana Tova.  
**Joan & Joseph Rosenthal**

A happy and healthy New Year to all our friends and family.  
**Adele & Stan Ross**

Shanah Tovah Tikateivu! A sweet and healthy New Year to all!  
**Roland Roth**  
**Congregation Beth Shalom**

#### S

L' Shana Tova.  
**Barbara, Alan, Josh & Geoff Schoenberg**

L' Shana Tova with peace for all.  
**Helen & Norman Schutzman**

L' Shana Tova to all our friends and family.  
**Love, Liz, Bryan, Austin & Brooke Schwartz**

We wish our family and friends a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.  
**Michael, Pam-Sue, Alex & Dara Schwartz**

L' Shana Tova.  
**Ruth & Bernard Siegel**

Happy New Year to all our friends and family.  
**Michelle, Russ, Jared, Todd & Corey Silberglied**

L' Shana Tova to All.  
**Connie, Michael, Jason, Rachel, Adam & Max Sugarman**

#### S

Wish a happy, healthy and sweet New Year to our family and friends.  
**Arlene & Richard Sklut**

New Year's Greetings.  
**The Sokoloff Family**

May this year be one of peace, good health and many blessings. L' Shanah Tovah.  
**Jeff, Caryl Marcus- Stape,**  
**Pamela MacDonald & Mark Stape**

#### T

New Year's Greetings to friends and family.  
**Norm & Bobbie Tomases**

#### W

Wishing everyone a year of happiness, health and peace.  
**George & Gladys Weiner**

May we know peace in the coming year.  
**Toby Weiner**

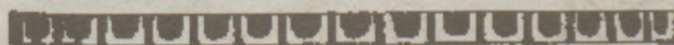
Best wishes for a very happy and healthy New Year.  
**Jan & Michael Weiss & Family**

Have a Happy Healthy 5766!  
**Harriet & Herbert Wolfson**

#### Z

Best wishes for a Healthy New Year!  
**Harry David Zutz**

L' Shana Tova - Happy New Year.  
**Sylvia & Ted Zutz**







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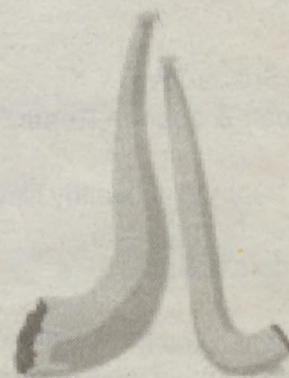
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# A YEAR IN REVIEW

huge Muslim nuclear power, which had ostracized Israel in the past.

The year 5765 also marked the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp and the end of the World War II. In mid-March, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, presidents, prime ministers and delegations from 40 countries attended the opening of a new Holocaust muse-

um in Jerusalem. On May 5, Sharon took part in a ceremony at Auschwitz, where 1 million Jews perished between 1942 and 1945; and on May 30, Israeli President Moshe Katsav addressed Germany's Parliament.

The cease-fire with the Palestinians and the disengagement helped the Israeli economy recover from the battering it took

during the intifada, growing by about 4 percent for the second straight year.

Other indicators also pointed to economic resurgence: Nearly 2 million tourists were expected in 2005, an increase of half a million from 2004, double the number in 2003 and close to record pre-intifada levels, and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange reached new

heights in the first few weeks after disengagement.

There also were at least two major financial transactions: Israel's giant pharmaceutical company, Teva, became the largest generic-drug producing company in the world after a \$7.4 billion buy-out of U.S.-based Ivax in August. And on June 30, Israel and Egypt signed a \$2.5 billion deal for the

supply of natural gas from Egypt to Israel over the next 15 years. Opponents warned that the gas deal risked national security by giving a potentially hostile country a stranglehold on a key strategic resource, while backers said it would tighten Israeli-Egyptian ties that have remained cold despite a formal peace treaty signed 25 years ago.



