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COMMUNITY PAYS TRIBUTE TO BERNIE SIEGEL

By Lynn B. Edelman, Editor

Bernard L. Siegel, Bernie to his many friends and colleagues here in Delaware and in Israel, has received countless awards during his decades of involvement in the Delaware Jewish community. He no doubt has run out of wall space to display all the trophies and plaques awarded him from The Jewish Federation of Delaware, State of Israel Bonds, Congregation Beth Shalom, The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home and the countless other Jewish and secular organizations he has so ably served as a volunteer.

Why then was Bernie so overcome with emotion when presented with the Irving S. Shapiro Community Builders Award during last Thursday's 69th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware? "...Because he cares so deeply about Jews in Delaware and in Israel," responds Martin Mand, a long-time friend and fellow congregant of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington.

Mand, who was also a friend of

the award's namesake, Irving S. Shapiro, believes Bernie to be "the most deserving person in the community to receive this inaugural honor." This award,

Mand explains, is designed to honor an individual whose commitment to the community "transcends loyalty to one particular organization. "There is

no person who better meets this criteria than Bernie, Mand stated, citing his service as a former president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and chairman of its Annual Campaign, the presidency of the Kutz Foundation and life membership on its board of directors, the vice presidency of Congregation Beth Shalom, long-time chairmanship of its High Holidays Committee and life membership on its board of directors...the list goes on and on.

Nationally, Bernie served on the boards of the United Jewish Appeal (now United Jewish Communities), the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and the National Council of Christians and Jews (now the National Council for Community and Justice).

Mand continues to be amazed by Bernie's energy level. "He's one of the very few people I know in his early 80s who continues to regularly attend meetings of the Kutz Home, and other community activities," Mand said, adding his hope that Bernie and his wife, Ruth continue to bless this community with their great work

A Time to Reap...



Bernie Siegel accepts the Irving S. Shapiro Community Builder Award from Mr. Shapiro's widow, Charlotte (seated) and his daughter, Beth.

for many years to come.

(For full photo coverage of the 69th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the groundbreaking ceremony for the Garden of Eden Road renovation and expansion project, please turn to Page 15).

A Time to Plan...



The Community Capital Campaign (CCC) leadership team plans for the future needs of the Delaware Jewish Community. From left are Karen Morris, co-chair CCC; Samuel H. Asher, Federation executive vice president; Judy B. Wortman, former JFD executive vice president; Norman Aerenon, Bernie Siegel, Bob Aerenon, Annette Aerenon, Ruth Siegel and Yetta Chaiken, Capital Campaign co-chairs and JFD President Barry S. Kayne. In the foreground are Phyllis and Jackie Aerenon

RUSSIANS RAISE MONEY FOR TERROR VICTIMS

By Lev Krichesky, JTA

A Russian Jewish group is trying to send two messages with a fund-raising initiative to benefit Israeli survivors of terrorist attacks.

The primary goal of the campaign, launched a month ago, is to raise money to help young Russian Israelis who have suffered injuries and psychological trauma in Palestinian terrorist attacks.

The first beneficiaries are expected to receive their checks in July.

But campaign officials say that no less important is the campaign's second goal: to give ordinary Russian Jews a chance to contribute to an important Jewish cause.

The initiative is a "pioneering venture, and therefore we don't have any target figure" for the campaign

yet, said Motya Chlenov, program coordinator and director of the Moscow office of the World Congress of Russian Jewry, the organization that started the campaign.

During the last decade of post-Communist Jewish revival, Russian Jewish leaders generally have focused their fund-raising activities on large donors able to give significant sums.

The new campaign seeks to break away from this pattern. Campaign officials say they believe that Russia's improved economy gives hope for a flow of small donations from a large number of people.

The initiative seeks to reach out to those who are able to give anywhere between 100 rubles, the equivalent of \$3, to \$100.

"We have come to the

conclusion that our Jews have reached that point at which they can become donors" for various Jewish causes, said the 28-year-old Chlenov, sitting in the small one-room office of the WCRJ, which also has offices in New York, Jerusalem and Berlin.

