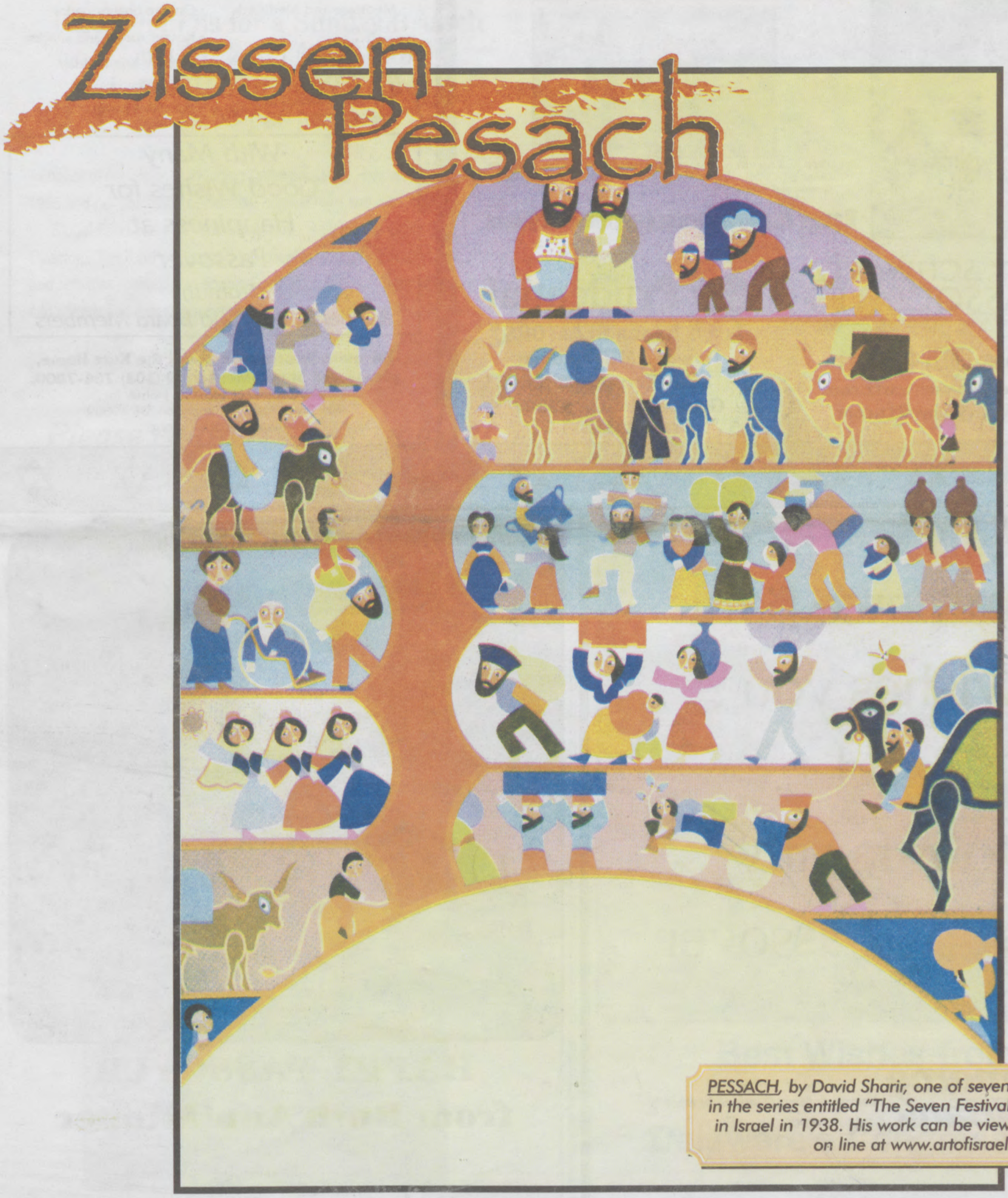
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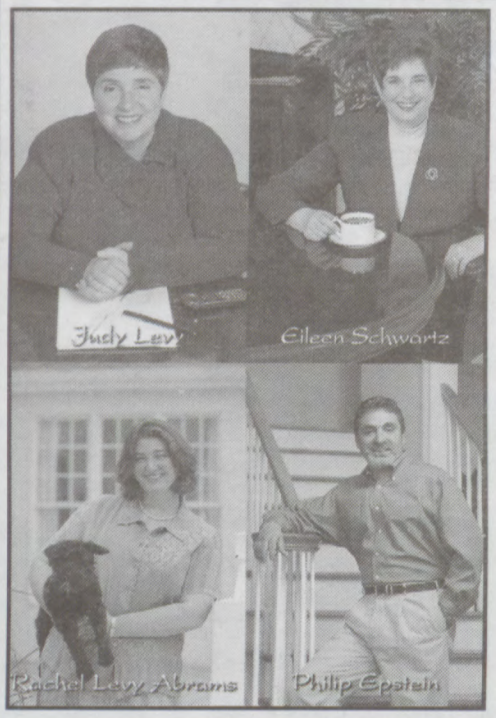


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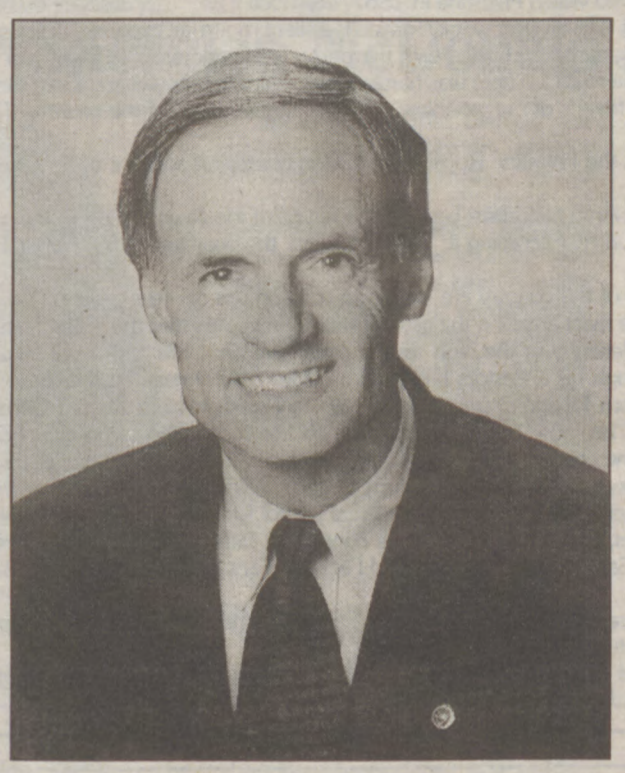
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EDITORIAL

Reliving the Exodus

The Passover story, retold each year around the Seder table is timeless and eternal. This compelling saga of a people's escape from the shackles of slavery to a land of freedom is as relevant today as in its first edition. Every generation of Jews since the time of the covenant has been challenged by a Pharaoh-like despot, seeking to enslave, inter or even, to eliminate our people for the very crime of being Jewish.

The power of the Pesach story has inspired us to rise to these challenges and defeat our oppressors. In the depths of our darkest moments –when six million Jewish lives were extinguished-our people refused to be annihilated. Those who survived the Holocaust vowed to memorialize the victims of Nazi atrocities by telling their stories. From generation to generation, these stories galvanize our people.

In this edition of the Jewish Voice we commemorate two April Yom Tovs. On April 16th at sundown, we celebrate the liberation of our ancestors out of ancient Egypt. During Passover, we rejoice in the precious gift of freedom and vow to complete the Exodus by working to liberate those who are not yet free. On April 29th in Wilmington and in other communities throughout our state we commemorate Yom HaShoah-Holocaust Remembrance Day. Our attendance at these observances listed on pages 10 and 11 states that **never again** will a Jewish community in Delaware, in Eastern Europe, in Israel or anywhere around the world be brought to the brink of destruction.

Our stories give us strength to learn from the past and create a vital and vibrant Jewish future.

From my family to yours, Zissen Pesach!

Lynn B. Edelman

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Editor

PARSHA PLACE

Week of April 12 — Metzora — Leviticus 14:1-15:33

LAMB CHOPS

by Joey Raab

This Shabbat has the distinction of being called "*Shabbat Hagadol*", meaning the Great Sabbath. It has become the custom to review the Passover Haggadah in preparation for the following week's seders. Also, many pulpit rabbis deliver special sermons (*drashot*) on the intricacies of the season's festival.

A myriad of reasons are given for the title, *Shabbat Hagadol*, one being as follows: On the Shabbat in Egypt immediately proceeding the initial Passover, Hashem commanded the Jews to publicly tie the lambs to their bedposts to be eventually offered on the 14th day of the month of Nissan as the karban Pesach (Pascal offering). As is well-known, the Egyptians worshipped the lamb, the zodiacal sign for the month of Nissan. The Children of Israel's slaughtering of the Egyptian god at the apex of its supposed power, at the time of the full moon, represented the dawn of the Jews' freedom. Even so, the Egyptians observed the Jews' committing deicide while remaining absolutely silent, failing to respond with any aggression towards them. On that note, the *Torah from Dixie* staff wishes you and your family a Great Shabbat.

Joey Raab is a staff writer for Torah Dixie.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Greetings from Netanya

Jerry and I recently returned from a March visit with our daughter, Esti, our son-in-law and four grandsons. It was sad to see all the hotels and businesses that were closed and/or empty. Purim seemed to bring people out and the square was bustling one day when the weather had warmed up. It was rainy for much of our trip (which is good for the water supply).

We had a private tour of the Jewish National Fund sites one day and found them to be quite interesting and impressive. It was wonderful to see the progress JNF is making on the reservoirs. Every dollar we give to JNF is well-worth it. One site was just a stone's-throw (no pun intended) from Tulkarem with a cement wall, barbed-wire fence and electrified fence between us and them. The wall is to protect the Israelis in the neighborhood from sniper fire. Some backyards have cement walls around it for the same purpose. It seemed like such a lovely and serene picture otherwise.

JNF is also working on removing pollution from rivers and stream coming out of the Palestinian Areas. We saw one such stream that was diverted into a water treatment facility and then returned to its flow through Israel towards the sea. In addition to cleaning the waterways sufficiently so that fish can again be able to habitate, JNF also cleans the river banks and adjacent areas, creating natural parks with benches and picnic areas. The park area we visited even had environmentally-friendly restrooms that turned waste into compost. All in all, the water projects are extremely well planned and executed. The ever-growing water shortage will either be the cause of the next war or the motivation for real peace.

One day Jerry and I decided it was time for us to get our gas masks. We were directed to an underground parking garage of the shopping center in Netanya where we waited for 2 hours only to find that we were in the wrong station for tourists. We were directed to go upstairs to the department store where the masks were given to tourists. We waited 10 minutes and got ours for 200 shekels, 100 of which will be returned to us if/when we turn them in. We were told they are only good until the end of the year. A syringe is included with each gas mask along with a list of symptoms and how to use it if needed. The syringes are color coded based on 3 age ranges. We were in the oldest group; those over 60 years old.

Upon our return to our hotel that evening, we were told they would give us gas masks and so all that wait was for nothing, but we told them we already had ours. We were also told about the safe room in the hotel that was on floor -3, so that is below ground.

The three weeks we planned to stay flew by. I really cannot wait to return next year.

Shabbat Shalom,
Jerry and Sandye Turnauer

Postscript following the March 29th suicide bombing in Netanya: We are fine. My daughter and family were nowhere near the square that day. We, however, did frequent it as our favorite restaurants are right in the area. We were also in Netanya last year at the Park Hotel and left there just days before the Passover massacre. Our daughter tried talking us into staying for Pesach as she would like to have stayed at the hotel during Pesach. She was happy we did not honor her request. This will never deter us from making our yearly trip to Israel.

Myths and Facts about Israel

MYTH #94

"The 'traditional position' of the Arabs in Palestine was jeopardized by Jewish settlement."

FACT

For many centuries, Palestine was a sparsely populated, poorly cultivated and widely-neglected expanse of eroded hills, sandy deserts and malarial marshes. As late as 1880, the American consul in Jerusalem reported the area was continuing its historic decline. "The population and wealth of Palestine has not increased during the last forty years," he said (Ben Halpern, The Idea of a Jewish State, MA: Harvard University Press, 1969, p. 108).

Mark Twain, who visited Palestine in 1867, described it as: "...[a] desolate country whose soil is rich enough, but is given over wholly to weeds-a silent mournful expanse....A desolation is here that not even imagination can grace with the pomp of life and action....We never saw a human being on the whole route....There was hardly a tree or a shrub anywhere. Even the olive and the cactus, those fast friends of the worthless soil, had almost deserted the country" (The Innocents Abroad).