Crowds of Palestinians strain as they look in the sky for helicopters carrying the late Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat from Egypt to the West Bank city of Ramallah for burial, Nov. 12, 2004.  
Credit: Brian Hendler/JTA



An Israeli soldier kisses a Torah carried by a settler as it is removed from the synagogue in the Katif settlement, in the southern Gaza Strip, Sunday, Aug. 21, 2005, as settlers wait for soldiers to remove them.  
Credit: Brian Hendler/JTA



Seventy thousand Gaza withdrawal opponents pack the Western Wall plaza during an anti-disengagement prayer service at sundown in Jerusalem on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2005.  
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Russian President Vladimir Putin, center, reviews an honor guard during a ceremony prior to his meeting with Israeli President Moshe Katsav, second from right, at the President's residence in Jerusalem, Thursday, April 28, 2005.



Israeli soldiers fold an Israeli flag after it's lowered before the closing of Israel's army headquarters in Gaza at an official ceremony, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2005.  
Credit: Brian Hendler/JTA



## MILESTONES In Memoriam

### HABER

Helen Finerosky Haber, 86, of Ashbourne Hills, died September 7th. She was employed by the State of Delaware Consumer Affairs Department, the DuPont Company and the War Department during World War II.

Survivors include Milton, her husband of 50 years; her daughter, Sharon Donna Murphree of Utah; her brothers, Louis and Nathan Finerosky; sisters, Dora Rubin and Rose Daroff; and grandchildren, Lisa, Rachel and Gary.

A graveside service was held on September 11th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802.

### JABLOW

Noel I. Jablow, 69, of Wilmington, died September 1st. He is survived by his daughter, Sharon Checchi; his sons, Kevin and Scott; his mother, Rose Stolper; brother, Richard; sister, Sheila Frater; and grandchildren, Janes, Alex and Garrett Checchi and Annie Jablow.

There was a graveside service on September 4th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to the American Diabetes Association, 100 West 10th Street, Suite 1002, Wilmington, DE 19801.

### LINETT

Richard A. Linett, 78, of Landenberg, PA, died August 3rd. He began his career in Delaware as superintendent of schools in the old McKean District, then as deputy superintendent of Wilmington for Human Relations, director of special services in the Red Clay District and after retirement, he became an adjunct professor in the University of Delaware Department of Education and a participant in the Academy of Lifelong Learning.

Mr. Linett was an avid bike rider, a member of the morning coffee group at the Coffee Cup in Hockessin and the Friday Breakfast Club at "Porky" Oliver's for many years.

Survivors include Alexandra, his wife of 55 years; his sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Janice and Michael and July; sisters, Roberta Mendelsohn and Barbara Pincus; grandchildren, Steven J. and Jennifer; and brother-in-law, George Pincus.

Service and interment in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear were private.

The family would appreciate contributions in his memory to the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center, 4701 Ogletown-Stanton Road., Newark, DE 19713.

### MICHNICK

Anne Michnick, 91, a resident of the Kutz Home in Wilmington, DE, died August 30th.

She was a buyer for the 500 store chain, Ben F. Lewis Corp., in New York City, NY and also was an accountant for the New York City Transportation Department. She was a member of

Hadassah.

Mrs. Michnick is survived by her daughter, Dr. Roberta M. Golinkoff; son, Richard Michnick; grandchildren, Jordan and Allison Golinkoff and Jonathan and Jessica Michnick; and her brother, Herman Weiner.

A graveside service was held on September 1st in Beth Emeth Memorial Park on Faulkland Road.

Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to the American Heart Association, 1096 Old Churchmans Road, Newark, DE 19713; or to Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

### RUDNICK

Barry Rudnick, 52, a Wilmington native, died unexpectedly on September 1st. He was well-known in Wilmington and in Galena, Maryland for the many auctions he performed for local charities. He also worked as an auctioneer in partnership with his father, Joe and his uncle, Frank at Harry Rudnick & Sons, Inc. as well as for S&S auctions in New Jersey. He conducted all the sheriff sales throughout New Castle County.

A licensed broker and realtor for many years, he was most recently affiliated with Remax Associates.

He graduated from the Sanford School in Hockessin and from the University of Miami where he was a member of the water skiing team.

