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PALESTINIANS LAUNCH NEW ACTS OF TERROR

By Naomi Segal, JTA

Despite Israel's anti-terror operations in the West Bank, Palestinians continue to carry out attacks on a near-daily basis.

This week, there were several terror attacks as well as several others that Israeli forces thwarted:

* In Herzliya on Tuesday, a 15-year-old girl was killed and more than 20 people injured after a suicide bomber struck outside a falafel stand in the Israeli coastal city.

* In an attack near Hebron earlier Tuesday, three Israeli teens were wounded in a roadside bombing. The bomb exploded as dozens of students who had been picking cherries left a field near the settlement of Kiryat Arba and headed toward their bus. The three youths, students at a yeshiva high school in Kiryat Arba, sustained moderate to serious wounds.

* On Wednesday, Israel thwarted a large terrorist attack in the Gaza Strip. Israeli soldiers spotted seven armed Palestinians approaching the Jewish settlement of Netzarim and opened fire, killing four of them. The remaining three fled, including one who later died of his injuries, Palestinian sources said.

* Also on Wednesday, Israeli troops fired on a car containing a 330-pound bomb near the Alei Sinai settlement. Three Palestinians in the car fled as the car burst into flames.

* In the West Bank on

Wednesday, Israeli forces operating in the Tulkarm area arrested a Palestinian suspected of planning a suicide bombing.

The attacks came as the Palestinian Authority unveiled some promised reforms. But Israeli officials were apparently far from impressed: Less than a day after the reforms were announced, Israeli forces moved into Ramallah on Monday and surrounded Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's headquarters.

The Palestinian reforms were announced after Arafat came under growing internal and international pressure to implement changes in his government, which even Palestinian officials have charged is rife with abuse and corruption.

On Sunday, Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo announced that the Cabinet would be reduced from 31 to 21 ministers. Rabbo also announced the appointment of an interior minister, Abdel Razak Yehiyeh, to oversee the Palestinian security services. Arafat had kept the title for himself since the Palestinian Authority was created in 1994.

Israeli officials, however, downplayed the changes. "If we see fundamental change in the behavior of the Palestinian security forces in which they intercept the attacks against Israel and not collaborate with them, we'll know that something big has occurred," Dore Gold, a senior adviser to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, was quoted

as saying Sunday. Sharon, who met Monday with President Bush at the White House, repeatedly has said there can be no meaningful Palestinian reforms as long as Arafat remains in power.

Addressing reporters while meeting with Sharon at the White House, Bush spoke out in defense of Israel and reiterated his criticism of Arafat. "Israel has a right to defend herself," Bush said when

asked if Israeli military operations in the West Bank were hurting the chances for peace. Along with defending the Israeli military, Bush reiterated his disappointment with Arafat's leadership.

VISITING ISRAEL NOW?

By Marc Pevar

Special to The Jewish Voice

Editor's Note: Marc and his wife, Susan are currently en route to Israel. They are part of a local delegation organized by Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation in Wilmington. Marc will file reports from Israel during his trip. The Jewish Voice will share these stories and photos with readers.

After I told friends that we will visit Israel again this June, they asked: "Do you think it's safe?" I understood their feelings. After all, isn't fear reasonable after seeing nightmare images of homicidal bombers exploding in pizzerias and supermarkets? Who can feel safe wondering when, where or how the next terrorist will strike?

Similar shadowy fears had lurked in my imagination when I visited Israel in December 2000. The second Intifada had just begun in September 2000. My Israeli relatives emailed, "This is not a good time to visit" and suggested we delay our trip. I understood that as much as they really wanted to see us, my relatives didn't want to blame themselves if my wife and I came to grief.

I wanted to reconnect with cousins I had last seen as teenagers. Now they were grown with families of their own! We reasoned that we could avoid dangerous areas, but for weeks before boarding the jet plane, I second-guessed whether I was doing the right thing. After reaching the airport I walked past my fears, took my seat, and my worries faded like a bad dream. At Ben Gurion Airport, smiles and hugs crowded out any lingering worries. I knew I was exactly where I should be, with my family.

Sometimes we toured on our own. Sometimes we were with my Israeli cousins, aunt and uncle. We visited sunny Eilat on the Red Sea, dusty Beersheva on the edge of the Negev desert, and were given honeyed dates and cinnamon pastries in Elijah's Mount Carmel cave above Haifa's seaport. We navigated Tel Aviv's bustling traffic, crowded shops, fine art museum, concert halls and outdoor market. We refreshed our souls in Jerusalem's sanctified antiquity, walking through thousands of years of

Biblical history.

My aunt and uncle traveled with us to Ein Gedi, where King Solomon honeymooned at a lush green waterfall oasis in a desert ravine overlooking the barren salty Dead Sea. Because fear of terrorism had scared away ninety percent of foreign tourists, it often seemed like we were the only Americans in Israel. Ein Gedi's tidy guest houses were nearly all empty. A kibbutznick's few quiet words to me in Ein Gedi's gift shop were a window into her heart. She stared into my eyes and said firmly: "You don't know it, but are a diamond to us! You remind us that Americans still care!" We saw over and over how Israelis felt abandoned, how much they appreciated the simple fact that we, two ordinary Americans, were passing through their lives briefly during a difficult time.

We visited Israel again a year later in December 2001. Before boarding the jet plane it was more difficult than before to reassure ourselves that we could avoid dangerous areas, for who knew where the danger lurked? We knew that the pace of terrorism had changed. Gunmen no longer hid in mobs of children to snipe at border guards. Now, sharpshooters boldly ambushed commuters driving to and from their homes. The occasional road-side bombs aimed at patrolling soldiers were replaced by car bombs and even people wearing explosive belts, blowing themselves up in restaurants, buses, markets, city streets and even among women pushing baby carriages after Shabbat worship.

When we arrived in downtown Tel Aviv, although it was hard to believe at first, there were even fewer foreign tourists than the year before! Towering hotels were nearly dark at night, and we were sometimes the only diners in restaurants. Despite it all, Israelis hurried about their daily routines, and colorful flower shops still splashed lovely colors onto Tel Aviv's sidewalks.

And we, we had been changed, stripped of our innocence, haunted by indelible images of collapsing sky scrapers and the days of eerie quiet when no airplanes flew in American skies. Even our peaceful home was no longer a safe haven, with fears of

anthrax threatening our mailbox. Our new America suddenly seemed no more secure than Israel.

In December 2001, no matter where we were, a day did not pass without an Israeli asking: "Are you an American? Aren't you afraid to visit Israel now?" The first to ask was a waiter, serving us grilled ostrich steaks on the 49th floor of Tel Aviv's Azrieli Center. He stood in front of the circular glass wall, framed by a panorama of concrete and glass modernity, overlooking a city built on sand dunes and wasteland, crowding inland from the blue Mediterranean Sea. He asked if I was afraid to be in Israel. I thought a little and replied: "Are you afraid to live in Israel?" He paused and said: "No!" I continued: "We have family in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and are visiting to show family solidarity. If you aren't afraid to live in Israel, should we be afraid to visit?" He nodded his head in agreement.

Now we make ready for another visit. I emailed my relatives and they emailed back a brief message, along with fresh family photos from a birthday party. Their invitingly cheerful smiles and irreverently clowning sons said it all: "Glad you are coming! We'll see you soon!" Despite the constant media barrage of Middle-Eastern madness, my wife and I have something special to look forward to there. After we arrive, and after the airport hugs and kisses, the months apart will melt away. Time will restart where it left off, chatting about our children, family, work and our futures. Shared time will cement our lives with new memories.