The Report of the Palestine Royal Commission quotes an account of the Maritime Plain in 1913:

Even a leading Arab nationalist believed the return of the Jews to their homeland would help resuscitate the country. According to Sherif Hussein, the guardian of the Islamic Holy Places in Arabia:

The resources of the country are still virgin soil and will be developed by the Jewish immigrants. One of the most amazing things until recent times was that the Palestinian used to leave his country, wandering over the high seas in every direction. His native soil could not retain a hold on him; though his ancestors had lived on it for 1000 years. At the same time we have seen the Jews from foreign countries streaming to Palestine from Russia, Germany, Austria, Spain, America. The cause of causes could not escape those who had a gift of deeper insight. They knew that the country was for its original sons (abna'ihi–l–asliyin), for all their differences, a sacred and beloved homeland. The return of these exiles (jaliya) to their homeland will prove materially and spiritually [to be] an experimental school for their brethren who are with them in the fields, factories, trades and in all things connected with toil and labor (Al-Qibla, March 23, 1918, quoted in Samuel Katz, Battleground-Fact and Fantasy in Palestine, NY: Bantam Books, 1977, p. 128).

As Hussein foresaw, the regeneration of Palestine, and the growth of its population, came only after Jews returned in massive numbers.

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Federation Focus

Let All Who Are Hungry...



Samuel H. Asher
Executive Vice President

It was disturbing reading. The economy had collapsed to unimaginable depths. The banks had basically closed. If you were able to withdraw your money – or at least some of it – you were lucky, even though its buying power had declined overnight. Confidence in the stock market was lost and both domestic and international investments ceased.

Unemployment was rampant. The middle class, arguably the lynchpin of economic stability, was totally decimated. Teachers, machinists, even doctors and lawyers were unemployed. The welfare system became swamped as the vast majority struggled to feed their families, clothe their children, and maintain adequate shelter.

This was not an article about the aftermath of October 1929 and America's Great Depression. Unfortunately, this is about Argentina in April 2003. I want to share with you some frightening information about the Jewish community there.

There are about 200,000 Jews in Argentina. They are (were) largely middle-class and had developed a remarkable self-sufficient Jewish community. Although rocked with serious anti-Semitism, Jewish life was rewarding in Argentina. Then came the recent economic crisis.

Today, an unimaginable 33% of the Argentinean Jewish community is living at or below the poverty level of only US$77 per month. Over 34,500 are currently on the Jewish community's welfare caseload (run by the Federation supported JDC) – an increase of 20,000 cases since last year. Four years ago, there were 6 Jewish welfare assistance centers – today there are 74, passing out food vouchers and job placement counseling. Jewish day schools and Jewish community centers are either closing or curtailing services as the community and program participants' lack the ability to pay for services.

Thus far, 7,000 have emigrated to Israel and nearly 8,000 have begun the *aliyah* process. While that is a sizable number – and costly to enact – many thousand more remain in Argentina with little positive outlook except for the support from world Jewry. Joblessness, homelessness, and hunger are impacting 65,000 Jews in Argentina, TODAY. And we have been called upon to again assist.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware took decisive action on an urgent request from the United Jewish Communities and the Jewish Agency -for *aliyah* and special Jewish education assistance in Argentina. Our community has been asked to accept our proportionate share of $14 million (approximately $27,000) in immediate needs.

Our Israel Emergency Campaign has been supporting aliyah; we will continue our efforts to address these overseas needs. If you have not yet made a contribution to the Emergency Campaign, please do so now.

We are preparing for Passover. At the Seder we proclaim: Ha *Lachma Anya*, Let all who are hungry come and eat. This year, fulfill the mitzvah by enabling Jews in Argentina to eat – not just at Passover , but **every** day.

At this year's Seder let us also say a prayer for the brave men and women of our armed forces. May they complete their mission and return home to us safe and sound.

From my family to yours, Zissen Pesach!

Yet another question at Passover



Todd Polikoff
Campaign Director

Every year at Passover I gather with my family to hear the youngest of us struggle to sing the traditional four questions. After the Seder, I usually stop to ask myself one additional question, "How do I feel about being Jewish this year?" I take a few minutes to reflect on my experiences over the previous twelve months and usually come up with the same answer, "I love being Jewish!" My answer is the same every year because I find an immense amount of satisfaction in living my life in the pursuit of the three pillars that our people stand on; learning, caring and social justice.

During various times throughout the year the Jewish Federation of Delaware asks our community a very similar question regarding participation in the Annual Campaign. The question that we ask is not, "How much would you consider donating" rather, "How do you feel about being Jewish in Delaware this year?" The answer to this very basic question has a direct correlation to the growth and prosperity of our Jewish community.

Our Jewish community is comprised of very active families who have ties to various organizations and programs throughout Delaware. While every cause may valid and worthy, the Jewish Federation of Delaware should take precedence in the minds of the Jews of our state. Since its inception, the Jewish Federation has been caring and providing for the future of our Jewish community in Delaware and communities around the world. Some of our recent achievements include; raising over $500,000 for the Israel Emergency Campaign; our Community Capital Campaign which now stands in excess of $18 million; and the opening of the Jewish Community Campus in Newark.

Anyone who has come in contact with any of our constituent agencies (*Jewish Family Service, The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Hillel at the University of Delaware, the Jewish Community Center, Gratz Hebrew High School, and Albert Einstein Academy*) has been made a connection with the entire Jewish community. The Jewish Federation of Delaware is your connection to the Jewish person across the street and the Jewish individual around the world. It is seamless and global. It is meaningful philanthropy based on the Jewish values of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), Klal Yisrael (one people), and Tzedakah (charity). The Jewish Federation is synonymous with Jewish community.

The work of the Jewish Federation behalf of the Jewish community of Delaware is constant and unwavering. It can not be quantified in dollars, but rather in passion and commitment. As members of the Jewish community of Delaware we must ask ourselves this year at Passover, "How do I feel about being Jewish in Delaware this year?" I hope that your gift to the annual campaign will be as great as your appreciation for the work done on behalf of your community.

For more information on the Jewish Federation of Delaware Annual Campaign, please feel free to contact me at (302)427-2100 ext. 16 or www.shalomdelaware.org

Esther Sherman McDonald Fund assists immigrant children in Israel



Jennifer Young
Endowment Director

The Esther Sherman McDonald Fund of the Jewish Fund for the Future awarded a $10,000 grant towards the back-to-school voucher program in Holon, Israel. The grant provided 50 children with school vouchers. All of the children are from families that have made Aliyah from Iran since 1997. Elementary, middle, and high school children used the vouchers to purchase school supplies, including books, school bags, and shoes.

"I am confident that this gift has helped these youngsters achieve excellence in their studies," noted Ronit Segelman, Director of Operation Queen Ester. The city of Holon, located at the southern border of Tel Aviv, has been a major population center for Iranian immigration. The families arrive in Israel with little financial resources. Parents of these children are confronted with great difficulties in providing their children with school supplies, and even clothing that is needed for the school year. Over the past three years, Operation Queen Ester has assisted in the integration of Iranian Jews in Israel, playing a major role in setting up a variety of projects to assist Iranian Olim to make a smooth and rapid transition to Israeli lifestyle and culture, to become productive Israeli citizens and to preserve the tradition of independence and productivity in a long and proud tradition of Iranian Jews.

Esther Sherman McDonald, of blessed memory, was devoted to Israel. A champion of Israel and the causes that benefited the state of Israel, she worked tirelessly on behalf of the Jewish state through Pioneer Women, Israel Bonds and by educating her fellow Beth Emeth congregants and others on the importance of Israel. Mrs. McDonald translated her lifetime commitment to the State of Israel into permanent gifts that will continue in perpetuity. In her estate plan, she arranged for perpetual annual distributions to be made to the Jewish Fund for the Future, Jewish Federation of Delaware to direct toward social and educational services for immigrant and needy children living in Israel. Last year, the Esther Sherman McDonald Fund supported the Etgar Program in Arad, Delaware's Partnership 2000 region. The Etgar Program is an early intervention program that assists immigrant parents in providing educational enrichment for their kindergarten children.

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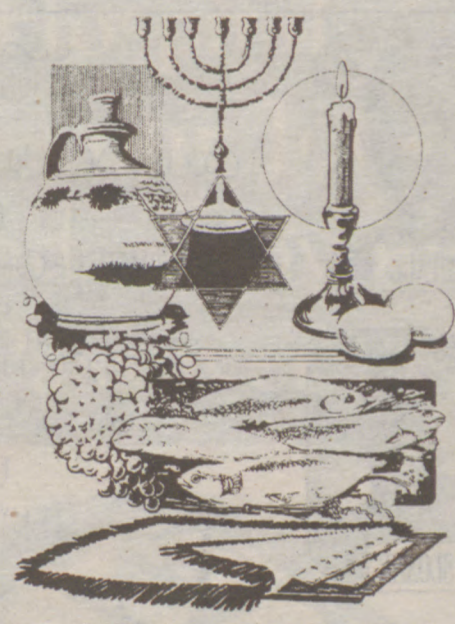


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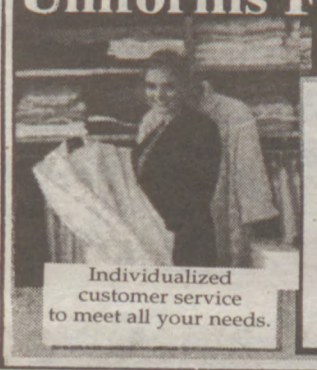
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Inside Delaware

Ruth Siegel honored at April 27th Brunch



Ruth Siegel

By Marlene Milunsky

Ruth Benjamin Siegel has always been deeply committed to education, and in particular to Jewish education. In 1965, while chairing the Jewish Education Committee of the Jewish Community Center, she perceived and acted on the need for secondary Jewish education in this community by forming a partnership with Gratz College in Philadelphia.

Ruth and Gratz College developed a joint program for junior and senior high students in Delaware. Initially students were bused to Gratz College on Sundays, and attended Delaware Gratz classes two nights a week in Wilmington. The Wilmington-based classes utilized the Gratz College curriculum and the school was able to use the "Gratz" name. In 1967, Ruth and her committee arranged for Delaware Gratz classes to be held only in Wilmington, housed alternately in each synagogue from year to year. In 1970, when the Jewish Community Center on Garden of Eden Road opened, Gratz moved into its permanent home.

Ruth has been on the Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School Board for 37 years, since its inception. Her continued involvement in Delaware Gratz and the Jewish community has been evidenced by a myriad of leadership roles over the years, including her critical leadership role in the Community Capital Campaign. The soon-to-be renovated JCC is to be renamed the Ruth and Bernard Siegel Jewish Community Center, and Gratz will occupy new classrooms and expanded space.

Ruth attended the Baltimore Hebrew College, taught elementary school in Baltimore and moved with her husband, Bernie, to Elkton, Maryland, in 1945 where they opened a store, Colonial Jewelers, with which she is still very much involved. In 1954, the family moved to Wilmington where Ruth quickly became involved in the fabric of the Jewish community, in Hadassah, Congregation Beth Shalom, and also Green Circle of the NCCJ. Ruth chaired the Women's Division of the Israel Bonds Campaign, and has been a member of a Mishna study group for almost 15 years. Ruth and her husband Bernie have four children who live in Israel, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York. The Tribute Brunch begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Delaware JCC. For additional information call Jerry Grossman at 571-6685.

Marlene Milunsky is the principal of Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School.

Testimonials from current Gratz students

"Gratz....keeps teenagers in touch with the Jewish community and with the Jewishness inside them." Jared Goldstein

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"At Delaware Gratz I have learned much about Judaism, life and myself." Bryan Wexler

" I will forever be changed by what I got out of Gratz and what it meant to me." Marcy Tocker

"Gratz is like coming home." Marni Grossman

Albert Einstein Academy Gala Honors Borins

The 2003 Albert Einstein Academy (AEA) Gala was held on Saturday, March 15, 2003 at the Brandywine Country Club. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2003 AEA Community Builder Award to Marsha and Howard Borin by Senator Joseph Biden and AEA Board of Trustees President, Robin Saran. Pictured are (left to right) Robin Saran, Howard and Marsha Borin, and Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, AEA Head of School.



Former FBI director to speak at Kutz Home Luncheon

Louis J. Freeh, former director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will be the guest speaker at the Annual Donor Luncheon of the Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home on Wednesday, May 14, at the Brandywine Country Club.

Judge Freeh, currently the Senior Vice Chairman for Law Enforcement and Government Affairs and General Counsel with MBNA Bank, N.A., served as FBI director from 1993 to 2001. Early in his distinguished career, Judge Freeh worked as an FBI Special Agent, serving the Bureau in New York City and Washington, D.C.

A former United States District Judge for New York State's Southern District, Judge Freeh also served the Southern District as an Assistant United States Attorney. He has been recognized on numerous occasions for his exemplary accomplishments including investigations and prosecutions relating to racketeering, drugs, organized crime, fraud, and terrorism.