He married his wife, Linda in 1991 and enjoyed many wonderful trips together as well as frequent getaways to their home at the beach where they frolicked with their beloved dog, Max.

Predeceased by his mother, Wilma, he is survived by a host of loving family and friends including his wife, Linda; his father, Joe and his wife, Shirley; his sister, Linda Brohawn and her husband, Terry, and their daughter, Lesley; and his stepbrothers and sisters; nieces and nephews; and his many friends and acquaintances.

A celebration of life was held on September 4th at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

The family requests that contributions in his memory be made to the American Diabetes Association, 100 West 10th Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 or to the American Red Cross Katrina Relief Fund, 100 West 10th Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

### TANNEY

Beatrice Tanny, age 88, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 15, 2005, at her home at Foulk Manor North, Wilmington, DE.

Born in NY, she was the daughter of the late Leon and Sadie Kahan. She grew up in Brooklyn, NY and later moved with her family to Port Chester, NY, where her father started the Interstate Lumber Company in Byram, CT in 1922. Bea became instrumental in raising her brothers and sister when her mother passed away when Bea was 17. She received her degree in education from the Ethical Cultural School in Manhattan and became a school teacher. She married the late Leon

Tanny on August 12, 1945. After living in Port Chester for many years, they moved to Yorktown Heights, NY and started Lakeland Lumber Corp. in Shrub Oak, NY. Upon the death of her husband, Leon, in 1993, Bea retired and moved to DE.

Bea is survived by her 2 sons, Stephen Tanny and his wife, Helene, of Newark, DE and Dr. Mark Tanny and his wife, Alisa, of Conway MA; and 4 grandchildren, Jessica Tanny, of Buffalo, NY, Robyn Tanny of Somerville, MA, Ava Howard of Athens, GA and Abbas Tanny of Greenfield, MA. Also surviving are a sister and 2 brothers, Mimi Charney and her husband, Hy, of Rye Brook, NY, Jack Kahan and his wife, Ema, of Rye, NY and Herbert Kahan and his wife, Marcia, of Stamford, CT.

Graveside services will be private. The family suggests that those who wish to celebrate Bea's life consider

making a contribution to either Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Rd., Newark, DE 19711; or to Jewish Family Services of Delaware, 99 Passmore Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803.

### WEINER

Joseph E. Weiner, born December 17, 1914, died August 1, 2005 in Brooklyn, NY. He was the son of the late Pauline and Abe Weiner of Wilmington, DE.

He attended Wilmington High School and graduated in 1931.

Joseph served in Europe during World War II as a corporal in the U.S. Army. He married Lorraine Marshall soon after he was discharged from the Army in 1946, and moved to Tarrytown and later to Yorktown, NY. He worked as an upholsterer and decorator in Westchester County. He was an active member of B'nai Brith, where he served as president, as well as the

Masons, where he was Past Master. Mr. Weiner was a member of the Shriners and a dedicated volunteer on behalf of the Shriners Children's Hospital. Joseph and Lorraine retired to Cape Cod, MA, where they lived very happily for 23 years. Their marriage spanned 55 years. Joseph was a proud and loving father and grandfather. Joseph's sense of humor and love of story telling, his strong character and his caring and concern for his family and friends will be missed by all.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Peter and Cathy Marshall and their children, Max and Jake of Danville, NJ; his daughter and son-in-law, Margery and Jacob Marciano and their children, Etan, Oran and Jenny of Brooklyn, NY; and his sister, Goldie Chavenson of Wilmington, DE.

Services were held in NY.



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# COMING EVENTS

## HADASSAH TO HOST STATE TREASURER

Delaware State Treasurer Jack Markell will discuss the effects of changes in local and global economics on the First State during the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah's first meeting of the season. The community is invited to hear Markell on Monday, September 26th, 7 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Blvd. The program is free.