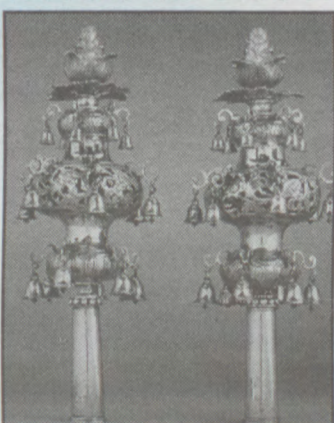
Can there be a better time to visit friends or family, a more certain way to lift all spirits, or a more positive act than being together when the chips are down? In one-month, God willing, we will walk in the Holy Land again, sharing hope and our faith in a peaceful day to come. It was so different in 1969 when we honeymooned in Israel, enjoying hospitality from Christian Arabs in Bethlehem and watching brown and white dappled sheep graze inside Jerusalem's pink limestone walls. I'll save those memories for another day.

COLONIAL JEWISH SILVERSMITH FEATURED IN RARE DELAWARE SHOW

The work of silversmith Myer Myers, one of only 250 Jews in 18th century New York, will be on display beginning June 22nd at Winterthur Museum. The exhibit of more than 120 silver and gold pieces showcases the largest existing collection of a Jewish silversmith from anywhere in Europe or America prior to the 19th century. Myers who lived from 1723-1795 crafted household objects like dish rings, candlesticks, teapots, tankards and cake baskets as well as Jewish ceremonial pieces.

Organized by Yale University Art Gallery, the exhibit also includes maps, portraits and engravings that will help visitors better understand the environment in which Myers lived and worked.

Winterthur is the third and final stop on the exhibit's national tour. The show will run through September 8th.



Pair of Torah finials made by Myer Meyers, 1765-76. Kahal Kadosh Mikveh Israel, Philadelphia

For additional information about exhibit fees and museum hours, please call 302-888-4600 or visit them online at www.winterthur.org.

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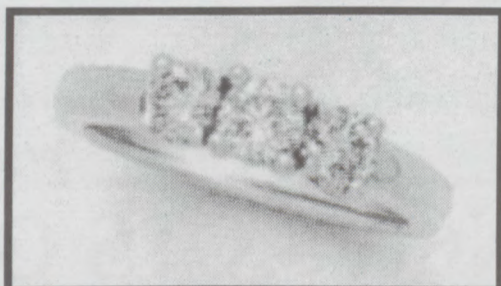
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EDITORIAL

Small In Stature - Big In Heart

Jewish Delawareans have much to be proud of. Our small, yet vibrant, community has a large cadre of current and future leadership who are deeply committed to Jewish values and ideals.

All in attendance at the recent Jewish Federation of Delaware Annual Meeting/ Israel Solidarity Rally were inspired by the passionate pro-Israel sentiments expressed by keynote speaker - Delaware's own U.S. Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. As chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee he has the power to influence America's official relationship with the Jewish State. He has steadfastly used this power to promote Israel's right to exist in safety and security. As a people with a dual allegiance to American and Israeli ideals, Delaware Jews should be proud to have a self-professed Zionist like Senator Biden in a key leadership role.

One way to express this pride is through strong financial support of the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Israel Emergency Campaign. If statistics can measure Delaware's solidarity with our homeland, then we should be particularly proud. With more than \$500,000 raised to date, Delaware is one of the leading communities in the nation in support of this

emergency appeal to safeguard Israel's security.

Israel's struggles in the face of terrorism have inspired many of our younger Jewish citizens to contribute to the Emergency Campaign. Yasher Koach to Jeremy Dressler, who donated a significant amount of his Bar Mitzvah presents to this one-time, special appeal. Compassionate young people like Jeremy are the future leaders of our Delaware Jewish community.

Our community's current lay and professional leadership are top-notch. Outgoing Federation President John A. Elzufon will be remembered for his grace under pressure and his strong commitment to coalition building. At the Annual Meeting, he placed the gavel into the capable hands of his successor, Barry Kayne. Our community is indeed blessed to have men of this caliber in key leadership roles.

Please turn to page 19 for photo coverage of this 68th Annual Meeting/Israel Solidarity Rally.

Lynn B. Edelman

Lynn B. Edelman, Editor

PARSHA PLACE

Week of June 15

Korach

Numbers 16:1-18:32

By David Lilienthal

Our rabbis teach that the rebellion of Korach, related in this week's Torah portion Parashat Korach, was the most dangerous moment during the Israelites' journey through the wilderness. I have often wondered why they said this. After all, the conflict ended when "the earth opened its mouth and swallowed ... up all Korach's people." (Numbers 16:32) If Moses was capable of performing such a miracle, how could Korach have hoped to challenge him? Was it only personal ambition that drove Korach?

Having worked in a community of Shoah survivors for many years, I have gained an insight that is different from those in our classical sources. To me, Moses is a typical "hidden child" survivor. When the deportations started, many children were separated from their parents and hidden with non-Jewish families. This meant that they had to assume a new identity, a new name, a new history. They were allowed to stay alive-but not as themselves; they had to be someone else, denying their parents and their roots. For many, this happened several times.

After the Shoah, these children had a terrible time readjusting. If their parents had returned, they often did not recognize their children. Badly traumatized, the parents could not care for their children well. Many children kept their new identities until adulthood. Many of them only found the courage to go and look for their own identities many years later. Each time, it was a truly painful process.

This is what happened to Moses. We do not know what his parents called him: Moses is the name Pharaoh's daughter gave him. (Exodus 2:10) He was brought up as an Egyptian prince and may have been only vaguely aware of his true identity. It was not until he was grown that he "went out to his kinsfolk." (Exodus 2:11) The confrontation was dramatic, and he had to flee for his life. Years later, following the vision at the burning bush, he was sent back to Egypt to redeem his people.

Apparently he had no problem communicating with Pharaoh: They spoke the same language. But he never learned to speak to his own people so that they could easily understand him. He stuttered, or rather he had problems finding the right words and relating properly to the people's experience. Aaron had to "translate" for him. This might have been the problem Moses had with the Israelites during their forty years in the wilderness.

Korach was different. Korach was a man of the people. He shared their experiences, he spoke their language, and he knew how to move them. The rabbis tell us that he ridiculed Moses and the Torah. "Why," Korach asked, "is it necessary to have a mezuzah on the doorpost of a room that is full of Torah scrolls?" (Numbers Rabbah 18:3) We know little about Korach, but it may well be that, like many survivors of the Shoah, he rejected God or held God responsible for what the people had suffered in Egypt. The text first gives the impression that Korach wanted the religious leadership. But in Numbers 16:11, Moses analyzes Korach's motives, saying: "Truly, it is against the Eternal that you and your company have banded together."

The danger was twofold. First, Korach was able to speak for the people and gain the popular support Moses could not rally. Second, his motives were to move the people away from God and the Torah. Many other survivors who questioned God's justice would have supported him. The challenge, therefore, was not just about the leadership but about the whole existence and purpose of Israel.

This might explain why Moses, rather than one of the slaves, was chosen to lead the people. Do religious leaders perhaps need to keep a certain distance from the people they care for and lead? They have to be able to empathize and identify with them, but do they maybe also need to have had a different experience-a broader vision that would keep them from getting caught up too much in parochial concerns? Is that why so few rabbis and priests and imams serve the communities in which they grew up?

Korach was too traumatized to lead, and his passion consumed him; Moses, who kept struggling with his identity and his mission, knew how the Eternal was leading him on his way. He was able to convey a different conviction to the people-the conviction we still treasure and live by today.

David Lilienthal is the senior rabbi of the Liberaal Joodse Gemeente in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. He is a vice chairman of the European Region of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, chairman of the European Bet Din, and the editor of the new Dutch Liberal siddur Tov Lehodot, which has just been published.



Photo Of The Week

"An Israeli paratrooper grieves during the funeral for Eyal Sorek, a soldier, and his wife Yael as they are buried at Mt. Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem last week."

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As a member of the Hasbara e-mail list, you will receive updates on the crisis in Israel, backgrounders to help you make Israel's case in the media, and action alerts asking you to contact your representatives on issues important to Israel.