Becky Rosen serves as Luncheon Chair. Committee members also include Patti Berk, Julie Friedlander, Susan Kreshtool, Shelly Mand, Ann Rosen, Susan Sandler and Deidre Vecchione. The cost for the luncheon is $55.00 for a Silver donor, $100.00 for a Gold donor and $180.00 for a Diamond donor. Proceeds support programs and events that enhance the quality of life for Kutz Home residents.

Please call the Kutz Home at 302-764-7000 for more information or to receive an invitation.

Holocaust activities at Hillel

April is a very busy month for Hillel Student Center at University of Delaware. All community members are invited to the following events:

In observance of Yom HaShoah - Commemoration of the Holocaust - Hillel has invited Brian Mark Rigg, author of Hitler's Jewish Soldiers, to speak on Monday evening, April 28, 7:30 p.m. in Purnell Hall, Room 115 on the University of Delaware Campus. Professor Rigg meticulously researched the saga of Jewish soldiers in Hitler's army, the allowances they were granted early in the war, and the later persecution they experienced. This lecture is FREE to all.

On Wednesday, April 30, the Academy Award winning film, The Pianist, will be playing at the Trabant Center Theatre, at 7:30 pm. The cost is $2.00. Hillel is co-sponsoring this event with the Student Center Program Advisory Board of the University of Delaware.

If you have any questions about either of these events, please feel free to contact either Ian Cooper, ijcooper@udel.edu or Susan Detwiler, sdhillel@udel.edu or telephone 302-453-0479.

Brenner Fund aids Holocaust studies

The Leo Brenner Holocaust Study Memorial Fund was established in 1999 by the family of the late Mr. Brenner and is dedicated to keeping the memory and lessons of the Holocaust alive. The Fund accepts applications from members of the Deaware community who are studying or teaching the Holocaust.

Leo Brenner passed away on Febrary 5, 1998. He was a Holocaust survivor from Berlin, Germany who was imprisoned by the Nazis in Sachsenhausen, Auschwitz, Buna Monowitz and Buchenwald concentration camps from 1939 until his liberation in 1945.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and may be obtained from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Blvd and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802. Please return completed applications to Mrs. Marion Brenner, c/o AKSE.

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

Contributions to the Fund are always welcomed.

Seaside commemorates victims of the Shoah

Seaside Jewish Community will commemorate Yom HaShoah on Tuesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. at the Center on Holland Glade Road in Rehoboth.

- Bella Borreda, a survivor of the concentration camps and Henry Frankel, who escaped Nazi Germany as a six-year-old child, will share their stories. Frankel came to America under the auspices of a rescue program known as 1000 Children.

The program is open to the entire community.

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Eva Mozes Kor, Survivor of Mengele's Twins Experiment at the New Brandywine Hundred Library, Wilmington

We Will Remember

Wallace to keynote April 29th Holocaust Rememberance Day program

By Lynn B. Edelman
Editor

Karen Wallace never heard about the Holocaust during her sixteen years in Catholic schools. "Even at Immaculata College where I took many courses that dealt with European history Holocaust studies was all but eliminated from the curriculum," she said.

During the '70s her life was changed after viewing a movie based on the Graham Greene novel about the Holocaust. "Once I got into the subject I just couldn't let it go," she said. As a high school history teacher in the Delaware school system she embarked on a mission-to learn as much as possible about this subject so that she could present the Holocaust accurately and sensitively to her students.

A colleague, Jewish Voice Community Correspondent Joel Glazier, told her about the American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors Program in Poland and Germany. She spoke to her school superintendent who agreed to fund her participation in this program which included tours of the concentration camps and interviews with survivors.

Wallace will talk about how this experience transformed her personal views about the Shoah and indelibly altered the way she presents Holocaust materials to her high school students and to the adult learners she teaches at Marshallton Groves on Tuesday, April 29th during the 2003 Holocaust Remembrance Day Program. This free program will be presented at the Ekbert Carvel State Building Auditorium, 820 French Street in Wilmington. Guests are urged to arrive early due to security at the State Building.

The guest speaker is a member of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee-an interfaith effort of the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Jewish Community Relations Committee. The Committee sponsors the Yom Ha Shoah program in conjunction with the Rabbinical Association of Delaware and the Delaware Region of the National Conference for Community and Justice.

Elected officials, representatives from the Delaware Jewish and other faith communities and school students will participate in the program. Readings from concentration camp survivors and liberators will be presented in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising (see related story on page 18). Cantor Joel Kessler of Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth will sing.

This hour-long community program will conclude with prayers at the Holocaust Memorial in Freedom Plaza and will be presented rain or shine.

For additional information, please call Amalia Snyderman at 302-427-2100, ext. 30.

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Come to the Movies ...

The Jewish Community Center will be hosting a Movie Night on Saturday, April 26 beginning at 8 p.m. It will feature the Award-Winning Film, "Lies My Father Told Me." This Canadian film, is the story of a six-year old boy and his nearly magical and deeply spiritual relationship with his Orthodox Zaida (grandfather), set in the 1920's Montreal's Jewish immigrant community. "Lies My Father Told Me" is directed by Czech film maker, Jan Kadar. Included among the many notable films directed by Kadar are "The Shop on Main Street," "The Angel Levine" and "The Other Side of Hell." Ted Allan, author and screenwriter, brings us this sensitive and intelligent drama. Variety Magazine's critic wrote, "Lies My Father told Me," in Kadar fashion, is a warm, funny and touching tale which captures the child's eye-view of adult integrity (or at times lack of integrity) that we have all experienced. Admission is free of charge, however, advance reservations are required by calling the JCC at (302) 478-5660.

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First State News

Community Invited to Kutz Groundbreaking Event

It is with great joy that the Jewish Federation of Delaware announces groundbreaking ceremonies to be held on Sunday, April 27, 2003 at 3 PM at the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE in conjunction with the Kutz Home's Annual Meeting. Funded by hundreds of generous donors to the Community Capital Campaign, the Kutz Home will complete the transformation begun by the extensive renovations which took place five years ago. Residents will benefit from new kitchen and laundry facilities, a much needed elevator and an expanded loading dock. All are invited to join the celebration as construction gets underway that will allow residents to have their next Rosh Hashanah dinner prepared in a brand new kitchen!

"The Jewish Federation of Delaware is delighted to finally be putting a shovel in the ground, showing how this community has banded together to make a real difference in thousands of lives. The impact of this moment will be felt for many, many years to come," said Barry Kayne, JFD President. "I hope the community will come out to show their support of this tremendous effort."

The Community Capital Campaign was launched following the in-depth study of the Jewish population of Delaware. Realizing that each of the Federation's agencies required capital improvements in order to meet their constituents' needs into the future, a unique collaboration was formed. Agency leadership agreed to work together for the good of the entire community; campaign leadership emerged who inspired everyone who heard of their enormous generosity. All over our community, donors stepped up to this once in a generation challenge, pledging over $18.2 million to date.

Highlights of the improvements to the other agencies include new classrooms and resource spaces for Albert Einstein Academy and Gratz Hebrew High School which will finally have space to call its own, while Hillel at the University of Delaware will gain an expanded kosher kitchen. The Jewish Community Center will undergo major renovations including two building additions: one will provide new space for Jewish Family Service to provide adequate space for counseling and other services as well as an expanded JCC fitness center; the other will house the JCC's preschool. The rest of the center will be updated and will include additional meeting space along with dedicated lounges for teens and seniors alike. Thoughtful inclusions to this historic campaign are the retirement of past community debt, a new maintenance endowment fund, and a long awaited presence has been established in Newark with the acquisition of the former YMCA, now known as the Newark Jewish Community Campus. Look for groundbreaking at the Garden of Eden Road Campus later (JCC) June19 at the Federation's Annual Meeting.

You too can make a difference that's sure to last *"From Generation to Generation... For Generations to Come."* To make a pledge or learn more about the Community Capital Campaign, please call Ruth Rosenberg at (302) 427-2100 x 17.

St. Andrew's School – Delaware's Educational Jewel

By David Levinson
Special to the Jewish Voice

When US News and World Report last year named St. Andrew's School, located in Middletown, Delaware, one of the ten best college preparatory boarding schools in the country, most Delawareans were surprised. Although St. Andrew's School has been so recognized by college admissions offices for many years, Delawareans, if they are aware of the school at all, know it only as the location where the motion picture "Dead Poet's Society" and an episode of the television series "The West Wing" were filmed.

My family has been associated with St. Andrew's School since it was founded in 1929. My father was mayor of Middletown at the time and worked with the first headmaster, The Reverend Walden Pell, in dealing with some of the initial obstacles. And my father served as veterinarian on the school farm, which provided much of the food for the school's first students. When I was born, Reverend Pell visited my parents in the hospital and invited them to send me to St. Andrew's when I "came of age." I was the first Jewish student to graduate from the school (class of '53). Although the school is of a distinctly Christian character, I found my Judaism strengthened there; and two years after graduation, I was elected President of the Harvard Hillel Foundation, the beginning of a career devoted to serving the Jewish community on dozens of boards throughout the country, including three congregations. Today, my son Micah, is the only practicing Jewish student at the school; and it has been interesting to me to see how his commitment to Judaism, as well as his observance, has been strengthened during his attendance there. St. Andrew's has been totally supportive of Micah's commitment to Jewish education and observance. Naturally, he is excused for the Jewish Holidays. However he also has been encouraged to attend Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School on Sundays, which he has done regularly.

Recently, the headmaster of St. Andrew's asked me how the school could best approach the Jewish community to encourage more Jewish students to apply to the school. Although St. Andrew's accepts only one of every five qualified applicants, the school is committed to diversity; and I was gratified to hear the headmaster say that he believed a Jewish student population would further enrich the school and improve its quality of life.

It has always surprised me that the Jewish community of Delaware, traditionally committed to the best in education, has overlooked the best educational opportunity for its children that the state, and in many ways the nation, has to offer. As the parent of a current St. Andrew's student, I can testify that I believe attendance at the school is a life transforming experience. By far the smallest of the nation's top ten boarding schools, St. Andrew's is composed of only 270 boys and girls, representing 27 states and five foreign countries. Eighteen percent of the students represent themselves as students of color. Sixty-six teachers and their families live on campus and are readily available to their students. Seventy five percent of the faculty holds advanced degrees. One hundred percent of the school's graduates go on to competitive colleges. Recently, the largest number of graduates has matriculated at Harvard, Yale, Brown, Williams, Davidson and the University of Virginia.

Perhaps even more extraordinary are the colleges and universities from which the faculty holds degrees. Of the undergraduate and advanced degrees held by the faculty, sixty-two of the degrees are broken down as follows: 6 from Harvard, 9 from Williams, 5 from the University of Pennsylvania. 7 from Dartmouth, 10 from Middlebury, 6 from Columbia, 3 from Bowdoin, 2 from Duke, 4 from Yale, 2 from Brown. 4 from Haverford, 2 from Amherst, and 1 each from Princeton and Stanford.

While the statistics are impressive, equally impressive is the atmosphere at the school. As a parent, I love spending time at the school. And parents are welcome at all times-for meals, at sporting events, to attend classes, or just to talk with a teacher or your child. The atmosphere is one of caring and affection for each student. I am always amazed at parent teacher conferences that each of my son's teachers knows him so well and cares about him so much. And I am even more amazed that so many teachers who have not had my son in class talk with me about him and seem to enjoy knowing him.

It is hard to imagine a more supportive environment for a teenager in those difficult and formative years.

The academic program is admittedly rigorous. From whom much is given, much is expected. Life at the school is disciplined, from the dress code, to the daily job assignment, to academic performance, to sensitive treatment of others, to participation in athletics, theater and community service. The building of character is emphasized along with the building of intellect. The school's literature makes it clear that there is little tolerance for inappropriate behaviors, including, among others, drugs, alcohol and, I have always noted with interest, specifically anti-Semitism.

The school is expensive, although no more so than other top boarding schools. Room, board and tuition are $26,600, with other expenses raising the total cost to about $28,000 per year. However, St. Andrew's is the only need blind admissions school remaining among the "top ten." An amazing 47% of the students are on scholarship. And, even more amazing, the **average** grant is $20,628 per year. Many students pay nothing at all. Once a student is accepted, finances are no deterrent to attendance.

I would welcome an opportunity to speak to any student or to any parent who has an interest in learning more about St. Andrew's School. You may contact the school directly by calling Louisa Zendt, Director of Admissions, at (302) 378-9511 or E-mailing the school at jgraves@standrews-de.org.



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Arrange matzah on the bottom of an ungreased 10 1/2 x 15 1/2-inch rimmed baking sheet (jelly roll pan), breaking them to fit to cover the bottom of the pan. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, melt butter and brown sugar until melted. Bring to a boil. While boiling, stir for 4 to 5 minutes until thickened. Remove from heat and carefully stir in water (the mixture will bubble). Stir in chocolate until melted.