## HIGH HOLIDAY PRAYER BOOKS AVAILABLE

The Jewish Heritage for the Blind is pleased to announce the availability of the High Holiday Machzor in large print and in Braille free of charge for all those who need them. Due to the high expense involved, a doctor's note stating necessity is required. The JHB has striven to help the visually impaired community stay connected with their heritage by producing special publications in Braille and in large print all at no cost to their recipients. To receive a complimentary High Holiday Machzor contact our main office at 718-338-4999 fax 718-338-0653 or email to [Jewishheritage@gmail.com](mailto:Jewishheritage@gmail.com).

## FALL ISRAELI DANCING SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Israeli dancing continues twice a month in Wilmington area. It is at the Siegel JCC the second Sunday of each month from 3-5 p.m.: October 9, November 13 and December 11; and on selected Wednesdays at the Arden Gild Hall starting at 7:30: September 28, October 26, November 30 and December 21. Sharon Kleban and Howard Wachtel teach more begin-

ning dances the first hour, and the second hour gets progressively more advanced.

For further information, please contact Elaine Schmerling at (302) 475-3708.

## ISRAEL TRAVELERS TO SPEAK AT AKSE BRUNCH

A panel of AKSE members will speak about their trips this summer during the September 25th Men's Club Brunch. The community is invited to attend the pre-program brunch and the Israel presentation. Breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m. and costs \$4 per person. The program is free.

## BETH EMETH HOSTS BOWLING BONANZA

Bring your family to Bowlerama in New Castle for the holiday on Friday, November 11 at Noon for a special event for the kids. Children under 12 enjoy a hotdog lunch and bowling for the special Beth Emeth Outreach Outreach price of just \$5 per Child (includes shoes). Adults can bowl separately at the cost \$2.75 per game plus \$2.75 for shoe rental (lunch is extra). Reservations are required - call the Temple Office at 764-2393 or write [bethemethoutreach.com](mailto:bethemethoutreach.com). The Outreach Committee is proud to also hold events for singles, interfaith families, those new to the community, and gay and lesbian families. More information is always available at [www.bethemethoutreach.com](http://www.bethemethoutreach.com)

## DELAWARE GRATZ GOES TO WASHINGTON

Travel to Washington, D.C. on Sunday, October 30th and see a performance of Shear Madness at the famed Kennedy Center. Just \$57.50 per person includes a guided

tour of the Kennedy Center, a ticket to this award-winning comedic interactive murder mystery, which is ideal for all ages, bus transportation and a tip. Lunch at the Kennedy Center and dinner are on your own. Performance time is 3:30 p.m. Bus will leave the Brandywine Town Center at 8:30 a.m. and will depart from Washington at 5:30 p.m. after the performance.

Please make your check payable to Delaware Gratz Auxiliary and mail to Annette Chason, 400 Whitby Drive, Wilmington, DE 19803. For additional information, please call 479-0848 or email Annette at [mannie5@aol.com](mailto:mannie5@aol.com).

## DELAWARE GRATZ GOES TO THE BIG APPLE

Be the first to see *The Woman In White*, one of Broadway's hottest new shows. The bus will leave for New York on Wednesday, November 30th at 8:30 a.m. leaving plenty of time for lunch (on your own) before the 2 p.m. performance. Leave New York for home at approximately 5:00 p.m.

For reservations, please make check payable to Delaware Gratz Auxiliary and mail to Annette Chason, 400 Whitby Drive, Wilmington, DE 19803 or call her at 479-0848.

## CHANUKAH SHOP IN MANHATTAN

New York City is particularly lovely during the Winter Holiday season. Take a bus to NYC on December 14th for a mere \$35.00 including tip! Shop, see a show, catch a museum exhibit or tour Lincoln Center. It's up to you. Bus will depart from the Brandywine Town Center at 8:30 a.m. and will leave New York for home at 5 p.m. There will be a pay-

your-way dinner stop at the famed Harold's New York Style Deli. Your check is your reservation. Please make checks payable to Delaware Gratz Auxiliary and send to Annette Chason, 400 Whitby Drive, Wilmington, DE 19803.