In the last week, list members have received an action alert concerning a Senate bill that includes \$200 million in supplemental funding for Israel, information about a web-based community ambassadors training course developed by the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, announcement of an upcoming talk in Philadelphia entitled "Responding to the Media: How Do We Speak Up for Israel?", and an interesting analysis of the politics affecting the current situation in Israel.

To stay informed and make your voice heard, sign up for the JCRC Israel Advocacy (Hasbara) e-mail list. Simply send an e-mail to Mark Wagman at mewag1@aol.com with your name and e-mail address and the subject line "Israel Advocacy."

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By Rachel A.
Gross
Endowment
Director

As school winds down, many families are busily preparing to send children off to sleep away or local day camps. For many of us who attended Jewish summer camps, important connections were made, including life-long friendships and enduring links to religion, culture and the land and people of Israel.

In our own community, many children have the opportunity to attend Jewish summer camps run by the JCC and others as well as overnight programs sponsored by the various religious streams and youth movements, JCCs, YMHAs

Hello Mudda, Hello Fadda ... Here I Am At Camp Grenada

and others. For many children, this type of informal Jewish education may be the most concentrated and stimulating in which they will take part.

Research has shown, and many of us know first-hand, how these experiences shape our children. Whether it's a Shabbat song or a hand-made piece of Judaica that our children bring home, a relationship with an Israeli counselor that endures or a better understanding of the land of Israel and what is happening there, our children and our families are enriched

by these experiences. Moreover, our children have the opportunity to learn more about themselves in a warm, nurturing and secure environment.

Currently, the **Jewish Fund for the Future**, our community endowment fund, has no funds to help defray the costs of Jewish summer experiences for children.

As the costs associated with these programs continue to rise, we run the risk of more and more of our children being unable to participate in these important activities or participating for much shorter

periods of time. Endowment funds could be specifically earmarked to underwrite the cost of a program or to help individuals defray the costs of such activities.

If you or a child you know were enriched by a Jewish summer camp experience perhaps you'd like to consider directing your personal legacy toward Jewish summer experiences for kids. To learn more about creating your own legacy through your estate plan - no matter what your interest - please contact me at (302) 427-2100 ext. 19 to discuss what is



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Kutz Home Volunteers - A Gift To The Community

Fifty dedicated Kutz Home volunteers gathered in the Home's spacious visitors' center on May 21st for hors d'oeuvres and camaraderie. They were present for a luncheon to honor them for the time, energy and talent, selflessly devoted to the residents of the Kutz Home. They are entertainers,

teachers, companions, escorts and bingo callers. They come throughout the year and their compassion and cheerfulness make a vital difference in the lives of the Kutz Home residents.

Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated. Please call Esther Stieska at 302-764-7000.



Joan Wachstein and Jan Krukiel partake of the delicious hors d'oeuvres.



Sam Giedzinski, the Kutz Home's youngest volunteer and his mother, Jennifer, having a good time at the Kutz Home Volunteer Recognition Luncheon.

Come To The JCC Showcase

The Jewish Community Center of Delaware will hold their Annual Jewish Community Showcase on Sunday, June 30th from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the grounds of the Jewish Family Campus. A variety of entertainment, games and activities will ensure fun for the entire family.

Special membership promotions, referral credits and tours of the facilities will be available all day long. Demonstrations of recreation and fitness classes will also be featured throughout the day. A family barbecue dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Delaware JCC is located on Garden of Eden Road just off Route 202 behind the Holiday Inn. For more information, call (302) 478-5660.

BETH SHALOM ANNUAL MEETING - Congregation Beth Shalom will hold its congregational dinner and meeting on Tuesday, June 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the synagogue, 18th and Baynard Blvd. A "deli" or veggie dinner costs \$5.00 per person. The meeting begins at 7:30 and includes the installation of officers and board members. Dr. Steven Klein is incoming president. Dessert reception follows. Dinner reservations are necessary and can be made by calling (302) 654-4462.

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By Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt
Head of School

Until the last decade or so, giftedness was measured by I.Q. tests that assess verbal and performance abilities. In many schools today, that practice still exists. If a child scores 130 or above on the I.Q. test, they are placed in a "gifted program." How unfortunate to focus on those two paradigms alone.

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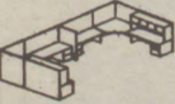
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ISRAEL PERSPECTIVES

Mothers With Political Clout

By Nechemia Meyers

Orna Shimoni, one of the founders of the "Four Mothers Movement," is hopping mad. She made that clear when she spoke at a forum on "The Politics of Motherhood as Reflected in the Media," held last week at Tel Aviv University.

She heatedly denied the charge that she and her colleagues are to blame for the death of some 550 Israelis in the second Intifada. This accusation is made by right-wingers, who argue that the withdrawal of Israeli forces from southern Lebanon—spurred by the "Four Mothers Movement," among oth-

ers—gave Palestinians the feeling that Israelis would turn tail and run if sufficient pressure were applied. And this, again according to the critics, persuaded Arafat and Co. to embark upon the second Intifada.

This theory is very much open to question. But one thing is clear: the success of the Movement, launched by a small group of bereaved women, shows that mothers have political clout in this country.

Not all Israeli women participate in public debates. Most of those who do are educated, Ashkenazic and from the middle or upper classes. But there are enough of them to have a certain impact on public opinion and government policies.

At busy intersections on Friday afternoons, you are apt to see the placards held aloft by the Women in Black calling for an immediate withdrawal from the Territories, or those of the Women in Green declaring that Israel must never abandon any corner of the Land of Israel.

Such demonstrations attract media attention, particularly if the participants represent people for whom the issues are not only political but also personal. One person who can testify to this fact is Raya Rotem, one of the speakers at the forum. Rotem heads the "War Widows" group, which campaigns for a withdrawal from the

Territories and an agreement with the Palestinians. "We use our loss and sorrow as a means of attracting media attention," she admitted. However, she added, "this is justified because we are trying to ensure that there will be fewer war widows in the future."

The great majority of speakers at the forum were peacekeepers of one variety or another, with the exception of several religious women, who stood out not only by what they said, but also by what they wore. They were the only ladies in the auditorium wearing hats and among the few clad in dresses rather than slacks.

One of them, Leah Sackler,

spoke on behalf of "Many Mothers" and "Women in Blue and White". A resident of the Etzion Bloc, she said that people in her area "go from funeral to funeral", and deserve more sympathy than they receive from other Israelis. Sackler then went on to declare: "We have a right to be defended. It is not our private war."

While this is clearly the view of mothers in Judea and Samaria, it is not a universally held one. If the people at the forum are any example, many mothers on this side of the Green Line don't want their sons put at risk in defense of settlements that, they believe, should be evacuated rather than defended.

My Cousin - A Jenin Casualty

By Holly Rosen

My cousin Gad was killed in Jenin on April 4th. His father faxed my family a letter that Gad had written to his fiancée in the event of his death. His cover note indicated that the letter was published in the Israeli newspapers and in France and it would mean a lot to him if we could route this letter in America. I would like very much to honor his request and hope by doing so - honor Gad. My Dear Galit,

If you receive this letter, it is a sign that something has happened

to me.

This morning we received the news that the military operation that was planned for yesterday will take place, with G-d's help, today.

I told you that the operation had changed, and that it was different than the one originally planned - I told you this dearest because I did not want to worry you. It was very hard for me not to tell you the truth, but I preferred this than to cause you incessant worry. (In the Gemara it is written that) One may distort the facts for the sake of peace - "Meshanin Mipnei

Hashalom", also the inner peace of someone you love more than anything on the face of this earth.