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6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, chopped (6 squares, not chips)
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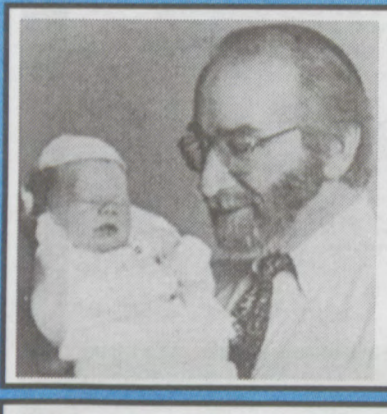
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The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising: Sixty Years Later

By Margaret Weiss Crouch
Special to the Jewish Voice

April 19-May 16, 2003, marks the sixtieth anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, the first organized Jewish rebellion by an urban population in Europe.

Jews were known to have lived in Warsaw by the end of the fourteenth century but were expelled in 1483. They returned and built Warsaw's Jewish community by the beginning of the twentieth century into the largest in Europe. Jews prospered in crafts and industry, especially salt, and commerce and finance, namely banking. A vibrant Jewish culture flourished from its literary and artistic creativity, establishing Warsaw as the center for Hebrew publishing in Europe. When Germany invaded Poland on September 1, 1939, there were about 375,000 Jews living in Warsaw.

Things changed quickly. The German invasion created a mass exodus of tens of thousands of Jews, especially their leaders, in a disorganized evacuation. About ninety thousand new refugees flooded in from western Poland, either trying to outrun the advancing German troops or being deported by them. The ruined city surrendered September 28, less than a month after the German assault. The German assault on the *Jews*, however, was just beginning.

Jews were plucked from food lines, seized for forced labor, taunted for religious garb, and robbed of cash, property, investments, and businesses. Soon they had to identify themselves and their businesses as Jewish, halt business with non-Jews, and deposit their money into blocked bank accounts. It is only recently that scholars have had access to new government, private, and corporate archives in Eastern and Western Europe that contained classified, restricted, or forgotten documents which detail the vast networks that the financial bureaucracy and the Gestapo used to asphyxiate Europe's Jewish life. Confiscating Jewish enterprises executed a lucrative *German* enterprise, choking Europe's Jews economically. The Conference on Jewish Materials Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference), established in 1951, is still trying to sort out the enormity of the theft.

Reinhard Heydrich, the chief executor of the Reich's Jewish policy, was so confident that Poland would fall quickly that on September 21 he ordered the creation of the ghettos to concentrate Polish Jews, the Judenraete (Jewish councils) to run them, and the "final solution to the Jewish question," which probably assumed expulsion but soon assured extermination.

The Germans established the Warsaw ghetto in October, 1940, sealed off in November by an 11 mile wall, 11 feet high by 10 feet thick, to pack 29 percent of the city's population into 2.4 per cent of the city's area. Fifteen people per apartment, or six to seven people in a room, lived in those 73 streets. The sealed ghetto sealed their fate. About 30,000 of the almost half-million residents had enough to eat, 200,000 could take care of themselves, and 250,000 were beggars starving to death because they could not sustain themselves on the soup kitchens' 200 calories a day. The ghetto economy was smuggling: food, goods, money, fictitious employment cards. The *German* economy for the ghetto was slave labor, and the Judenrat was permitted for a while to run vocational education classes to supply it.

Adam Czerniakow was immediately appointed chair of the Judenrat and chose 24 men for the council. Most Judenrat leaders believed the Germans would lose the war and that their temporary cooperation would lead to eventual liberation. The Warsaw ghetto Judenrat proposed to the Germans that it would provide a fixed quota of forced laborers to halt the haphazard kidnappings. The Judenrat had no resources to pay the laborers; the Germans had no *reason* to pay them, so forced labor quickly became slave labor.

The Judenrat was a German trick to deceive the Jews into believing the occupiers would rebuild the ancient Jewish leadership process. It numbed the ghetto residents through familiarity. The ghetto population believed the council would represent them to this new regime. The Judenrat was designed to serve the real German purpose of tricking Jews into tying the noose around the necks of their own people by registering Jews and surveying their property, deploying workers, negotiating food and clothing, managing the Jewish police force, and eventually selecting those deported to the camps. Here lies the Jews' first tragedy: They didn't understand the enemy. They reacted only to what they saw happening; they knew nothing of what was going on in the Nazi regime.

The Germans also ordered the Judenrat to employ a 1,000 to 2,000-man Jewish police force to serve as its executive arm. Police service at first offered exemption from forced labor, greater freedom, and more food. Its duties consisted of collecting Jewish possessions for the Germans, rounding up and escorting labor gangs, guarding the wall, and eventually rounding up Jews for deportation. The extraordinary circumstances under which the volunteers had to work caused many to quit and others to become brutal and corrupt.

Besides the Judenrat, the only other group permitted to function within the ghetto was welfare aid. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (the Joint) supplied some funds until 1942, but the US entry into the war made the shipment of food and transfer of funds to an enemy state increasingly difficult. Other groups, some underground, helped as they could. Clandestinely, additional groups functioned in the ghetto. Political organizations ran an underground press, withheld information from reports submitted to the Germans, and provided the ghetto residents with accurate information on the international political situation and the war.

Culture, including Yiddish, Hebrew, libraries, an orchestra, writers, and theater continued because the inhabitants were still alive and needed to keep their rich religious and cultural traditions alive as well. Emanuel Ringelblum, historian and founder of the clandestine *Oneg Shabbat* archive, collected and later hid thousands of documents, notes, diaries, and newspapers that informed the underground of ghetto conditions and later the world when two of the three milk cans were found. Underground youth movements, which would eventually plan and stage the uprising, assessed the hopeless situation faster than their elders and had to step in and take over for their politically paralyzed parents.

The German monster machine permitted vocational training to supply the warmongers, but underground classes were given in the arts, architecture, graphic art, and medicine. This large and important activity was based on the early idea that those in the ghetto would survive. If Jews generally are not to disobey Jewish law to stay alive and the Germans wanted them to die, the best sanctification of life was to *stay alive*.

Staying alive became increasingly difficult due to starvation, exposure, and disease. Bodies accumulated on the street, sometimes reaching 4,000 to 5,000 a month, before being collected by the endless train of black wagons. Many still alive were emaciated and apathetic. When news began to filter into the ghetto through emissaries about the mass murders at Ponary and elsewhere, the inhabitants could not internalize the information into interpretation. The "cobbler from Chelmno" reached Warsaw in February, 1942, after escaping from that death camp and provided an eyewitness account of the gassings that had begun there in December. This was the breaking point for the ghetto dwellers because it changed their definition of what they saw as their task in the ghetto from how to live after the war to how to *live*. They realized their death sentence, that they were all doomed. The underground convinced the youth to see themselves as the only help, since the Judenrat provided no leadership to the skeptical adults.

In April the Germans started night raids of shooting people who they suspected might lead resistance movements. Deportations soon followed. The first wave consisted of four stages from July to September, 1942, and took 83 per cent of the ghetto population. The first day's posters in the ghetto streets listed the 70,000 of the 380,000 Jews who were to report and ordered Czerniakow to supply a daily quota of at least 7,000, including children. The next day Czerniakow swallowed cyanide and explained in his suicide note that he could not fill the German order to murder his own people. In August promises of 6 and 1/2 pounds of bread and 2 pounds of marmalade per person and assurances that families would be kept together lured volunteers. Dr. Janusz Korczak and his 200 orphans carrying their blankets also marched bravely to the *Unschlagplatz* to board trains for deportation to Treblinka, where they all perished. During the deportations over 10,000 people died or were murdered in the ghetto, over 11,000 were sent to slave labor camps, 8,000 escaped, and 265,000 were deported to and murdered at Treblinka.

On September 12, 35,000 Jews, less than one-tenth of the original ghetto population, remained in the ghetto with work permits; another 25,000 went into hiding. The underground argued whether armed resistance would put the whole ghetto in jeopardy. The youth groups knew where the deportation trains were headed from eyewitness accounts of ghetto dwellers who had escaped from Treblinka and returned to the ghetto. The youth now clearly understood that resistance and fighting were their only remaining choices, even if they offered no prospect for survival.

First steps to convince the ghetto population of the fate of the deportations and to acquire arms to defend themselves reaped little success. The Polish Home Army (AK) was unable to supply sufficient arms, and various ZOB (Jewish Fighting Organization) members were arrested or shot in raids. When the deportations stopped in September, Mordecai Anielewicz took command and established contacts with the AK, which supplied a few pistols and now recognized the ZOB's legitimacy. Anielewicz also helped the ZOB to buy arms from middlemen and helped to change public opinion in the ghetto. More groups joined them, and the Bund (Jewish socialist party) agreed to raise funds to buy arms to supplement the taxes levied by the ZOB upon wealthy ghetto Jews and the Judenrat.

When the unexpected second wave of deportations began January 18, 1943, and the Jews were ordered to assemble in the courtyards, they refused and went into hiding. The Germans managed to round up about 1,000 people, including some planted ZOBs, who surprised the Germans with a fist-fight. The Jews escaped; the Germans returned four more days but managed to seize no more than 10 per cent of the population. The Jews and Poles considered the halt a German defeat. The Polish underground army now provided more aid to the Jewish fighters and a new hope that maybe the two populations working together could provide rescue. The Judenrat and the Jewish police lost their control, and the ghetto dwellers were now taking their instructions from the ZOB, who had *no* illusions of rescue. Their aim was revenge and Jewish dignity for the future so that the Jewish people would know that they fought. Posters hanging throughout the ghetto appealed for active resistance to the deportations. The mood of the ghetto changed as almost everyone agreed to oppose the Germans. The resisters prepared bunkers or lofts to hide during the fighting but dismissed escape routes to flee after the revolt.

The final liquidation of the ghetto came on April 19, anticipated but earlier than expected by the Jews, who now had 22 fighting units and 750 fighters with no military training or equipment. Led by 24-year-old Anielewicz, they had managed to buy or bribe two or three machine guns, 15 rifles, and a few hundred hand guns and make some Molotov cocktails, bombs, and hand grenades. S.S. General Stroop's 868 men surrounded the ghetto and found no one inside at 6 AM. Deafening detonations from heavy artillery and German planes were countered by unexpected pistol fire and Molotov cocktails that killed 12 Germans, destroyed a tank and an armored car, and forced the Germans to retreat. The next day the ghetto fighters detonated a mine that killed or injured scores of Germans. The resisters eluded the perplexed Germans for two days, hiding in their bunkers and traveling through connected rooftop catwalks and the sewers, until the Germans blew up the manholes or smoked them out.

Hitler's April 20 birthday brought out the big guns to deliver his promised birthday gift of complete liquidation of the ghetto in three days. On April 23 Stroop brought thousands of troops to begin the systematic burning of the ghetto. Torches ignited each building block by block and filled the streets with thick, heavy smoke. Burning families jumped from windows, sometimes shot mid-air, or burned alive inside. The heat and smoke turned the bunkers into a living hell, spoiled their food, and ruined any water that the Germans hadn't already laced with creosote. The resisters had no way to fight the fires because the Germans had cut off the water and electricity. The survivors could barely breathe from lack of air but managed to retaliate and blow up some German warehouses. Anielewicz wrote that "the dream of my life has become a reality. I have lived to see Jewish defense in the ghetto in all its greatness and splendor." He lamented that the pistols they used in guerilla battles were useless; they needed grenades, rifles, machine guns, and explosives. They wouldn't have been enough, however. The next day Stroop started blowing up shelters with mines. On April 25 the German air force bombed the ghetto.

The resistance moved the second week to the bunkers, hoping protection in houses would provide more cover than street fighting. Stroop wrote every day of the fierce, continuous resistance encountered even after his men burned and blew up the bunkers. Ghetto fighters continued to fire their pistols as they jumped from burning buildings. Stroop reported killing or capturing 1,000 to 2,000 resisters a day, a ratio of about four Germans for each Jew captured. Some fighters tried to bring in arms through the sewers and were caught, but another group managed to escape through them April 29.

In his May 3 to May 7 reports, Stroop wrote that the Jews wouldn't leave their bunkers unless individually smoked out. He noted that the Germans had to tie rags around their shoes in order to sneak up on the Jews. He further noted that the women often fired on them after retrieving guns hidden in their underwear.