## BUY HANUKKAH STAMPS

The Hanukkah stamp, re-released dreidel design of 2004, should be available at all post offices no later than November 1st. In 2006 there will be a new Christmas stamp while the (dreidel) Hanukkah stamp will remain the same again as confirmed by the USPS. The USPS still claims there is not a sufficient demand to issue a new Hanukkah stamp every year. I do not believe this to be so (please visit my website: [www.hanukkahstampquest.com](http://www.hanukkahstampquest.com) for more about this). Let's show the USPS they are wrong and that there is a sufficient demand. Make sure your post office has the Hanukkah stamp and that they keep a continuous supply. Buy as many as you can and use the Hanukkah stamp on all your mail.

If your post office does not have any Hanukkah stamps after November 1st and they tell you they won't be getting any, please, let me know immediately via email: [hanukkah@msspeedworks.com](mailto:hanukkah@msspeedworks.com) or regular mail: Ronald Scheiman, P.O. Box 741324, Boynton Beach FL 33474-1324.

## JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OPEN HOUSE - A FESTIVAL OF FAMILY

Thursday, November 10, 7:00pm to 9:00pm. JFS welcomes friends, family and the community to celebrate their new home! The evening's infor-

mal program will include facility tours, a guest speaker, and special acknowledgement of community friends. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. There is no charge for this event, but you **MUST RSVP by November 1** to Michelle Kramer-Fitzgerald, 302-478-9411, ext. 12 or [info@jfsdelaware.org](mailto:info@jfsdelaware.org).

## SPEND WINTER BREAK IN ISRAEL

The Kristol Center for Jewish Life at the University of Delaware (Hillel) is now taking applications for its FREE 10-DAY TRIP TO ISRAEL!! Spots are limited and priority is given to those who register by the end of September. Interviews are now going on, so **APPLY NOW!!** Contact Johanna at 302-453-0479 or email her at [Johanna@udel.edu](mailto:Johanna@udel.edu) for more information about this exciting birthright Israel adventure!

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## The Last Word

By Rabbi Adam Frank

Again I was asked: "Rabbi, why are you vegan (abstinence from eating foods that contain animal products)?"

I grew up non-religious, but I had a strong Jewish identity founded on an appreciation for the dignified history of our people and for the religion's value-driven contributions to humanity. Long before my acquisition of a serious Jewish education, I took great comfort and pride in the knowledge that Judaism pioneered the idea of respectful responsibility of interaction between humans and the animal world. At an early age I was taught that the laws of Jewish slaughter reflect the concern for minimizing an animal's pain at the end of life. In my adult studies toward rabbinic ordination, the Jewish texts and sources affirmed the teachings of my childhood. Then, in the summer of 2003, the realities of the food industry hit me like as closed fist.

It was two years ago that I attended my first animal rights conference. Like the seeming majority of Americans, I considered myself an animal lover. This conference was the single most sobering and important wake-up call to my near-sighted understanding of what it means to have concern for animals.

My eyes and mind were exposed to the realities of modern animal husbandry, and I received an invaluable education. As a Jew, I was particularly impacted by my evaluation that the treatment of animals to fulfill human food desires is an appalling violation of the Jewish law prohibiting the unnecessary infliction of pain on an animal. Additionally, though the animal

rights industry is disproportionately represented by a large number of Jewish activists, with the exception of one speaker I was the only observant Jew participating in the conference.

At the conference, I was able to meet with folks who were at one time on the front lines of animal agriculture. That is, many animal welfare activists are people who previously worked in the animal-food based industry and whose experiences led them to work to alleviate/eliminate the abuses they witnessed. These abuses are documented by hours of films, scientific data and research, and hundreds of testimonials. Critical thinking can help the reader better understand the issues: in the U.S., over 9 billion animals are killed each year for our food supply - the number equates to over 25 million animals a day. It is not possible to breed, raise, handle, transport and slaughter this number of animals in a non-abusive way.

Cruelty to animals is the industrial norm and not the exception.