Even if some places in Russia are not enjoying an economic upswing, at least the Jews in Moscow — the nation's largest Jewish community, estimated at anywhere from 100,000 to 250,000 members — have begun to approach Western standards of living.

"If someone can afford a cell phone, a once-a-year vacation abroad and a once-a-week outing at a Moscow restaurant or a club, then this package can be complemented with participation in a charity," Chlenov said.

By local standards, the campaign's first results have been impressive. Over just a few weeks, it raised about \$25,000 from more than 1,000 individuals in Moscow.

A 40-year-old Moscow doctor who gave his name as Georgiy donated \$400 — and wanted half the sum to go to the family of Kiril Shremko, a Russian-born security guard killed recently while stopping a suicide bomber at a mall in the Israeli city of Afula.

Chlenov said the average donation is much smaller — about \$10. Contributors can earmark their donations, but few do.

Some like to bring their money in person to the downtown Moscow office.

Chlenov explains that those who come these days to the office either don't trust Russian banks or simply

want to see for themselves to whom they're giving the money.

To the surprise of campaign officials, many of those who bring donations are low-income workers or pensioners who themselves are beneficiaries of some charity.

"Some people call in and say they want to help because they themselves receive some aid from the Jewish community," said Marina Kulakova, secretary at the WCRJ office.

Eleonora Furmanova, 76, a former journalist, said she helped because of her Holocaust-era experience.

"There were many among my family and friends who died in the Holocaust," she said. "I felt I should help those who lived through terrible things in their lives."

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

Preston shares story of survival

By Lynn B. Edelman
Editor

George Preston's technical expertise may very well have saved his life. While imprisoned by the Nazis at Auschwitz, Preston, who was trained as an electrical and mechanical engineering consultant, was selected to work on a six-man special crew. Although forced to sleep on lice-infested bunks and share one blanket, Preston lived to tell his story to a rapt audience at the University of Delaware's Academy of Life-Long Learning. 2,000,000 of his fellow camp residents perished.

The passage of time has done nothing to ease his horrific memories of Nazi atrocities. "I watched young German guards pull children away from mothers and send them to their deaths. I watched a family of pious Hungarian Jews duped into signing up for a work detail, then shot by guards with machine guns and tossed into graves," Preston recalled.

He touches his camp tattoo and travels back in time to January 18, 1945. In response to news that the Russians were coming into the camps the Nazis evacuated them. They sent Preston and the other remaining inmates on a death march in the freezing cold.

"Snowflakes were the only food for men and women who were walking skeletons," he recalled. The prisoners who fell were shot by guards. "Those still standing covered themselves with their bodies to keep warm," Preston whispered.

More than 75% of those who set out on the march lost their lives. Preston was one of the lucky ones. He boarded a train to Prague, where local residents pelted them with food and water. They waited out the remaining days of the war in Buchenwald until their eventual liberation by American troops. Many of the remaining guards tried to escape by dressing up in the prisoners' uniforms. Preston and his camp mates went after them with machine guns.

Only after the war did Preston learn that he had no remaining family to come home to. All had perished at the hands of the Nazis. He went to France and spent time at a convalescent home before returning to work and some semblance of normalcy. At the invitation of an aunt who escaped the Holocaust by emigrating to America, Preston came to the United States and ultimately found work at the DuPont

Corporation.

"I was lucky," he stated, relating that he married, raised a family and became involved in the Delaware Jewish community. He gives back to his adopted homeland through service as a member of the Jewish Family Service board of directors.

Nineteen years after his liberation he received an invitation to return to Auschwitz for an appearance before the tribunal for Nazi war criminals. The high-point of his visit was a conversation with a

group of young Germans. "They thanked me for making them aware of these criminal acts," he said.

Although his story is both painful to relate and listen to, Preston believes it must be told. "The world has not learned its lessons," Preston stated. "Only through *Zachor*-remembrance-can we ensure that this terrible chapter in modern Jewish history never reoccurs.