The Germans marched into the ghetto every morning and withdrew each evening at dusk. On May 8, after 21 days of fighting and resistance, they surrounded the hideout of Anielewicz and 80 other fighters, who resisted but succumbed to the poisoned gas. Even though the command center at Mila Street 18, the commander, and many of the fighters fell, the few who remained in the

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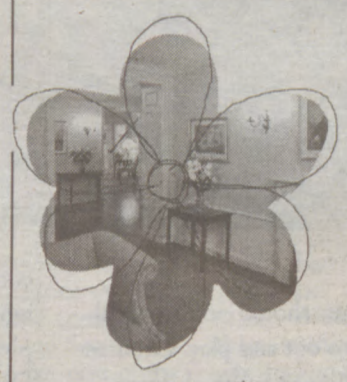


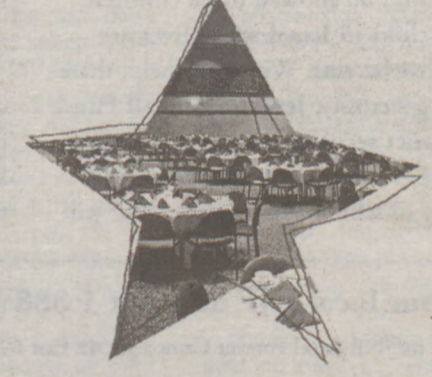
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Passover Perspectives

Passover in the Persian Gulf

For Jewish military men and women serving in the Persian Gulf region, observing Passover next week will be possible in the form of special holiday meal kits being shipped to the area with Jewish communal support.

More than 1,500 Passover Solo Seder Kits have been shipped overseas so that Jewish military personnel can conduct their own seder despite the daily challenges they face. Kits have also been shipped throughout the United States. The seder is the traditional Passover meal marking the Jews' passage from slavery in Egypt.

The kits contain such items as a Passover pamphlet describing the holiday, a Haggadah, matzot, grape juice, gefilte fish, chicken soup with matzah balls, and other kosher-for-Passover items. Cases of Passover food included in the kits have also been shipped.

"This is a spiritual mission that is being undertaken for the men and women in the military, who are serving G-d and serving our country," said Rabbi David Lapp, Director of the Jewish Welfare Board (JWB) Jewish Chaplains Council, an agency of the Jewish Community Centers Association of North America. "Even after Passover, we will continue on with programs that show our unwavering support and express our tremendous gratitude for their bravery."

The JWB Jewish Chaplains Council has undertaken the project with the support of United Jewish Communities (UJC), representing 156 Jewish federations throughout North America, so that Jewish military personnel can take part in the rituals, customs and traditions of the holiday though they are far from home.

The kits are particularly critical for servicemen and women who are on the front lines in the Gulf, as they are constantly moving and therefore cannot attend a traditional seder, said Rabbi Lapp. The kits allow them to observe Passover no matter where they are, and provide a meaningful connection to Judaism amidst the turmoil of war.

Seven Jewish Chaplains have been deployed to the Gulf to help distribute the Passover Solo Seder Kits to military personnel and to meet their needs during the holiday, according to the JWB. Military personnel not in combat zones will have the opportunity to attend a seder organized by a Chaplain.

To help provide the kits, the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council has partnered with organizations such as the Jewish Federation of Rockland County (New York).

"If they don't have access to Passover food, in addition to not being with their families to celebrate, I figured it was our role to help them observe the best way they can," said Jonathan Feldstein, the federation's campaign director. "They should have a joyous holiday, despite fighting a war and being in the middle of the desert. We realized that when we say that federation helps Jews around the world, this year there are thousands more, American Jews, who need our help to observe and celebrate Pesach (Passover) far from home."

There are 28 Jewish Chaplains throughout the United States assigned to help Jewish military personnel in their area celebrate Passover, Rabbi Lapp said. In locations without a Jewish Chaplain, Jewish military lay leaders trained and certified by the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council will be dedicated to helping servicemen and women observe the holiday.

Jewish Community Centers near military bases will be inviting military personnel and their families, as well as the family members of the men and women who are overseas, to take part in Passover observances, Rabbi Lapp added.

The JWB Jewish Chaplains Council is the U.S. Department of Defense's accredited agency for recruiting and endorsing rabbis to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces and Reserves, as well as Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, and acts on behalf of the American Jewish community by supplying religious items to the United States military.

For more information about the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council's efforts to help Jewish military personnel this Passover, contact Rabbi Lapp at (212) 532-4958, ext. 260 or dlapp@jcca.org. Information can also be found at www.jcca.org.



Chaplain Joel D. Newman (right), United States Navy, distributes a Passover Solo *Seder* Kit to PFC Sam Bonsky. The kits, which contain such items as a *Haggadah*, *matzot*, grape juice and gefilte fish, have been shipped overseas and throughout the United States so that Jewish military personnel can conduct their own Passover *seder* despite the daily challenges they face. The kits were distributed by the Jewish Welfare Board Jewish Chaplains Council, an agency supported by United Jewish Communities (UJC) and the Jewish Federations of North America. *Photo courtesy of: Chaplain Joel D. Newman, United States Navy.*

Passover: Seeking war insight in Talmud

By David Klinghoffer

As I got to work clearing the house of leaven and preparing for seders, I couldn't help noticing that the war in Iraq has coincided with the weeks leading up to Passover.

The coincidence is eerily appropriate. Jewish tradition teaches that Passover has its origins in an ancient conflict. It's the first war in the Bible, and it foreshadows key issues confronting America now in this very modern war, offering a source of optimism at a trying time for our country.

Passover celebrates the Israelites' liberation from bondage, but how did the Jews become slaves in the first place? The Talmud traces a thread of causation backward from the events of the Exodus to the patriarch Abraham.

As Genesis 14 relates, Abram, as he was then called, fought a war of liberation against four kings led by the tyrant of Shinar, located in what today is southern Iraq.

The four kings had abducted Lot, the nephew of Abram, who sought to free him. In the Talmud's view, Abram erred in arming his disciples, whose time should have been devoted to study.

For this reason, "Abraham our Father was punished: His children would be enslaved to Egypt for 210 years," tradition holds.

Even if I hadn't recently completed a biography of Abraham, I would be amazed at how his actions in that long-ago war seem to comment, if indirectly, on questions facing America's armed forces today.

Consider the parallels, starting with the relatively mundane:

* America has been criticized for raising a "blue collar" military, many of whose members entered the armed forces to pay for college. Even if it disapproves of Abram's choice of troops, the Talmud endorses giving material incentives to warriors. Abram offered his soldiers pay in gold.

*Once America deployed troops, the choice was whether to keep our forces together or divide them, devoting some to the siege of Baghdad and some to subduing Iraq's southern cities.

As Genesis makes clear, Abram faced a similar decision in his war: "He gave chase as far as Dan. There he divided against [the enemy] at night, and he struck them."

*Another portion of U.S. forces must keep supply lines safe. Abram knew well the urgency of this task for, the Midrash says, he apportioned half the spoils of war to the soldiers who had guarded his supplies.

*Against the advice of other Pentagon officials, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld felt the Iraq war could be won without overwhelming numbers of troops. Rather, superior technology and planning would carry the day.

Abram, too, assumed that numbers were not the key to victory. The biblical text says he mustered only 318 men, and the Talmud claims that finally it was only Abram and his servant Eliezer who did the fighting.

Before the final, decisive encounter with the enemy, the Talmud recounts that Abram suffered a crisis of confidence, noting that "his strength was enfeebled." Similarly, Americans grew suddenly nervous when it became clear in the early days of the war that Saddam Hussein's regime was not going to collapse overnight like a sand castle.

* Abram won without direct combat. As the Midrash relates, he hurled dust and straw that became arrows and spears. The patriarch stood back and watched, not unlike U.S. forces that rely heavily on precision-guided bombs, raining down destruction from afar.

From his crisis, Abram evidently pulled himself together. For now America seems to have done likewise, but much pain may still lie ahead.

As a prerequisite of success, winning freedom requires God's participation. The liberation of Abram's nephew Lot, achieved with God's help, is a preview of the liberation from Egypt.

America will be victorious if God is on our side. The world's record of past redemptions — preeminently the one celebrated at Passover, but also later events like the liberation of Europe from communism — suggests that God looks favorably on such struggles. If the present war truly arises from the goal of freeing Iraqis from tyranny, and I think it does, we have reason to be optimistic.

David Klinghoffer's new book is "The Discovery of God: Abraham and the Birth of Monotheism," just published by Doubleday.

Sixty years later

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ghetto continued to fight for another week. Some overpowered the German guards and escaped through the gate but with no contacts, connections, directions, or addresses on the other side were quickly captured or killed.

On May 16 Stroop presented the belated birthday gift accompanied by this entry in his report. "The Jewish quarter of Warsaw no longer exists." He recorded 56,065 Jews caught, including 7,000 killed in the ghetto and 6,929 deported to Treblinka. Another 5,000 to 6,000 were either burned or blown up, along with 631 bunkers. To celebrate, he burned Warsaw's Great Synagogue to symbolize the end of the ghetto. But he was wrong. Hundreds continued to hide in bunkers and resist the Germans. Some escaped; others held out until the Poles staged their own uprising in August, 1944. At the end of the war, there were only 60,000 Jews left in Poland. The other 200,00 were in the Soviet Union.

While Stroop's official report served as the primary documentation for the Uprising, it wasn't until after the Eichmann trial in 1962 that Jewish survivor perspectives could be synthesized with the German accounts and appreciated by those who didn't experience the event. Surviving ghetto fighters estimated about 27,000 Jews were captured, not 56,065, and 300 Germans were killed and 100 wounded, not Stroop's recorded 16 dead and 85 wounded, because those numbers didn't tally with his daily casualty reports submitted during the fighting. Now a third resource has become available through the recent European archival collections previously hidden behind the Iron Curtain. An agreement on numbers, however, is unlikely. Records are unknown to exist of how many people moved into and out of the ghetto, escaped, or survived after escape. The court of public opinion is still weighing testimony about the roles of the Judenrat and the Jewish police and the extent to which the Poles helped or hindered the Jews. Poles were threatened with death for helping them. Yad Vashem has recognized 5,733 Poles as Righteous Among the Nations, the highest number of any country. Poland contained the largest number of Jews, 3.3 million in 1939. (The Soviet Union's temporary 1941 count of 5 million resulted from annexations and Jewish flight.)

Perhaps there is agreement on the significance of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. As the first major revolt, it stimulated resistance in other ghettos and camps and encouraged the activity of the Polish underground. It permitted escaped rebels to join outside partisan groups who saved thousands of Jews and sabotaged hundreds of German maneuvers. It shocked the world to the reality of what was happening to Europe's Jews. And it offered death with dignity. Resisters cited preferring to die in Jewish defense than German gas chambers. Most importantly, perhaps, is that it shattered the myth that Jews went to their death like sheep to the slaughter. The ghetto fighters gave a lion's share of courage. After 60 years, we remember.

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MATTER OF OPINION

What Israel has gone through in recent weeks

By Carl Alpert

The story of the sealed rooms and gas masks, the preparation of emergency cemeteries, the empty hotels, the tensions, the Palestinians asking Saddam Hussein to bomb Tel Aviv — and some light touches.....

When American tanks, troops and planes were only poised at the borders of Iraq, more than 300 foreign journalists flocked to Israel. They established headquarters, contacts, observation points. Based on the experience of the Gulf War in 1991, when Iraq directed 39 Scud missiles at the Jewish state, they knew that this is where they could get a first hand and exciting story.

The days flew by. The correspondents hung around for a while. They read of the action in Iraq, saw photos on television and came to the conclusion that they were in the wrong place. There was no story here, and most of them left.

No, there was no story for them, but Israel has undergone an experience that will not be soon forgotten by those who live here. Mindful of Milton's admonishment that "they also serve who only stand and wait", Israelis have played a personal though passive role in the events that have unfolded amid a mixture of emotions marked by tension, conflicts, fears and even some humor.

The big question was, would there be Iraqi missiles, possibly bearing chemical or biological contaminants? While Prime Minister Arik Sharon assured the public that there was only about a one percent chance of such an attack, the authorities decided to take no chances, and plans were drawn up for a nationwide program of prevention and defence. For one thing, with American help, a network of Patriot and Arrow missile interceptors was set up, and many Israelis woke up to discover the mechanical monsters literally in their backyards.

But some missiles might get through, and every Israeli family that did not have access to a suitable shelter was instructed as to how to set up a sealed room in his apartment, a room in which the family could take refuge when the alarm sounded. Windows and doors were to be hermetically sealed so that no poisonous fumes could get through. Emergency supplies, including food for a possible prolonged stay, were to be included. The prospects were not happy ones. Some families hastened to prepare their sealed rooms. Others waited until the American invasion actually began. Others decided to take the risk that no bombs would fall near them.

The Gas Mask Problem

The preparation of gas masks involved other problems. Every citizen of the country is entitled to receive a gas mask from the government without charge. Those who already possessed such equipment, held over from 1991, were asked to turn them in to be up-dated. There was no immediate run to the distribution centers, but as action took place in Iraq, the lines became longer. Special protective devices were available for infants, for small children, for men with long beards, for the elderly.