My beloved, on one hand I feel that there is nothing more that I want in this world than to be with you - to love you and to establish with you a home and a family. But, on the other hand - there isn't anything that I would want more than to participate in this military operation and fight and strike those terrorists a blow so strong, that they will never again consider carrying out a terrorist attack. In order to do this there is a price that we must pay - and I am willing to be this price. Don't be angry with me my love, but at moments like this, your feelings for "Klal Yisrael" (All Israel) are supposed to guide you right now - and we must relate to this evil, as if our private lives does not exist. "Men in King David's army divorced their wives before going off to war" (See L'Emunat Itanu- part 4).

My beautiful one, I love you so much, and my only distress is that you will be sorry and that I will not be the one who will make you happy. Because there isn't anything in the world that you deserve more than to be happy. I therefore request, my beloved, that you should be happy! That you will be joyful, that you will love and that you

will blossom - because that is what you deserve. I will always watch over you, wherever I will be - and I will make sure that you will meet the man who will give you more happiness than I have given to you.

My darling, don't forget - everything that happens is ultimately for the best, and if this is the will of the Almighty, then that's the way that it has to be. What is left is for us to accept it with love.

I love you and I will always love you - and I want you to know that the thing that is always on my mind is only you, also at moments such as these. And I am also sure that - you - will be my last thought at that moment when that which will happen to me takes place. And I will leave this world with the knowledge that I was the happiest person that I possibly could have been - and that is due to you. Think about this that it is you who brought me to the highest summit of joy and happiness that man can possibly experience; and it is you who caused me to reach accomplishments that I only dreamed about attaining in my lifetime.

I love you, my dearest, and I thank you for all the good and the happiness that you have inspired me with when we were together. Actually, it is not that we were

together, but we actually are always together - we are together before we came into this world and we are also together when we separate from it. Remember this my dearest, we are always together, because the root of our souls is one.

"Kol Man Deavid Rachmana Latav Avid", everything is for the best, even this, I promise you that wherever I am, it is the most wonderful place that exists. I am not suffering and I am not regretful. My only sorrow is that will be caused to those that are left behind - to you, the family and friends.

Please spread this message, my dearest. "Don't despair - be always happy". This is what I request of you, even if it is difficult. I know that I am able to ask this of you, because I know the natural happiness and joy that shines from within you always. It is your joy and happiness, which I so much love in you and which attracted me to you when I saw you for the first time.

My dearest, my beloved, I love you and will always love you. Just promise me that you will continue onward and will not allow Sodom to be the victor - you are the victor, and that is how it should be and that is right to be. I love you forever - for all eternity and I am always with you.

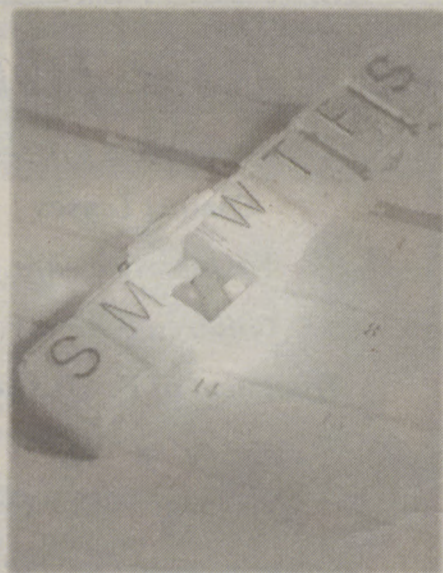
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Entering Jenin that night, David's IDF unit helped to launch Operation Defensive Shield in what was to become the most brutal battle of the military operation. David, a veteran of the Lebanon war who has spent countless hours in Hadassah's ER treating victims of terror attacks, was affected very deeply by what he saw in Jenin:

"We had so many terrible casualties, and I was responsible for treating the wounded. As my friends—men my age with families at home—would enter the crowded center of the city, going from home to home searching for terrorist cells, I trembled with anxiety."

Having spent difficult days watching IDF soldiers confront the daily threat of suicide bombers and booby-trapped homes in Jenin, David was immensely frustrated by the attitude of the media. "It's amazing," he said, "they were simply reporting lies. They were looking for massacres that never occurred. The IDF did everything it could to prevent civilian casualties. Do you know how many Palestinians I personally treated with Islamic Jihad tattoos on their arms?"

Two months later, in the calm of his office on Mount Scopus, he



wonders what's ahead. "The patient waiting outside my door is a little boy from Ramallah named Jihad (holy war). His father pays me by bringing vegetables from the family's garden. I will treat Jihad today. My fear is that in fifteen years my son may confront him on the battlefield. My hope is that they may yet live in peace."

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Heart Healthy Dining

By Anne Romirowsky

Salmon is here. It is fresh, farm raised and plentiful and, above all healthy! It is recommended that we all eat fish rich in Omega-3 fatty acids at least three times a week as part of a healthy, balanced diet to help reduce cholesterol. Here are some of my family's favorite recipes. They are great to serve to company and are easy to prepare. Enjoy!



PECAN-CRUSTED SALMON

2 cups pecans
One tablespoon crushed garlic
One half-teaspoon salt
One-quarter teaspoon cayenne pepper
8 portions salmon fillets cut in 4 to 5 ounce pieces
One-half cup of extra virgin olive oil

In a food processor, grind the pecans to a coarse meal. Transfer nuts to a large plate and combine with garlic, salt and pepper. Dip the salmon fillets in the olive oil and coat in the pecan mixture. Using any olive oil that is left, or

adding a bit more to a sauté pan, lightly sauté the salmon on both sides. Transfer to a baking sheet and roast in a 450-degree oven for four to five minutes or until done to taste.

SALMON KABOBS

One pound of salmon (cut from thick end) cut into cubes

One tablespoon fresh lemon juice

One-third cup of low fat Italian dressing

One tablespoon of crushed garlic (optional)

Vegetables for kabobs:

Green peppers, cubed

Cherry tomatoes

Green and yellow summer squash, cubed

Whole fresh button mushrooms

Sweet onion, cut into quarters

One-half cup of low fat Italian dressing for marinade

Salmon:

Combine the Italian dressing, lemon juice and garlic. Pour over the salmon cubes and let marinate in refrigerator for at least one half hour.

Vegetables:

Place a toothpick through the onion quarters so they do not fall apart. Combine all vegetables with the one half cup dressing and let marinate.

Thread the salmon on skewers, alternating with the vegetables. Place on a hot grill and baste with

dressing left from the vegetables while grilling.

SOY POACHED SALMON

2- 15-ounce bottles of low sodium soy sauce

Two-thirds cup of dark brown sugar

Two tablespoons minced fresh ginger

One small handful of small star anise

Two pounds of salmon fillet, cut from the thick end (cut into about six portions portions when ready to cook)

One small bunch of scallions sliced thinly for garnish

In a large (12 inch) sauté pan with a lid, combine soy sauce, brown sugar, ginger and star anise. Bring to a rolling boil and reduce the heat to a low simmer. When sauce is simmering gently, add the salmon skin down. The liquid

should almost be covering the fillets. Baste the tops of the fish and cover the pan. Poach for about seven to eight minutes for a medium-rare center, or longer if you like the fish more well done. Remove the fish from the pan and tent with foil while once again bringing the sauce to a boil until it reduces by half and is syrupy.

To serve, spoon some sauce on a platter, and place a fillet on top. Garnish with the sliced scallions.

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EASIEST SALMON MOUSSE

One package of gelatin

One-quarter cup of cold water

One can tomato soup

One eight-ounce block of cream cheese (softened to room temperature)

One scant cup of mayonnaise

One cup of finely chopped celery

One-half cup very finely chopped onion

One large can salmon, flaked with bones and skin removed

One English cucumber (Burples) for garnish

Soften the gelatin in one-quarter cup of cold water. Heat the tomato soup to a very slow boil and add the gelatin. Using a wire whisk, mix the gelatin into the soup so that no lumps remain. Begin adding the cream cheese, bit-by bit, mixing well after each addition so that the mixture remains smooth. Add the celery, onion, mayonnaise

and salmon until incorporated into the soup mixture.