Preston is an active member of the Halina Wind Preston

Holocaust Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The Committee sponsors an interfaith Holocaust program commemorating Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, maintains a comprehensive collection of Holocaust books and video materials and arranges for speaking engagements at area schools and other community organizations. For more information about Committee activities throughout the year, please call Amalia Snyderman, at 302-427-2100.

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EDITORIAL

Don't take a vacation from Judaism

As this paper goes to press, we are in the middle of what I term "summer soup"—a sweltering mix of heat and humidity. I am trying to live up to the bargain I made with G-d during a recent cold, wet, June Shabbat morning. "If you just bring me some sunshine, I **promise** that I won't complain about soaring temperatures." Check back with me in August to learn whether or not my resolve has wilted.

Speaking of resolutions, why not set aside time this summer to read a book or watch a movie with a Jewish-theme? A list of best-selling books of Jewish interest appears on Page 16 along with a book review of a controversial new tome by Daniel Pipes on Militant Islam. The 2003 Academy Award winner "The Pianist" is out on video and the riveting "Nowhere In Africa" is coming to Theatre "N" at the Nemours in Wilmington July 10-July 12.

Area synagogues make summer Shabbat services especially family friendly.

Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington invites the entire community to a Friday evening speaker series featuring congregants addressing a variety of topical Jewish themes. Pack a picnic dinner and enjoy Beth Shalom's Shabbat Under the Stars evenings on July 18th and August 15th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Brandywine Park.

The Delaware beaches are alive with Jewish activity thanks to the growing Seaside Jewish Community. A variety of creative services, discussion groups and study programs are slated for the summer. Call Cheryl Fruchtmann at 302-227-1056 to find out times and dates.

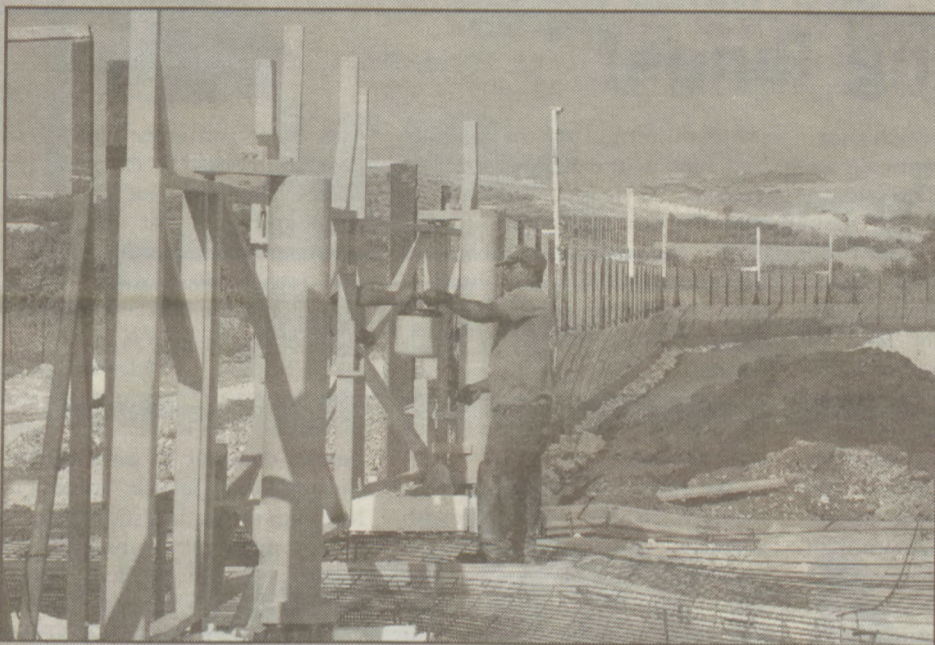
Look for more summer news in our next edition, July 17th.