To begin with, the instructions were explicit. Do not open the sealed boxes yet. Complaints followed that most people were no longer familiar with the masks, and would not be able to unpack, adjust and don them under pressure. With the outbreak of the war, the instructions were changed, and the public was advised to try on the masks. As time passed, and there were no missiles, criticism was voiced that the early opening had not been necessary. Further, the cost to the government for the sanitizing and repacking of the millions of masks would run to about a billion shekels.

The press published detailed advice on how to behave in case of an attack. Every household was provided with a thick explanatory booklet. The listing of the dangers to be expected did little to cancel fears. There was never any panic, however. A public opinon poll revealed that people were uneasy. Only 23.6% claimed that they were not worried at all. People managed to carry on with their normal existence, but it was obvious that a dark cloud was hanging overhead. The waiting period, the doubts, caused uneasiness. Still, this is a population which has lived through two and a half years of Intifada, with repeated suicide bombings close to home. One becomes steeled to tragedy under such circumstances.

Or, as one Israeli reported on his reaction to the fears, doubts and uncertainty: We watch television; that's reality.

A member of the Knesset thought he was being reassuring when he emphasized the importance of all the precautions being taken. He estimated that in a city whose population had been provided with the necessary protection, only about ten citizens would fall victim to an attack by a nerve gas. In a city whose population had not been afforded protection, he declared, a thousand could fall victim.

Extra Precautions

Optimistic and pessimistic moods succeeded each other, depending on events. When President Bush delivered his final ultimatum warning to Iraq, pregnant women due for delivery shortly thereafter, were called to a special seminar at the Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv and instructed how to wear a gas mask during delivery, as well as how to care for the infant while bombs were falling.

Extra precautions were announced. Israelis were advised to carry all their personal identification papers on them when they sought shelter in the sealed room. No explanation was given, but to some it was obvious that this would facilitate identification of the bodies.

Quietly, Disaster Victim Identification units were set up to retrieve the bodies of victims. Committees were composed of a lawyer, police officer and a rabbi to determine the identity of the body and to notify families concerned. All hospitals were on the alert. Precedents had already been set as the result of the numerous suicide bombings. It was no secret that large sections of public parks in the big cities had already been surveyed and consecrated by the rabbinate for use as emergency cemeteries in the event of a large number of victims.

What should be done if an alarm was sounded as a crowded Egged bus was making its rounds? Instructions to drivers were to unload the passengers at the nearest public air raid shelter. What about department stores filled with customers? They are presumed to have suitable shelters, all prepared for just such contingencies. In the first days of the war Israelis avoided bus travel or shopping, but as time wore on and nothing happened here, the public gradually returned to their normal routine.

Information and reassurances were made available regularly via radio announcements in Hebrew, English, Russian, Spanish, French and Amharic, the latter the language of the Ethiopians. Prime Minister Sharon again provided reassurance: "We estimate, believe and hope that we will not be involved in the war, but if we are dragged into it, Israel is prepared to deal with any possible threat- from both a defensive and offensive standpoint."

No matter what the tensions, school sessions were held on schedule and pupils were instructed to bring their gas masks to school every day. Implementation varied from school to school. In some places the educators encouraged the young ones to decorate the drab brown boxes with colorful art work, and it was suggested that prizes be offered for the best work. Despite advice, most adults did not take the gas masks with them when they went to work or shopping.

In times like these rumors are rife, and a special unit has been set up to follow all news reports and nip in the bud any false reports before they lead to panic.

The Light Touch

Most Israelis deny they have been in any state of repressed depression, but merchandisers report a significant rise in the sale of sweet things. A psychologist explains: "Sugar and carbohydrates raise the levels of serotinin (a hormone released in the brain) which makes people feel calmer."

Some enterprising merchants have sought to capitalize on the situation and have been advertising newly received women's clothing styles as the latest in "wartime fashion".

Advice columns in the papers offer suggestions on how to keep calm: Engage actively in matters of interest; listen to music; eat slowly, breathe properly, avoid coffee and alcohol - the list is a long one.

Bamba, a highly popular candy snack for children, has attained the status of a vital element in Israel's security picture. Since it is important to keep children's spirits high during these tense times, a supply of the delicacy must be assured. Hence, in the event of a wartime emergency, the Labor Ministry has declared Bamba to be a vital staple food, and employees of that plant will receive "call-up" orders to report to work, just like soldiers on the front line.

But the Threat Remains

The atmosphere has not been calmed down by the reports of tens of thousands of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank holding mass street demonstrations to express their support of Iraq and their hopes for an American defeat. It is reported that Palestinian couples have been naming their new-born babies Saddam in honor of the Iraqi leader.

Obviously, the economy of the country has been affected, both in terms of the additional security costs to both civilians and the military, and the freezing of much shopping during the tense period. There has also been a drop in productivity and in leisure activity revenue. The absence of tourists, already felt as a result of the terrorist activity, was even further intensified because of the war threat. It was not pleasant for the few incoming tourists to be told that they had to be supplied with gas masks, to be borne wherever they went.

Those who profited from the situation were few in number. Among them were the producers of bottled mineral water, to be stocked up in case of need, and the marketers of the plastic sheeting and masking tape used to seal the rooms.

How will it all end? Even the Americans are now admitting that the war may take longer than expected. When Saddam realizes that defeat is near, and with his back to the wall, he may resort to desperate measures and throw his chemical arsenal at Israel, going down to defeat, but in a blaze of glory, from his point of view.

Even an end to the conflict without any direct harm to Israel does not mean that brighter days lie ahead. President Bush, and Tony Blair as well, have made it clear that with the closing of the Iraq episode they will turn their attention to the Israel-Palestine conflict. When Bush says that a solution of the problem will be marked by "a cessation of activity in the occupied territories", does he mean cessation of Arab terrorist activity, or cessation of Israeli presence there?

In the Meantime

In the meantime, Israel knows no peace. A suicide bomber in Netanya reminds us that this kind of domestic threat is ever present. Simultaneously the Histadrut selects this period of time to call far-reaching strikes which can paralyze the economy. Yet even in its own suffering, Israelis feel a deep sense of empathy with America for the losses it is suffering in Iraq.

And life goes on.

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HAPPY PASSOVER

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Passover for the Palate

Hadassah cookbook mixes recipes, history

By Linda Morel, JTA

With all the kosher cookbooks crowding kitchen shelves, why buy another volume on Jewish cuisine? As Hadassah volunteers can attest from the spreads they provide at meetings, Jews do not live by challah and pita bread alone.

It's no secret that the Children of Israel, whether they prepare dinner themselves or order it by phone, never get enough of dishes reminding them of a beloved grandmother who kept tradition alive with her tzimmes, kneidlach, hummus or baklava.

The newly published "The Hadassah Jewish Holiday Cookbook" (Hugh Lauter Levin Associates, Inc.) showcases 250 international recipes, paying homage to both Sephardi and Ashkenazi cuisine.

The book is a coffee table-sized volume loaded with luscious photographs and recipes of everything from apple strudel to zucchini potato pancakes, all contributed by Hadassah volunteers.

Some dishes are spectacularly creative, such as the Hannukkah Gelt Chocolate Fudge Cake, covered with bittersweet chocolate frosting and decorated galore with gelt wrapped in gold foil.

Unlike most Jewish recipe collections, which dedicate one holiday per chapter, the new Hadassah cookbook groups holidays by season, giving a fresh perspective to the cycle of Jewish celebrations.

The book opens with a chapter on the Queen of Jewish holidays, "Shabbat," and offers an enticing array of recipes for fish, soup, challah and cholent (the slow-simmering Sabbath stews prepared in advance so a hot meal can be eaten for Saturday lunch).

Joan Nathan introduces "Simchas," the book's final chapter on celebrations, such as weddings and Bar Mitzvahs.

With seven cookbooks to her credit, including "Jewish Cooking in America" (Alfred A. Knopf), Nathan's words capture the Jewish spirit: "Nearly every event in our family seems to revolve around food. After all, isn't that what a simcha is all about?"

Most recipes that are not household names, such as kuftellis (Romanian meatballs), come with English explanations, others such as basbouza, matbucha, and kolaches would have benefited from similar treatment.

Chapters begin with personal essays contributed by renowned food writers. Among them are "High Holidays by the Nile," by Claudia Roden, author of "The Book of Jewish Food, An Odyssey from Samarkand to New York" (Alfred A. Knopf), and "Hannukkah-Fry, Fry, Again," by Steven Raichlen, author of "Healthy Jewish Cooking" (Viking).

Edda Servi Machlin, who wrote "The Classic Cuisine of the Italian Jews" Volumes I and II (Giro Press), recalls Passovers from long ago in the ancient Tuscan ghetto of Pitigliano, a center of Jewish life going back 2,000 years.

"Every dish, glass or piece of flatware was first dipped in a mud-like mixture of boiling water and ashes from the stove, then washed in soap and water, and finally rinsed in clear running water," Machlin wrote, explaining that her Sephardi family used their table service year round.

The custom of owning a second set of dishes for Passover belongs to Ashkenazi tradition. As a child, she watched the scrubbing of drawers and cabinets, which were later lined with fresh tissue paper. Most amazing of all — house painters arrived to whitewash walls in every room before coating them with pastel paint.

Matzah was baked in a kosher community oven located in an underground cave. The finished product is pictured in the cookbook and looks like a delicate lace doily, quite a contrast to square pieces of matzah boxed in cardboard or rustic rounds of shmura matzah that Americans are accustomed to.

Sadly the Holocaust changed Machlin's life forever. "These memories of a lost and irreplaceable world will always remain dear to me," she wrote. Like her, many American Jews long for their homelands and others seek family recipes misplaced over time.

For this reason, Hadassah's comprehensive collection of recipes is a timely contribution to the history of kosher cuisine.

"The Hadassah Jewish Holiday Cookbook" is sprinkled with sidebars, explaining the Jewish connection to recipe ingredients, along with nutritional information. Beside a recipe for halek, Iraqi charoset made from dates, you learn that dates were said to be fashioned from earth left from Adam's creation. At 120 calories for five to six dates, this sweet fruit is potassium rich, but contains no sodium, fat or cholesterol.

The book features dozens of practical tips. Who knew that three sheets of broken matzah equals two cups, or that during Passover, to convert any recipe calling for flour, you can mix two tablespoons of matzah cake meal with six tablespoons of potato starch and get the equivalent of a half cup of flour?

Among this wealth of information are family stories from Hadassah volunteers, who add their voices to the American Jewish experience.

"The year was 1938. Grandfather had a large grist mill in Durham, Pennsylvania, and his flour was always in demand," wrote Lorretta Deysher, explaining how her grandfather traveled to New York for business. "The rabbis were Grandfather's special customers and they ordered his special wheat."

Although Hadassah chapters and volunteers receive credit for recipes, these family accounts are so fascinating that the book would have benefitted from presenting more anecdotes.

Like every great meal, "The Hadassah Jewish Holiday Cookbook" leaves you deliriously satisfied, but wanting more.

SEDER RECIPES & SURE-FIRE TIPS

From The Hadassah Jewish Holiday Cookbook

VEGETARIAN CHOPPED LIVER

3 Tbsp. unsalted margarine
1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
1 cup chopped onions
3 hard-cooked eggs
1/4 pound walnuts
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. freshly ground white pepper
Lettuce leaves and tomato wedges for garnish

1. In a large skillet, melt margarine over low heat. Add mushrooms and onions and saute until onions are golden.

2. Pass mushrooms, onions, hard-cooked eggs and walnuts through a grinder or chop very fine in a chopping bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Chill thoroughly. Serve on lettuce leaves and garnish with tomato wedges.

Serves 6

TIP: 1 pound of walnuts equals 3 1/2 cups chopped

Ellyn Kessler, Lylah Hadassah, Pinellas County, Fla.

SALONIKA CHICKEN WITH PRUNES

1/4 cup olive oil
3-pound chicken, cut in serving pieces
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
2 medium onions, diced
3 cloves garlic, minced
8-ounce can tomato puree
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 small bunch parsley
1/4 tsp. cayenne
25 pitted prunes
Greek olives (optional)
1/2 cup red wine
1 cup chicken stock, or as needed

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

2. Heat 3 Tbsp. oil in large heavy frying pan. Season chicken with salt and pepper and fry until browned. Transfer to a large pot.

3. Saute onions and garlic in remaining 1 Tbsp. oil until transparent. Add tomato puree, cinnamon, parsley, cayenne, prunes and olives. Simmer until thick, then add red wine. Pour over chicken and add the stock.

4. Bake about 1 hour, until chicken is very tender.

Serves 4-6

By Yvonne Waynik, Fairfield Hadassah, Conn.

TIP: This dish is better when cooked in advance and reheated before serving, giving the flavors a chance to marry.