Pour the entire mixture into a mold, spring form pan, or a shallow serving dish. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm or overnight. When ready to serve, unmold and garnish with thin cucumber slices. Serve with crackers, crudites or Parmesan crisps.

PARMESAN CRISPS

One and one-half cups of freshly grated Parmesan-Reggiano cheese

Three teaspoons of all-purpose flour

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Using the middle rack of your oven, line a lightly greased cookie sheet with parchment paper.

In a medium bowl, combine the cheese with the flour. Spoon a level tablespoon in mounds about four inches apart in the baking sheet. Spread the mounds as evenly as possible into three and one-half inch long ovals. Bake for about eight to ten minutes, until the cheese is golden. Remove from oven and let the crisps cool on the baking sheet. Remove them carefully with a spatula.

These crisps can be stored for two days between layers of wax paper in an airtight container at room temperature.

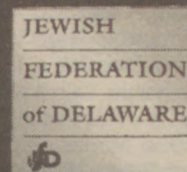
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AROUND OUR JEWISH WORLD

Vineland - A Nice Retreat From Jersey Traffic

by Joel F. Glazier

Vineland, New Jersey used to be known locally as the source of weekly deliveries of Kosher meats, chickens and other products. Before the availability of frozen kosher products or full service kosher butchers in supermarkets, many Jewish households in Northern Delaware received their kosher provisions from Vineland. For example, the late Rudy Stern made his rounds on Wednesdays and the gray cartons of eggs were a familiar site, especially since the empty cartons were returned to him the next week. Why recycle these? "Because what else were we to do with them?" answered one local

consumer. Imagine what today's Styrofoam box buyers would make of the old gray cardboard square egg cartons!

Regular food purchases would range from a dozen eggs ("Why from Vineland—was there a concern for kosher eggs? "No, but we knew the eggs were fresh!") and could include a whole quarter section of a beef cow. Today Vineland is not the center of much retail Kosher food business but the busy Vineland Kosher Poultry plant still slaughters over 30,000 chickens a day. Company owner, Marvin Raab, commented, "We service the most religious communities around the country. We send regular truckloads weekly up to Williamsburg,

Brooklyn."

The Bierig Brothers Butchers may still be in business, but Vineland is no longer the source of much of the local Wilmington Kosher poultry and meat purchases. However, perhaps today's traffic can be reversed for a change. If road trips to the Jersey Shore need some diversion, a venture south to Vineland will bring you to an uncongested city where 2 shuls welcome visitors.

Daily minyans at two shuls

There are still two shuls in Vineland that operate year round. Beth Israel on Park Avenue is the larger and more modern congregation that serves a widespread Jewish Community in southern

New Jersey. Members, however, are not beach residents nor are they part of the Cherry Hill area Jewish Community. The Conservative shul holds daily minyans, but like many congregations in small, older towns, large daily crowds are not the norm.

For over one hundred years, the Orthodox Sons of Jacob Congregation has been meeting in their small, cozy red brick shul on Grape Street. Morning and evening minyans still are held and separate seating with a traditional Orthodox service is conducted. Peschy Offenber, the bubbly Sons of Jacob Treasurer admits, "There is not a capacity crowd during the year, but we do have our regulars and are a full service shul, after all

these years." The Canadian born rabbi at Sons of Jacob welcomes all.

The Vineland area was the home to one of a group of Jewish agricultural settlements began in the 1890's. Baron de Hirsch helped fund these settlements and persuaded Russian Jewish immigrants to get back to agricultural work. For a few decades these settlements flourished and today in places like Woodbine, Burlington and other small south Jersey towns, old shuls remain, more as relics from a proud past. Vineland, which also has the Manishevitz canned and jarred food plant, opened since the 1950's, still has its shuls as living ones—not open as museums and not just for the High Holidays.

A Day In The Life Of The Lower East Side of N.Y.

by J G Friedman

In April, we toured the Lower East Side Tenement Museum in New York. We found an amazing array of actual, true stories of immigrant families.

An actual tenement building on Orchard Street has been restored to depict one day in the history of each particular family. We visited five such apartments.

For example, one of the families, upon arrival, changed their names to the uncle who sponsored them and became the Rogarshevskys. Later, to become more "American", they became the Rosenthals. Another, the Levines, became the Lehman.

In the Rogarshevsky apartment, it was a house of (shiva) mourning and it showed that day in the history of that family. The mirror was covered and the bialys, bagels, and hard-boiled eggs were on the table. The patriarch of the family has passed away.

The Levines, Jewish immigrants from Plonsk, Poland (then in the Russian Empire) moved into 97 Orchard Street in the early 1890s. In the ten plus years they lived in the building, Jennie gave birth to four children and Harris ran a garment shop out of their front room.

As we entered a particular day in the life of this family, this is what we saw. Their three-room apartment consisted of an 8X8 master bedroom which had room for just the bed, an 8X8 kitchen filled with an old stove, sink, table and chairs, and a front room that might have been 10X10 feet.

In the bedroom on this day, we were to understand that Jennie was with a mid-wife as she gave birth to Max. In the front room, which consisted of a sofa, a sewing machine and chair, and a table, along with some toys on the floor, we imagined Harris on the machine and his 2 employees in various states of disarray with pieces of fabric, and the 2 toddlers playing on the floor.

Harris would stitch a piece of fabric, give it to the men who pinned and cut, and then gave it back to him for the next step. There was a mannequin in the room to show a dress from that era. It was for a lady of about 5 feet in height, with a waist of no more than 18". This was the fashion in the 1890s! Marketing person extra-ordinaire, Robin Marcato, told us no one presently working in the

museum could even fit into the dress!

You can't help but notice how much smaller the furniture was in those days. Even the armchair [the only chair] and the sofa in each apartment were of a much smaller proportion.

In the front room of the Levine family, there was only a sofa, a sewing machine with a chair, and the rest of the room was taken up with a table and pieces of fabric. This was where the father manufactured and sold clothes from his home.

How did they recreate the old stories? From photographs which they found and others who were donated by the next generations. The average apartment story was from 1905. Another home on the same floor belonged to a Catholic family who was the "Shabbos goy" for the Rogarshevsky family.

I know of no place in this country that compares with the accomplishments completed here. The grandchildren and great grandchildren have shared mementos and stories of their families.

How do they do it? In researching the Levine Apartment, the Museum staff sent letters to a number of Levines throughout New York City, hoping to "find a needle in a haystack" and track down the descendants of Harris and Jennie Levine.

A year after the letters were sent, the Museum's Curator received a call from Paula Schimmel, a great granddaughter of Harris and Jennie who lives (and runs an antique business) in Hollywood, Florida. An elderly rela-

tive of Ms. Schimmel's had received a letter from the Museum and happened to mention the exhibit to Paula, who then traveled to New York City to share family stories and photographs with the Museum staff.

This just begins to tell the remarkable story. And, just as amazing, there is 4 hours of free parking on Broome Street between Norfolk and Suffolk. Another option: you can take the Q and the F subways from midtown Manhattan. You may contact the museum at 212/431-0233. People can purchase tickets in advance, Tuesday through Sunday, at either 800/965-4827 or through their website (recommended) at <http://www.tenement.org/www.tenement.org>. Same day tickets are also available at the Museum Visitors Center at 90 Orchard Street, New York, 10002. Tours begin at this address.

Their mission: "To promote tolerance and historical perspective through the presentation and interpretation of the variety of immigrant and migrant experiences on Manhattan's Lower East Side, a gateway to America."

The Museum is available by a one-hour guided tour only and this would be a great way to get a group together and visit the Lower East Side!

This tenement is the first urban homestead of immigrant working class and poor people to be preserved and interpreted in America, the first of its kind to be named a National Historic Landmark and the first listed on the National Register of

Historic Places.

It has joined the houses of many of America's rich and famous Woodrow Wilson House, James Madison's Montpelier, and the Rockefeller Estate at Kykuit among them to become the 20th featured property of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. In 1998, President Clinton signed a bill declaring the museum "a National Historic Site affiliated with the National Park Service."