Shabbat Shalom,

Lynn B. Edelman

Lynn Edelman

Photo Of The Week



DO FENCES MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS? Palestinian laborers work on an electronic fence and the security wall (not visible) that surrounds the Palestinian city of Kalkilya, near the Israeli city of Kfar Saba. CREDIT: Brian Hendler/JTA

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An unmet community need

The editorial of June 13 seems to suggest that all of the community's needs are being addressed. I see one need that is not: the need for a stable, ongoing program, with the proper encouragement, to teach adults Hebrew. As Bialik said "The golden key to Jewish education is the Hebrew language." Community efforts in the area of language instruction have been overwhelmingly directed at young people, but it is worthwhile to remember what Rambam wrote in his Mishneh Torah (Hilchot Talmud Torah, 1.4): "If a person wants to study Torah and he has a son whom he should teach Torah, his (study)

takes priority over (that of) his son".

Is our emphasis on teaching young people unbalanced? That is, are adults neglected? Perhaps there is an unbalance, and that is why we see

a) so many adults come up to the Torah for an aliyah without knowing the meaning of the words in the brachah they are expected to say, and

b) children and grandchildren approaching parents and grandparents with the question "Can you help me with my Hebrew?", and the answer is very frequently "No."

Dov Seidel

PARSHA PLACE

Week of June 27

Shelach

Numbers Ch. 13-15

THE SECRET OF CHANGE

by Rabbi Yechezkel Fox

Why was the passage of the spies placed next to the passage of Miriam? For she was stricken over matters of speech which she spoke against her brother and these wicked ones (the spies) saw (what happened to her) yet did not take a lesson (from her.) -Rashi at the beginning of the parsha.

At the end of last week's parsha, Miriam was punished for speaking badly about Moses. She came down with *tzara'as*, which turned her skin white as snow. Consequently, she was put in quarantine, outside the camp for seven days. This would be used as a model for all future generations to remember how dangerous it is to speak *lashon hora* (evil speech—see Deuteronomy 24:9). After such a graphic lesson, the spies should have been more sensitive to the power of speech, and controlled their tongues with regard to the Land of Israel (see verse 32.)

Rashi said it was the wicked ones who didn't learn the lesson from Miriam. The implication is that Joshua and Caleb, who retained their integrity throughout this incident, did learn from Miriam. Why were they different?

Well, concerning Joshua, being already the right-hand-man of Moses, we can assume he was of superlative character. But what about Caleb, what was his uniqueness?

The answer is, Caleb was the husband of Miriam. This gave him a natural advantage. When Miriam was missing from his household that week, no one felt it as much as him. For him, the intellectual message of the effects of evil speech penetrated the heart. And that is what brings a person to change.

Our Sages tell us that the distance from heaven to earth is nothing compared to the distance from one's mind to one's heart. In Judaism, knowledge and belief in G-d's existence, while very important, are not sufficient. They have to penetrate the heart to bring a person to change.

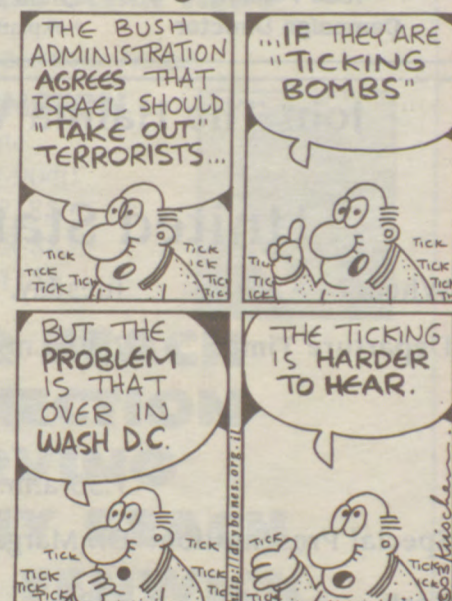
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Jennifer Young
Endowment Director

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trol of that wealth.

Through capability participation in Women's campaigns, we have the power to raise funds and help Federations accomplish their goals. Nationwide, women's giving is the fastest growing component of the Federation annual campaign, now representing more than 23% and rising every year.