LEMON SQUARES

1/2 cup unsalted butter
3/4 cup cake meal
1 1/2 cups sugar, divided
2 eggs
2 Tbsp. potato starch
3 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Line 8-inch square pan with foil, leaving 1 inch extended over sides. Grease bottom and sides of foil.

2. Combine butter, cake meal and 1/2 cup sugar. Press into prepared pan. Bake 20 minutes and remove from oven.

3. Beat eggs, remaining cup sugar, potato starch and lemon juice, and pour over crust. Return to oven and bake 20 to 25 minutes.

4. Let cool and cut into squares.

Makes 16 squares

By Ellen Raboy, Shira Hadassah, Port Chester, N.Y.

TIP: Recipe may be doubled and baked in a 13 X 9 inch pan.



More international Kosher wine available this Passover

By Eitan Segal

Consumers can celebrate Passover this year with the finest kosher wines from around the world, including: Bartenura from Italy, Barkan and Carmel from Israel, Teal Lake from Australia, and kosher productions of the famous classified growths from Bordeaux, such as Chateau Leoville Poyferre.

The following are some of my highly recommended selections for Pesach:

Dry Wines

Baron Herzog Syrah (California-Mevushal)- This is one of Baron Herzog's newest wines. Distinct berry, blackberry fruit notes, light body, and complex flavors of fruit and oak make this a perfect wine for newcomers to the world of dry wine.

Chateau Leoville Poyferre (France- Not Mevushal)- Prior to reviewing this wine, a word of introduction is in order. Purchasing French kosher wine supports our fellow Jews in France. Exceptional kosher productions such as this one are produced by France's beleaguered Jewish community. Those who wish to boycott French products should make an exception with kosher wine, since boycotting wine will hurt our Jewish brothers and sisters living in France much more than it will hurt the French government. With that said, let's move on to the wine itself.

Without exaggeration, this is the best kosher wine ever produced. Incredible mint, blackberry, plum and cedar aromas and flavors abound. You can feel the weight of this full-bodied, velvety smooth wine as it swirls around in your mouth. The dryness is manageable in this deep ruby red wine, but it will taste even better if aged for 5-10 years under proper conditions. This famous Chateau has produced incredible wine for years and this kosher production is no exception. Chateau Leoville Poyferre is the perfect complement to full flavored meat, chicken, and fish dishes. **Best Buy.**

Barkan Superieur Merlot (Israel- Not Mevushal)- Barkan, which tags itself as "Israel's Most Intriguing Winery" has released this intriguing wine in time for Pesach. This is an intense Merlot, produced from grapes harvested from the Galil region and exhibits powerful plum and oak flavors. This is an exceptional wine with a lovely purple hue, intoxicating berry and plum aromas and memorable character.

Carmel Ramat Arad Cabernet Sauvignon (Israel-Mevushal)- Carmel, Israel's oldest winery, has improved its wines in ways that words cannot describe. This wine is a shining example of this improvement. Wonderful layers of anise, blackberry, black pepper and subtle oak flavors highlight the full-bodied, well-balanced feel of this delicious wine.

Sweet Wines

Baron Herzog Black Muscat (California-Mevushal)- This full-bodied, naturally sweet California wine is excellent. The silky smooth texture, the fruity nuances and long, lingering finish make this wine a winner. **Best Buy.**

Bartenura Malvasia (Italy-Mevushal)- You can actually taste the grapes when you drink this wine. This wine exudes cherry, grape, apple and pear flavors and tastes heavenly. Since this wine is a low-alcohol wine, it's perfect for the four cups at the seder.

Kesser "770" (New York- Not Mevushal)- Kesser wine has improved the quality of this old favorite. This lighter, fruity 770 wine will enhance any meal. The cherry and grape flavors and smooth feel of this wine make this a kinder, friendlier Concord wine.

Kedem Concord (New York-Available in Mevushal & Non-Mevushal)- There's something nostalgic about Kedem Concord. This traditional sweet Concord wine brings to mind memories of long ago, while satisfying that sweet tooth in all of us. Pardon the lack of wine talk, but this wine is simply yummy!

I hope everyone will enjoy these wines for Pesach (and during the year). I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy Pesach. Cheers!

Jewish Arts and Culture

Eye on the Arts

By Paula Shulak
Special to the Jewish Voice

Many of you know that the Delaware Symphony conducted a search this year for a new Music Director to replace Steve Gunzenhauser (who will be missed by many in the community). The search has ended and David Amado has been selected. He comes from St. Louis where he was Associate Conductor of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. While I did not have the opportunity to hear Amado when he conducted here during the winter (I was enjoying a wonderful 2 months in the Florida sun away from all the snow and cold in Delaware), I did hear Barry Jekowsky, the final candidate. He is a vibrant young musician who took on a daunting program including "Different Trains", a Holocaust based piece by 2003 Alfred I. DuPont Award winner, Steve Reich. It was a thrilling evening of innovation and amazing talent. Reich stated that "My piece is based on speech melody," which was clear as strings mimicked the intonation of spoken words. The instruments breathe, cry and show emotion as they mix with the actual recorded voices of Reich's governess, a Pullman porter and two Holocaust survivors. One train is in America carrying the young composer between his divorced parents and the second is in Nazi Germany carrying his Jewish brothers to concentration camps. Violins, violas, and cellos become the characters in the scenario, a startling synchronicity of word and melody. Reich's work was technically incredible yet passionately draining. When introduced in 1988, it marked a totally new compositional method which as the NY Tomes pointed out was "...a work of such astonishing originality that breakthrough seems the only possible description." In 1990 Reich received a Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Composition. He has also recently created a music theater video piece with his wife, Beryl Korot, entitled "The Cave" which explores the Biblical story of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Ishmael and Isaac which was hailed by Time magazine as a "fascinating glimpse of what opera might be like in the 21st Century." I have not had the pleasure of viewing this work but look forward to it some day. Reich's obvious independent spirit was underscored at the Symphony concert by the baseball cap which he wore, even onstage, as he succinctly introduced his work. The contrast of his dress with the formal attire of the orchestra was telling. He is an adventurous composer and individual, whose Jewish background has contributed greatly to his work.



Flash Rosenberg

NEWARK WELCOMES J-ARTS

Something new is afoot in Newark thanks to the combined efforts of the Jewish Community Center, Temple Beth El, and the Jewish Studies Program at the U of D. SAY HELLO TO J-ARTS!!

The purpose of J-arts is to bring worthwhile cultural programing to the Newark area in the form of music, visual art, theater, lectures, dance - you name it, they hope to bring it. With the emergence of the JCC as a vital part of the Newark Jewish community, a committee has been established which will plan and carry out this task and financial support has been generously given by both Temple Beth El and the Jewish Studies Program. The time and place is set; a wonderful entertainer has been hired; now all that is needed is an audience!

The first event sponsored by J-arts will be held on May 10th at 8:30 PM in Kirkbride Hall on the University campus. Newark native and Photo-Humorist FLASH ROSENBERG returns to her alma mater with her award winning evening of "Camping in the Bewilderness" . This is an updated, more Jewishly oriented version of the program Flash presented at Chapel Street Players a few years ago. If you enjoyed that night of side splitting laughter and cartoons, you won't want to miss this newest one. In the interim since Flash last came home to regale us with her wit and wonderful stage presence, she has had an amazing rise to fame in her career. She now appears coast to coast and has made an especially strong string of appearances in California. She has also appeared at Lincoln Center where she co-hosted "IN TRANSIT: A Celebration of NY with NY's Finest Subway Musicians" and she has taught a perception course for Cooper Union conducted entirely in the subway system called "Underground Creativity". It is just the kind of thing you would expect someone with Flash's unique world viewpoint to undertake. Flash has also done the illustrations for Random House's new book, "Life's a Stitch: The Best of Contemporary Women's Humor".

So mark May 10th on your calendar now and be sure not to miss one of our own who has achieved accolades elsewhere. Let's show her how welcome she is here in her home state. Tickets are available at $18 for adults and $9 for students by calling the Newark JCC at 368-9173 or Temple Beth El at 366-8330. You can also get a discount at several local restaurants for dinner before the show and if kids are a concern, just drop them off at the JCC for Kids Night Out. Come and enjoy the performance knowing they will be well cared for. You can reserve a spot for the kids by calling the JCC also. More details about Flash's performance will be forthcoming but save the date NOW and help J-arts get off to a good start in our community. (And you don't have to live in Newark to attend - drive up from Dover or down from Wilmington and support J-arts.)

Songs of Exodus-Sephardic Style

By Paul Wieder
JUF News, Chicago

Thousands of years ago, Jews left Egypt against the Egyptians' will. But in 1492, Jews left Spain, which they called Sepharad, at the demand of the Inquisitors. They scattered worldwide, taking their culture with them. More than five centuries later, their descendants still carry that heritage in ritual, prayer, story, and song. There are several excellent new recordings that reveal Sephardic song in all its multifaceted, world-spanning glory.

Our journey starts close to home. One member of the supergroup The Sons of Sepharad-each member has independent international recognition-is none other than Chicago's Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi. He does not entirely doff his cantorial cap here, however, as some of these songs are rooted in liturgy. He is joined by an award-winning Sephardic guitarist, Morocco's Gerard Edery, who balances Mizrahi's brassy tenor with a bronze baritone. Edery also lends the group his own ensemble's percussionist, the irrepressible Rex Benincasa. On tenor is a fellow Moroccan, cantor and oudist Aaron Bensoussan. Also featured is a special guest, oud virtuoso George Mgrdichian.

In their debut, also called "The Sons of Sepharad," they run through what might be termed "Sephardic Music's Greatest Hits": "Scalerica de Oro (Ladder of Gold)," "Los Bilbilicos (The Nightingales)," "Fel Shara," and, of course, "Avram Avinu (Abraham Or Father)." The band charges through these standards with verve and aplomb, sounding like an ensemble one might stumble across in the shuk-either yesterday or 300 years ago. The Sons clearly revel in their heritage, making their debut release a joyous introduction to Sephardic music for the first-time listener and an authentic pleasure for long-time aficionados.

Like Mizrahi, Savina Yannatou is of Greek origin. Her latest release, "Mediterranea," is a journey around the Mediterranean, from Spain to Israel, with stops in Provencal France, Italy and its islands, Cyprus, Albania, Lebanon, and her homeland. While only a few of the songs relate directly to Jewish experience, all are from regions Jews have inhabited, and it is fascinating to see Jewish song in this larger context.

But what makes this CD a must-listen is Yannatou's gossamer voice. Like that of Enya or Judy Collins, it is weightless to the point of being otherworldly. Sometimes presented a cappella, sometimes backed by ancient instruments, her voice is a timeless instrument itself, soaring and swooping with the powerful grace of an eagle. Yannatou studied with dialect coaches to ensure the authenticity of her pronunciation, but her transcendent artistry makes these songs personal expressions of faith and love.

Although they are both female vocalists in the Sephardic vein, Consuelo Luz could hardly differ more from Yannatou. Luz's voice is smoky and sultry, closer to Sade, Anita Baker... or her fellow Cuban, Celia Cruz. Luz was born in Chile where she was raised Catholic, only to discover and embrace her Jewish heritage later in life. Moving to Cuba, she imbibed her adopted home's tropicality, and it glows through her recent release, "Dezeo."

"Dezeo" is Ladino for "desire," and the album explores both romantic and spiritual yearning, dedicating about half the tracks to each kind of longing. Luz's vocals are breathy, earthy, and altogether sophisticated. The music itself is stunningly played, evoking both tricky Latin rhythms and insinuating Arabic overtones, ending up somewhere near the Portuguese fado style.

Sharing Cuba with Luz is percussionist Roberto Juan Rodriguez. His latest for the Tzadik label is "El Danzon de Moises." Tzadik, founded by sax guru John Zorn, is famed for the ferocious innovation of its artists, and Rodriguez earns his membership here.

The CD is recklessly inventive, restlessly intelligent, and relentlessly fun. Fans of "Buena Vista Social Club" will enjoy this Jewish spin on Cuban style. The first number, "El Polaco," gives away its inspiration in its name-it's a Latinized polka. Other songs reveal Greek and Arabic sources. If you are taking a Latin dance class, impress the heck out of your teacher and slip this disc in the player. And if you can't dance, take it along on your next long drive, and smile the whole way there.

While not strictly Sephardic, the music of Uganda's Jews reminds us of the other element of Caribbean music-the sounds of Africa. The Abayudaya, as Uganda's Jews are called, date back to the late 1910s, but only recently have they had access to modern recording equipment. Their music is much like that found on Paul Simon's "Graceland," in both its sprightly guitar picking and its haunting choirs. They sing a bit in English, but mostly in Hebrew and L'Uganda, their native tongue.

Their second release is "Music of Worship and Celebration." The first 13 tracks are prayers done with the whole choir-including children-singing a cappella in close harmony, ending up somewhere between gospel and madrigal.

The final seven songs, also prayerful in content, are accompanied by breezy guitars and playful synths.