While the Tenement Museum remains a private non profit, this national recognition helped to signal a new direction in preservation, one that recognizes the importance and contribution of all Americans, regardless of race, color, or economic standing, around the country.

Associate Director of Marketing, Robin Marcato is an amazing encyclopedia of facts from the past 100+ years. Her great-grandfather's company built the stone wall around Central Park. And when her grandparents arrived, her grandfather, Oscar Lowenthal could not get a job as an opera singer with a name like that...so he changed it to Oscar Marcato!

Additional information provided by the museum:

In New York City, and in the Lower East Side in particular, the garment industry has always been both a curse and a blessing to newly arrived immigrants. With the invention of the sewing machine in 1844 and the demand for ready-made clothing (sparked by the need for uniforms during the Civil War), the

industry grew significantly. Garment shops began to pop up everywhere in the city, from the Bowery to the Bronx. On Orchard Street alone, on the block between Broome and Delancey Streets, 23 garment shops were in operation by the late 19th century. New York's dominance as America's culture and fashion center also fueled the garment industry by providing constantly changing styles upon demand. In 1910, 70% of the nation's women's clothing and 40% of the men's were produced in the city.

Today, even though many garment contractors have moved overseas, the industry still accounts for 1/3 of the city's manufacturing jobs. While strict regulations and attempts at reform have helped, regulating the garment trade still proves difficult. Even now, shops spring up and disappear overnight. The industry still depends heavily on, and all too often exploits, low-skilled immigrant labor. On the Lower East Side alone, 500 garment factories are in operation and over 75% of the workers are immigrants.

[On 9-11, the Museum opened its doors to the throngs of people coming from the World Trade Center and offered their rest rooms and made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to the dazed crowds.]

Next month: "Whatever happened to Guss Pickles?" and other "News from the Lower East Side."

JG Friedman is the editor of *Shalom*, the Jewish community newspaper of Reading, PA.

Photo Expo In Philly

Photographer Bernard Mendoza documents Orthodox Jewish communities in America in *From Generation To Generation*, a new temporary exhibition of 50 black-and-white photographs now on display at the National Museum of American Jewish History.

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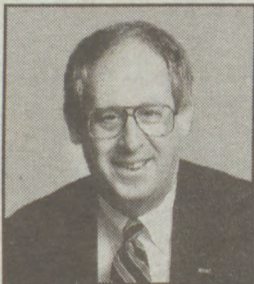
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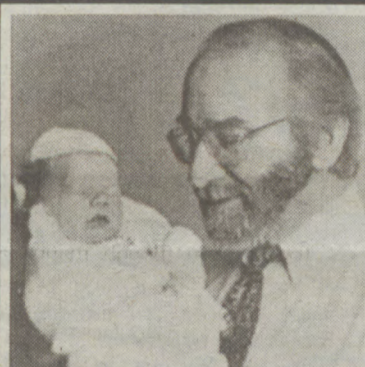
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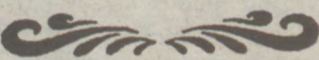
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Automaker Takes Anti-Semitic Route

"Henry Ford and the Jews: The Mass Production of Hate", written by Neil Baldwin. The book was published in New York, 2001 by PublicAffairs, a member of the Perseus Books Group. It lists for \$27.50.

Review by Martin M. Roffman, Ph.D.

I found Baldwin's book while browsing through new selections at the Wilmington Public Library. Given the state of world affairs right now, it wasn't clear that a book about Henry Ford was really a desirable selection. After all, there are enough tzurot (troubles) to satisfy anybody so why dig into the life of an individual who was personally responsible for much Anti-Semitism in the early 20th century? However, the book looked interesting and proved fascinating to read. The author's style is compelling and the amount of documentation will satisfy even academic readers. I found myself fitting pieces of history together that previously hadn't made much sense. Author Baldwin presented his subject well and this book is def-

initely worth the reader's time.

Henry Ford was born on a small farm near Dearbornville, MI during the American Civil War. He held jobs with different Detroit-based companies while experimenting in off-hours with a four-cylinder engine. Initially he conceived this engine to propel bicycles but later expanded the idea to include four-wheel carriages that evolved into the Model A car. Ford founded his own motor car company and thrived because of two factors

1. Considerable product demand
2. Affordable pricing that was possible because of mass production methods Ford conceived and introduced to his factory floor.

Baldwin traces Ford's anti-Semitic journey, from the earliest literature he read in school, to the purchase of his own public newspaper, the Dearborn Independent. Ford staffed the paper and set editorial policy which unfortunately was distinctly anti-Jewish, anti-organized labor, and mandatory reading for Ford employees around the US. Unfortunately, the Independent chose to publish and

continued to distribute for several years the first English language version of "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion".

Ford's equilibrium was upset by lackluster automobile sales in the New York area. In effect, he was struggling to balance "The Jewish Question" against "The Model T Sales Question" and Baldwin describes how Ford alternated between these two poles of concern. Articles from the Independent reached Germany and resonated within the Nazi Party. The Nazis were particularly interested in Ford's phrasing of "The Jewish Question" and apparently, Hitler later incorporated this same concept into his own speeches. Ford was motivated to build a truck manufacturing plant in Germany prior to World War II and eventually succeeded in doing so. Throughout the war, the plant was managed by locally hired talent hand-picked by Henry Ford himself. In appreciation for his efforts in establishing the truck manufacturing plant and probably for his publications as well, Ford received the Grand Cross of the German

Eagle on his 75th birthday in 1938.

The organized American Jewish community tried defending itself against hatred emanating from the Dearborn Independent. There was initial hesitation to challenge Ford directly because of the wider platform it might offer him to spew hatred. The labor movement, filled with Jewish leadership, sought recruits in Detroit's industries and of course, Henry Ford adamantly opposed unionization. Aaron Sapiro, a labor leader vilified in the Independent for at least a year, filed a \$1 million law suit against Ford and the Independent for defamation of character to himself and his race. This case officially ended in a mistrial but Ford issued an apology for any hateful content that might have appeared in the Independent articles. The sincerity of his apology is somewhat questionable.

About 60 years ago, I had an uncle who managed to secure a job at Ford's assembly plant in Chester, PA. It wasn't easy for him to obtain the job and in fact, he used a different last name while at

the plant and worked weekends and Jewish holidays without ever giving any indication that he was Jewish. While growing up, I never understood why he did this but after reading the book, his reasoning became clearer.

Ford Motor Company has significantly changed since Henry Ford's time at the helm, and attitudes so prevalent early last century when he was in charge are gone from the company today. In fact, a few years ago, it was gratifying to see that Ford sponsored Shindler's List in its initial appearance on national television.

Read the book. It will recast many events of the last century into a new perspective and illustrate how hatred spreads unless good people step forward to answer an unpleasant challenge. In these times when anti-Semitism seems to continue to thrive, the lessons learned from reading this book are even more valuable.

Martin commutes to Wilmington each day from his Montgomery County, PA home and is an active member of the local Jewish community.

Were There Jews In Hitler's Army?

By Peter Ephross

In the summer of 1992, Bryan Mark Rigg, then a student at Yale, was in Germany researching his family history when he attended a screening of "Europa, Europa."

Since his German wasn't so good, he asked an elderly man sitting next to him to translate the film, which tells the story of Shlomo Perel, a Jew who survived the Holocaust by falsifying his identity — and who served in the German army for part of World War II.

After the movie, the man told Rigg that his story was similar to Perel's. Over a drink, the man told Rigg about his experiences as a "quarter-Jew" who had served for Germany on the Russian front.