How was I to reconcile Jewish teachings of human responsibility towards animals with the reality of modern factory farming? As an observant Jew, I believe that Jewish law which governs Jewish life is intended to shape a character of sensitivity, kindness, passion and compassion. Not only does my observance of Jewish law craft my character, it constructs my vehicle of relationship with G-d. To ignore the religiously unlawful atrocities inflicted by humans onto the co-inhabitant animals of the world would be devastating to the integrity with which I approach my observance of Jewish obligations. It would also

taint the relationship of sincerity that I desire to have with G-d.

The wealth of knowledge we have about the realities of modern animal husbandry forces the critically-thinking, compassionate person to conclude that modern society's appetite for personal pleasures and comforts through food comes at the expense of a voiceless other, namely the animals. As a Jew who has spent years learning Jewish sources that indicate that part of the mission of an ethical, value driven society is to protect its weakest members, the decision to abstain from foods directly related to animal abuse is a mandate.

I do not want to be misunderstood: Jewish teachings affirm that humans have the privilege to use animals for our needs. Alas, were it not for the utilization of animals as instruments of labor communities could not have developed and succeeded as they did before the advent of fuel-driven machines. However, Judaism also legislates that human use of animals must be done with a concern for the animals' physical welfare and dignity. To be clear: we humans are permitted to use animals for our needs only in concert with adherence of concern for animal suffering. It must be pointed out that the end user of a product knowingly derived by cruel means is a participant in the cruelty.

I will use a pronounced example to illustrate the point. It is unlawful to hunt the elephant. For years elephants were hunted and killed for the sole purpose of harvesting the ivory of their tusks. Today, the illegal poaching of elephants still occurs. Not only are the elephant poachers criminals, but those who

purchase the ivory of the hunted elephants have also committed a crime. Were there no consumer willing to buy the tusks, there would be no incentive for the hunters to poach elephants. I apply the same ethics of principle to food choices.

Modern societies permit atrocious living conditions and heinous mistreatment of animals for the food industry. The reasons for this abuse are economic - produce vast quantities of product at the least possible expense. Modern, secular thinking allows for sentient creatures to be treated like inanimate objects, but Jewish tradition which expresses the concepts of humility and responsible stewardship does not. Unarguably, Jewish law legislates human interaction with animals. Unarguably, adherents to Jewish law view observance of the law as a medium of relationship with G-d. A holistic reading of Jewish law prohibits modern factory farming practices. My decision to abstain from the consumption of animal products is an expression of my adherence to Jewish law, and it expresses my disapproval and disdain for the cruel practices of the industry.

When we are children, we are taught to trust the police, the judicial system, and the government. Only with intellectual maturity do we understand that corruption makes these institutions imperfect. Similarly, we trust that Westernized governments have adequate laws and law enforcement to protect animals from painful abuses. As children we grow up with images of pastoral farms and happy animals and caring stewards. Intellectual maturity, i.e., the critical thinking to which I referred earlier, should dispel our

beliefs that societal rules protect animals from torturous conditions. The powerful and wealthy industrial-animal-farming lobbyists maintain such influence on government that reforms for the sake of morality are virtually non-existent. Mounds of evidence prove that both the government and the food industry, and even Jewish leadership, have betrayed our trust in the prevention of animal cruelty and suffering.

Judaism does not make the claim of moral superiority; rather, it makes the demand for responsibility of actions. Judaism starts from a place of concern for justice and tries to protect all members of community, both local and global, from abuses of power and privilege. Thus, Judaism's critique of a social system that fails to protect all of its inhabitants is that the system needs repair. Importantly, within Judaism there is a self-correcting mechanism for its own failures. This mechanism depends on its members voicing concern and condemnation at a societal leadership that fails them. The decision not to oppose the systemic animal abuse in the food industry is to condone this abuse - and, it is the wrong decision for the serious Jew and the compassionate person.

As Holocaust survivor and Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel writes, "The mission of the Jewish people has never been to make the world more Jewish, but to make it more human."

Adam Frank is rabbi of Congregation Moshav Yisrael in Jerusalem and teaches at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. He is the son-in-law of Ruth and Sheldon Weinstein of Wilmington.



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