These tracks are a breath of tropical air. "We Are Happy," one highlight, is a Purim song, and like the others, is done in a light reggae style, more like Jimmy Cliff or Ziggy Marley than Peter Tosh or Bob Marley. The album is an assured follow-up to their debut, "Shalom Everybody Everywhere!" which has fewer tracks but a bit more variety. The new one boasts better instrumentation and production quality, however. To learn more about the Abayudaya and their uplifting music, visit www.kulanu.org..

For those wishing to play Sephardic music, Judy Frankel has recently created a songbook with an accompanying CD. Frankel's career dates back to the rediscovery of ethnic folk music that emerged from 1960s coffeehouses, and she is still actively touring and recording. She has a Harvard degree in medieval music, but learned many songs from descendants of Inquisition-fleeing Jews living in Portugal and the Southwestern U.S. Frankel also sings in 20 languages, but this volume, "Sephardic Songs in Judeo-Spanish," focuses on Ladino. On the CD packaged with the book, Frankel presents the songs in her clear, straightforward alto, joined by her own guitar, plus the occasional oud or dumbek. She carefully enunciates both the words and notes of 17 of the songbook's 50 selections for the learner, but the CD stands alone as a very listenable work.

Jews of Sephardic heritage have created a world's worth of mind-opening melodies and heart-stopping rhythms. They have integrated the musics of dozens of peoples into their own, and so have enriched the Jewish experience beyond measure. Those familiar only with the Western trends of folk, klezmer and cantorial music are truly missing half the story of Jewish music. The good news is, the rest is now an open book.

Paul Wieder writes for JUF News in Chicago.

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In Memoriam

ABRAHAMS

Betty Abrahams, nee Bessie Berman, died March 27. She was 95 years old. For the past 55 years, she was an active member and officer of the Wilmington Chapter of Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation where patients and staff constituted her extended family. She helped many deserving men, women and children enter the hospital for treatment and kept in touch with them through the years. Her Jewish community involvement included membership in Congregation Beth Shalom for almost 56 years and service to the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home.

The widow of the late Lawrence Abrahams, she was the mother of Sheila and her husband, Mark Plafker and Norman and his wife, Linda Abrahams; sister of Sylvia Saltzman and Martin Berman; beloved grandmother of David Plafker, Jed Plafker and his wife, Debra, Lisa Forman and her husband, Ross; and devoted great-grandmother of Benjamin Forman, Jamie, Noah and Maxwell Plafker.

Funeral services were held at Congregation Beth Shalom. Contributions in her memory may be made to Deborah Hospital Foundation, c/o Mary Weinstein, 8602 Society Drive, Claymont, DE 19073.

FINKELSTEIN

Bertha Pottock Finkelstein, 83, Wilmington, died March 21. She had been a member of Pioneer Women and Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation. She is survived by her sons, Steve and Gary. Graveside services were held on March 23rd in Machzikey Hadas Cemetery. Contributions in Mrs. Finkelstein's memory may be made to The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

HERMAN

Bettye L. Herman, 85, of Wilmington, died March 18th. Mrs. Herman, the widow of Leonard Herman, was a former resident of Little Rock, AR and Memphis, TN. She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, the Jewish Community Center Senior Center, its Site Council and was a Life Member of Hadassah.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Richard Levin of Cardiff; her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Jay and Jan Herman of Glenside, PA ; and granddaughters, Staci Julie and her husband, Richard, Jill Levin, Julia Herman and Emily Herman.

Funeral services were held on March 20th at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel with interment in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to either the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803, Hadassah, c/o Eva Weisman, 9 Devon Court, Wilmington, DE 19810 or Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

HIRSHOUT

Dr. Francis W. Hirshout, 81, of Stony Batter Condominiums, died March 17th. He was a dentist in Oxford, PA for more than40 years. Dr. Hirshout served with distinction in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and the Jewish War Veterans.

Survivors include his wife, Sylvia; his daughters, Phyllis and her husband, Roy Peacock of Newark, Debra and her husband, Marshall Levin of Westport, Connecticut; grandsons, Brian Peacock and Zack Levin.

Funeral services were held March 20th at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel with interment in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to Hospice by the Sea, 1531 West Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, FL 33486-3395.

JACOBSON

Jacob (Jay) Jacobson, 82, died April 5th. He is survived by his wife, Arlene; son, Michael and his wife, Melinda; daughter, Nancy Jacobson; grandchildren, Melissa and Matthew. Graveside services were held in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children, 1600 Rockland Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

SCHWARTZ

Alice Calvert Schwartz, 87, died March 27th. A distinguished educator, Mrs. Schwartz served as a principal in the Solis-Cohen Elementary School in Northeast Philadelphia. Much of her teaching career was dedicated to helping first graders achieve their educational goals. She was proud of obtaining two master's degrees in education which were awarded with honors.

She was married to her late husband, Jack for fifty years. Survivors include her son, Robert Schwartz and his wife of Doylestown, PA; her daughter, Roberta Schwartz of Wilmington; grandchildren, Wendy and Alice Schwartz of Florida, Samantha Burman and Sabrina Calvert of Delaware and Melinda Oliver of Maryland; great-grandchildren, Tasha Burman-Prodromidis and Jack Oliver.

Burial was private. Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to The Children's Education Fund at Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802

SPILLER

Morris Spiller, 87, died March 21 at Abington Memorial Hospital in Abington, PA. Prior to his retirement, he was an installment salesperson.

Mr. Spiller was the widower of the late Diane (nee Leshner) Spiller and is survived by his children, daughter, Rena and her husband, Norman Weiss, sons, Brian and his wife, Barbara Spiller and Mark and his wife, Amy Spiller; sister and brother-in-law, Pearl and Joel Lenetsky; grandchildren, Paul and Randi Weizer, Frank and Lisa Weizer, David, Rachel, Gabe and Lucy Spiller; great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Anthony Weizer and Jessica Webb; and dear friend, Violet Agard.

Interment was in Montefiore Cemetery in Rockledge, PA. Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to Oxford Circle Jewish Community Center-Brith Israel, 1009 Unruh Avenue, PO Box 11487, Philadelphia, PA 19111 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

STEIN

Louis Stein, 88, of Wilmington, died April 5th. He is survived by his wife, Jean; daughters, Sandee Rudofsky and her husband, Leonard, and Mindy Stein; and his granddaughter, Samantha. Grave-side services were held on April 7th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

Nachas Nook

Kamm and Hister to Wed

Marga Hirsch of Bala Cynwyd, PA, and Ken and Cheryl Kamm of Wilmington, DE, joyfully announce the engagement of their daughter, Aviva Kamm, to Jonah Hister, son of Arthur Hister and Phyllis Simon of Vancouver, Canada.

Both bride and groom are graduates of McGill University and both are now students at the University of Washington in Seattle. Aviva is at the Law School, and Jonah, at the Business School.

The couple plan a June wedding.



Aviva Kamm and Jonah Hister

A New Daughter Of Israel Is Born



Phyllis Kazinoff is pleased to announce the birth of her granddaughter, Danielle Hayley Goldstein on February 14, 2003. Her parents are Laurie (Kazinoff) and Howard Goldstein of Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania. Her paternal grandparents are Dr. Donald and Barbara Goldstein of Warminster, PA Her great-grandmother is Shirley Goldberg of Harrisburg, PA Danielle is named in loving memory of her maternal grandfather, Dennis Kazinoff and her maternal great-grandfather, Harry Goldberg.

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Calendar of Events

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Celebrate Passover with family and friends at the Jewish Community Center on Tuesday, April 22d. A homemade Kosher for Passover meal consisting of gefilte fish, chicken cutlets, tossed salad, potatoes, fresh fruit and more will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. Entertainment and arts and crafts activities will follow the meal. The cost is $15 for adults and $10 for children ages 3-12, free to children under 3 accompanied by their families. A maximum of $58 will be charged per family. Registration deadline is April 15th. For more information, please call Donna Schwartz at 302-478-5660, ext. 228.

APPLY FOR USA MACCABI BASKETBALL TEAMS

Applications for the USA basketball teams which will represent the United States at the 10th Pan American Maccabi Games in Santiago, Chile next winter are now being accepted. There will be three men's teams and a women's open team (any age). The men's teams are Juniors (born in 1987, '88 or '89); Youth (born in 1984, '85, '86); and Open (any age).

The Pan Am Maccabi Games will take place from December 24, 2003 through January 5, 2004 and a training camp will be held in Boca Raton, Florida beginning Saturday night, December 20, 2003. The commitment to take part in this event is two full weeks. The teams will be selected by tapes and recommendations, however, if enough applications are received tryouts in Los Angeles and Philadelphia may be held.

Please direct questions and interest to Brian Schiff at 215-952-5362 during the day, 215-285-5936 in the evening, or e-mail him at bschiff@comcastsportsnet.com <mailto:bschiff@comcastsportsnet.com>. To apply online go to the Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel website at www.maccabiusa.com <http://www.maccabiusa.com> or contact their office at 215-561-6900.

POSSUM POINT PLAYERS PRESENT...

And Then They Came for Me, a unique play about the Holocaust. The play tells the story of three young people living in Amsterdam before WWII. It is recommended for grades 6 and up. Performances will be presented at Delaware Technical and Community College in Georgetown on Thursday, May 1st at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Performers will address questions after each show. Tickets are $5.50 each. Please call 302-856-4560, ext. 2 for reservations.

LET MY PEOPLE GO TO GREAT ADVENTURE

Sunday, April 20th and Monday, April 21st are special days for Jewish families at Great Adventure Amusement Park. Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth is selling discounted admission tickets for $30 per person-an $18 savings off regular price. Tickets include admission to the Wild Safari Park. Kosher for Passover food will be available for sale. Please send check payable to AKSE, Washington Blvd. and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802.

JFS REACHES OUT TO SEPARATING & DIVORCING PARENTS

Jewish Family Service of Delaware offers Separating and Divorcing Parent Education courses certified by Family Court. "Healing Hearts," parent seminar and children/teen seminars are held at the Jewish Community Center in Wilmington, the first 2 Wednesdays of each month from 6:45-9:45pm. The fee for the 6 hours course is $100, free for the children of participating parents. (Scholarships are available.) For more information, please call Karen Townsend, ACSW at 302-286-1402.

FREE GENETIC SCREENINGS DURING MAY

Free Tay-Sachs and Canavan screenings will be available throughout May at Christiana Hospital, Medical Arts Pavilion, Outpatient Lab, in Newark and at Wilmington Hospital, Outpatient Lab in Wilmington, with no appointment necessary at either location. Children with Tay-Sachs or Canavan disease are usually born into families with no apparent history of the disease because the gene defect often remains hidden in a family for generations. One in 27 Ashkenazi Jews is a Tay-Sachs carrier and one in 35 is a Canavan carrier. A carrier has no symptoms but can be at high risk for having a child with the disease. A carrier always has a 50 percent chance of having a child who is also a carrier. Therefore, it is absolutely critical to know if the gene defect is part of your family's medical history.

SAVE THE DATES ! ! !

Preston Memorial Lecture

Sunday, May 4 – 3:00 PM, **Preston Memorial Lecture**, with speaker Eva Mozes Kor, survivor of Mengele Twin's Experiment at the NEW Brandywine Hundred Library (on Faulk Rd.)

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration (Israel Independence Day)

Tuesday, May 20 – 5:30 PM at the JCC

Agency Spotlight

Kutz Home honors volunteers

The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home paid tribute recently to the men and women who give so generously of their time, talent and energy to assist its residents. Honorees at the March 11th Volunteer Recognition Luncheon are teachers, entertainers, bingo callers, companions, commissary salespersons and escorts.

These 45 individuals make an important difference in the lives of the Kutz Home family.

Volunteers are always welcomed.

For more information, please call Esther Stieska at 302-764-7000.



Luncheon honorees included (from left) Mason Berger, Mary Wagenschnur and Edie Slovin.



Enjoying the March 11th Volunteer Recognition Luncheon are (from left) Vera Schenker and Betty Chambers.

Iron Matzah Ball Chef contest at Hillel!

Who makes the best matzah balls in the state of Delaware? Find out on Sunday, April 20 during Hillel's Iron Matzah Ball Chef contest. Community members are welcome to enter the competition.

Here are the restrictions.

1) Call or email Ian Cooper at ijcooper@udel.edu or 453-0479 no later than Monday, April 14.

2) Come to Hillel to prepare your recipe on Sunday, April 20, and have your recipe ready to eat by 5 pm.

3) All ingredients must be properly heckshered ingredients. Either tell the Hillel staff what ingredients are needed for purchase or bring your own in unopened containers.

4) Hillel provides the soup and the taste testers!

For more information, contact Ian Cooper at ijcooper@udel.edu or Susan Detwiler at sdhillel@udel.edu or call 453-0479. Spaces for contestants are limited, so call today!

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