The conversation fascinated Rigg and spurred him to investigate whether there were more soldiers of Jewish descent in the Nazi army. He began checking — and sure enough, there were. What's more, little scholarly work had been done on these mischlinge, as the Nazis called Germans with Jewish roots. "They suffered the same fate in academic life that they did in the Third Reich. Nobody wanted them. Nobody claimed them. So nobody knows about them," Rigg, 31, told JTA recently.

The encounter launched a 10-year odyssey for Rigg that culminated in "Hitler's Jewish Soldiers," which is making waves in both the media and academia. The Chronicle of Higher Education printed a lengthy article on Rigg and his book, and he is slated to be the subject of a segment on NBC's "Dateline" this month. In the book, Rigg tells the strange-but-true story of these wartime German soldiers with Jewish roots. Based on interviews with more than 400 of these former soldiers, along with some statistical extrapolation, Rigg concluded that more than 100,000 such soldiers — who were consid-

ered Jewish, according to Nazi racial laws — served in the German military.

Many researchers consider this number an exaggeration and dismiss Rigg, who teaches at the online American Military University, as publicity-hungry. "This is not a bombshell," Raul Hilberg, one of the deans of Holocaust scholarship, recently told The Chronicle of Higher Education. "We have known that there were thousands of men with Jewish roots 'in the German army.'" Some also have taken aim at the book's title. After all, Rigg himself says that only 60 percent of the "half-Jews" and only 30 percent of the "quarter-Jews" who served as soldiers were Jewish according to Jewish law. Many didn't even know they were Jewish because their families had assimilated. But many scholars support Rigg in his contention that his book, based on his doctoral dissertation at Cambridge University in England, casts new light on Nazi policy and the Holocaust.

Rigg's "diligent" and "sustained" research calls into question some previous assumptions about Nazi policy during the Holocaust, Holocaust scholar Michael Berenbaum told JTA. Rigg's book "shows that there was a greater degree of flexibility in the anti-Jewish policy than previously realized," says Berenbaum, author of "The World Must Know: The History of the Holocaust."

Berenbaum highlights the importance of Rigg's evidence showing that, as late as 1943, Hitler was spending his time pondering the fate of individual soldiers with Jewish roots. While the German war machine was focused on battling allied forces, Hitler was "deciding whether this guy's face is Jewish. It's unbelievable," Berenbaum says. Rigg admits that it's a bit unbelievable that he

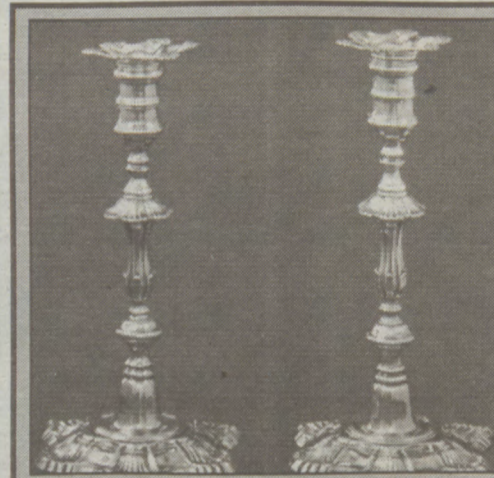
became a Holocaust scholar. "Ten years ago, if you had asked me that this was going to happen, that we'd be sitting here talking about this, I'd be like, 'No way.'" Tall, fit and square-jawed — and prone to use the words "honored" and "gentlemanly" in conversation — Rigg looks more like a former football player and Marine from Texas — which, in fact, he is. As a teenager, Rigg attended the Ft. Worth Christian Academy and spent time on Protestant missions. While researching his family history that summer in 1992, Rigg found some records indicating that many of his mother's ancestors were Jewish. "I have some ancestors who were running around in skirts in Northern Scotland hacking up each other. That's part of my tradition as well. I also have some tradition going to the Temple Mount," he says. But it wasn't just his Christian upbringing that made him an unlikely candidate for research into the Holocaust. Throughout his research, he spoke to many scholars who dissuaded him from his work. He was told that the subject matter was either too tangential or would cause problems for Jews, Rigg recalls, but he turned the criticism into a challenge. It wasn't his first academic obstacle: As a young child, he failed first grade twice. Only when he was placed into a university-affiliated school did he begin to flourish. After high school, he was rejected from the Ivy League schools he had dreamed of attending. So he spent a fifth year of high school studying and playing football at an East Coast private school, and then was accepted at Yale.

Even today, Rigg appears to be motivated by the discouragement he says he received from some scholars.

At a lecture last month at the Leo Baeck Institute in New York,

Rigg says some scholars "exuded an air of academic arrogance that irritated me." In an interview with JTA, he discussed his time spent in "the bowels of the academic establishment." Armed with this motivation, as well as some encouragement from his family and from scholars such as Jonathan Steinberg, his doctoral adviser at Cambridge, Rigg persevered. After spending time with some of the soldiers, Rigg felt he owed something to them — and to what he calls truth, which he uses without an ounce of irony. Rigg himself contributed to "personal truth" — "outing" some of these soldiers' Jewish roots to their own families. Some of the soldiers Rigg learned about became interested in their Judaism after the war, but others died without telling anyone — and Rigg was the one to inform their families. Even if many of his subjects didn't consider themselves Jewish, their experiences during the war highlight a gray spot in the world of the Holocaust, Rigg says.

"Are they perpetrators or are they victims? Do they share the guilt or do they share the victimhood?" he asks. "They're between two stools all the time." So is Rigg, in many ways. Raised a fundamentalist Protestant, he studied at the Ohr Sameach Yeshiva in Jerusalem while conducting his research, and says he now professes that he believes in no specific religion beyond general "tolerance." His time at a yeshiva was just one of the turns Rigg's life has taken during the last decade. He also spent time in a program the Israeli Army runs for volunteers from abroad, and even did a stint in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1999 to 2001. But, he says, he made a commitment to his subjects to tell their story. He has done that both through his book and through an archive in the German city of Freiburg that he has filled with the fruits of his research. "Now I've honored that commitment and I can walk away after all this is done, and be happy," he says.



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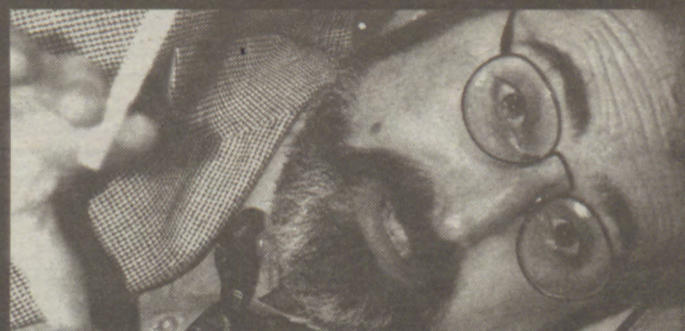
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MILESTONES In Memoriam

BERLOWITZ

David Berlowitz, born November 28, 1912 in the Bronx, NY, died May 24th in Orlando, Florida. He served as a Doctor of Optometry in Westbrook, ME for 40 years before his retirement. He was a past president of the Maine Optometric Association and the Lions Club International of Westbrook, ME and was a founding father of Congregation Beth El in Portland. He is survived by Rose, his wife of 65 years; daughter Judith of Wilmington and her husband, Harvey; daughter Nancy Ellis of Orlando and her husband, Frank; a brother, Seymour of the Bronx; four grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Contributions in his memory may be directed to The Rabbi's Fund, Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802.

CHARLAP

Sidney Charlap, 84, of Carneys Point, NJ, died May 31st. He was the owner of Charlap's Men's Store in Penns Grove, NJ and was a sales representative for WJIC Radio. He is survived by his wife, Ruth B.; son, Charles Alan; daughter, Paula Y. Ehrenfeld; sister, Evelyn Miller; and one granddaughter. He was interred in the Machzikey Hadas Cemetery, Minquadale, DE.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 2 Mill Road, Wilmington, DE 19806.

LEVY

Ethel F. Levy, 92, died May 25th in Alameda, CA. She was the wife of the late Edwin J. Levy; mother of Roger M. Levy of Wilmington, DE and Malvina Levy Gomberg of Oakland, CA; grandmother of Tara Levy Keating, Natalie Levy Sopinski,

Erica Levy, Brett Levy, Max Gomberg and Benjamin Gomberg; and the great grandmother of Eiton Levy Keating and Israel Chaim Sopinski.

Service and burial were in California. Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

LEWIS

Howard M. Lewis of Wilmington died on May 29th after a courageous four-year struggle with cancer. He was an antiques dealer and a respected authority on Wedgwood ceramics. He collected Wedgwood pieces for more than 20 years before starting his antiques business in 1993.

Prior to starting his own business, Mr. Lewis worked as a bank trust officer and stock broker. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1937 and received a Juris Doctor degree in

1961 from Ohio State University. He received a commendation medal for his service in the United States Army at Fort Knox.

A member of the Wilmington Rotary Club, he also was involved with the Wedgwood Societies of Washington, D.C. and New York.

He is survived by a brother, Ronald Lewis of Lancaster, New Hampshire; his daughter Karen Lewis of San Francisco, CA and his son, Mark Lewis of Los Angeles, CA.

He is interred at Beth Emeth Memorial Park. Donations in his memory may be made to Delaware Hospice (www.delawarehospice.org), The American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org) or the American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org).

LUBAROFF

Herman Harris Lubaroff of Philadelphia died on May 28th.

Mr. Lubaroff was the husband of the late, Sarah. He was the father of the late Martin I. Lubaroff. His survivors include daughter, Terri Snyderman and her husband, Charles; daughter-in-law, Sandra Lubaroff; brother, Norman Lubaroff and sister-in-law, Marilyn Lubaroff. He was predeceased by another brother, Al Lubaroff and a sister, Ruth Lubaroff. He will be missed by grandchildren, Beth and Richard Lubaroff, David and Daniel Snyderman.

Graveside services were held at Roosevelt Memorial Park, Trevoise, PA.

Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to the Martin I. Lubaroff Scholarship Fund, c/o Delaware JCC, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803 or Canine Partners for Life, Box 170, Cochranville, PA 19330.

NACHAS NOOK

Bernhardt And Romirowsky Receive Brenner Award

Elana Romirowsky and Paula Bernhardt have been named recipients of the second annual award conferred by The Leo Brenner Holocaust Study Memorial Award. The Fund was established by the family of the late Mr. Brenner and is dedicated to keeping the memory and lessons of the Holocaust alive.

Elana, a senior at Akiba Hebrew Academy and Paula, a senior at Brandywine High School, had

planned to use the award to finance participation in the March of the Living through Poland and Israel. Unfortunately, this year's March was cancelled because of the crisis in the Mideast. The young women will be able to accept the funds for future travel.

Leo Brenner was a Holocaust survivor from Berlin, Germany. He was imprisoned by the Nazis from 1939 through 1945, first in

Sachsenhausen and later in Auschwitz, Buna Monowitz and Buchenwald. He passed away on February 5, 1998.

The Fund accepts applications from members of the Delaware Community who are studying or

teaching the Holocaust. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and may be obtained from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802. Return completed applications to Mrs.

Marion Brenner, c/o the synagogue.

The Leo Brenner Holocaust Study Memorial Fund is a fund of AKSE and is invested with the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Jewish Fund for the Future.

Wishkoff Receives Key Appointment

Ari Ross Wishkoff, son of Joan K. Wishkoff and Harvey L. Wishkoff, has been appointed assistant regional director for Young Judea, the youth arm of Hadassah.

Ari will represent a region

which comprises California, Nevada and Hawaii. He resides in California and plans to continue his career in the performing arts. Ari enjoys teaching acting classes to young people under the auspices of Actors Equity.

Beth Sholom Installs Sisterhood

The new board of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Sholom in Dover was installed Friday night, June 7, 2002. The installation was conducted by Charlotte Zaback, and was complimented by the voices of the choir of Congregation Beth Sholom.

Barbara Sparks and Sharon Bolasny will be co-presidents. Other members of the board include: Selma Lisker, Madelyn Wright, Rita Klepner, Cathy Jackson, Shelly Schwartz, Charlotte Zaback, Sheila Wolfe, Caroline Schwartz, Pam LLOYD, Arline Silverman, Rita Golden,

Julie Tollin, Beth Edwards, Gwen Stubbolo, Helen Flood, Nancy

Frankl, Ann Zweigle, Ilene Cooper, and Peggy Narun.



The Beth Sholom Choir added to the festivities of the Installation Evening. Choir members include: Back row, (from left to right): Choir Director, Eddie Cohee, Nancy Frankl, Steve Schwartz, Caroline Schwartz, and Chazz Salkin. The front row: (left to right): Mindy Berman, and Julie Tollin.



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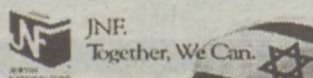
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COMMUNITY CHAILIGHTS

A Night To Remember - JFD's 68th Annual Meeting/Israel Solidarity Rally

Hundreds of Delaware Jews flocked to the sanctuary of Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth on May 30 to pay tribute to highly regarded outgoing Jewish Federation of Delaware President John A. Elzufon and welcome his successor, Barry Kayne. While new officers and board members were acknowledged and duly installed, this was no ordinary Annual Meeting. In response to the extraordinary situation in Israel, JFD with a strong assist from U.S. Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr., spurred the crowd to show its solidarity with our Israeli brothers and sisters.

Todah Rabah, John. Yasher Koach, Barry and may G-d bless Israel and sustain her during this time of crisis.

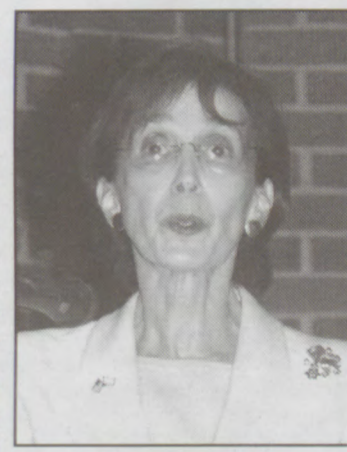


Outgoing President John A. Elzufon (left) shared fond memories of his term in office and offered his best wishes to his successor, Barry Kayne.



U.S. Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee rallied the crowd to show their solidarity with the land and people of Israel. Biden spoke of his personal passion for the Jewish State: "I have said, and have been criticized for saying, that I am a Zionist. You need not be a Jew to be a Zionist." He stated publicly his outrage at calling the Israeli Defense Forces action in Jenin a "massacre" and reminded the group of the power of words to "change history or force us to repeat it." He offered a personal prayer for Israel, asking that "May the time come very soon when a mother or father ... can dress their child in the morning, open the door, and without fear, put them on a bus or a bicycle or in a car, and send them to school. Just imagine."

Toni Young, (right) one of six co-chairs of the Israel Emergency Campaign, spoke eloquently about the tremendous need to support Israel emotionally and financially during this time of crisis. She thanked those who made it possible to raise more than \$500,000 for the safety and security of Israel's people since the campaign launched last December and exhorted those who had not yet made a commitment to do so. When Toni talks, people listen. As a direct result of her presentation, following on the heels of Senator Biden's spirited address, more than \$4,000 in pledges were committed that night!



Barbara Schoenberg, (left), chairperson of the Nominating Committee for the Jewish Federation of Delaware, took to the podium during JFD's 68th Annual Meeting/Israel Solidarity Rally on May 30th at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation in Wilmington, to install the slate of officers and board members for 2002-2003. They are: President Barry Kayne; Vice Presidents Carol Rothschild, Suzanne Grant, Eileen Conner; Secretary Beth Moskow-Schnoll; Assistant Secretary Robert Pincus; Treasurer Alfred Green and Assistant Treasurer William Wagner.

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