The **Women's Philanthropy** initiative offers an exciting new opportunity for Delaware Jewish women to make a difference locally and globally. It's an innovative way for women to build upon their considerable campaign clout. Women currently contribute **near half a million dollars each year** to the JFD annual campaign.

This is not your mother's Women's Division. Today, women are poised to discover their capacity to transform the world through financial giving. Women earn more college degrees than men, and women are more likely

to volunteer than are men. As of 1995, women made up 1.6 million of the top wealth holders in the U.S., with a combined net worth of over \$2.2 trillion. According to the National Foundation for Women Business Owners, over half of high net worth women business owners and executives contribute in excess of \$25,000 annually to charity, including 19% who contribute \$100,000 or more.

I recently attended a Women & Philanthropy conference where more than 100 women representing a wide variety of ages, backgrounds and interests came together. We were all inspired by stories and examples of ordinary and extraordinary women who have made their philanthropy personally meaningful by honoring their values. Kay Ballard of the Women's Philanthropy Institute eloquently explained what makes women's philanthropy unique. *"We have a point of view and express*

it powerfully through the strategic practice of philanthropy in an effort to make a significant positive impact and to influence the actions of others.

Women's philanthropy has a wow effect. This year, ten additional women in Delaware became Lions of Judah by increasing their annual campaign gifts. Let us all be inspired by their example. Give a gift to the annual campaign in your own name. Establish an endowment with the Jewish Fund for the Future to honor an important woman in your life, or perpetuate your annual campaign gift with a planned gift.

Join the Women's Philanthropy initiative at our inaugural event on Sunday, September 14, 2003. Learn and be inspired by what women do. Our keynote speaker, Arna Poupko Fisher, has lectured in over 120 communities throughout North America and was recently featured on the cover of the International edition of



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Jennifer Young is Women's Philanthropy and Endowment Director. She can be reached at jennifer.young@shalomdel.org or 302-427-2100 ext. 19.

Stop switching lanes!



Todd Polikoff
Campaign Director

We learn in math class and in driver's education that, "The shortest distance between two points is a straight line." While it is true, it is in our nature to challenge the truth and stray from the straight line. How many of us have changed lanes in traffic or have moved into a different line at the supermarket only to find that our short-cut turned out to be longer than our initial route? This is always a tough lesson to learn and one that does not only apply to traffic or the supermarket.

I receive daily phone calls from members of our community explaining to me that they truly

care about the entire Jewish community. This is their rationale for giving individual smaller gifts to various agencies instead of their usual gift to the federation. I tell them that I understand their intention, but they are taking the long and less efficient road to accomplishing their goal of helping the community. In fact, those who chose to give individual gifts to various agencies may be placing band-aids on problems that will only become larger in the future. The Jewish Federation of Delaware annual campaign is the "Straight Line" to ensuring our Jewish community's future.

In fact, the Talmud insists that

the contribution to the centralized fund is the highest form of tzedakah, for it is the best way of ensuring the anonymity of both donor and recipient. Moreover, the general community fund is best prepared to meet the challenges of emergency issues which require a united front, such as responding to anti-Semitism or organizing rescue missions for Jews in danger.

We should all support and be involved in the various Jewish agencies and organizations in Delaware. They play an essential role in our community by providing an environment where our community can interact, care for

each other and grow. The Jewish Federation's role is to assess and address the needs of the entire community, not just one agency or organization. Giving a gift to the Jewish Federation annual campaign is the quickest and most efficient way to help as many people as possible in Delaware, Israel and around the world. It is also the easiest way to help our community continue to grow by furthering our Jewish values of learning, caring and social justice.

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.

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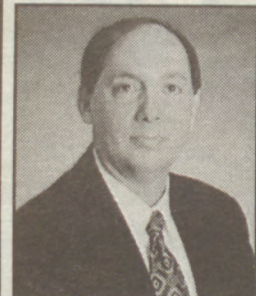


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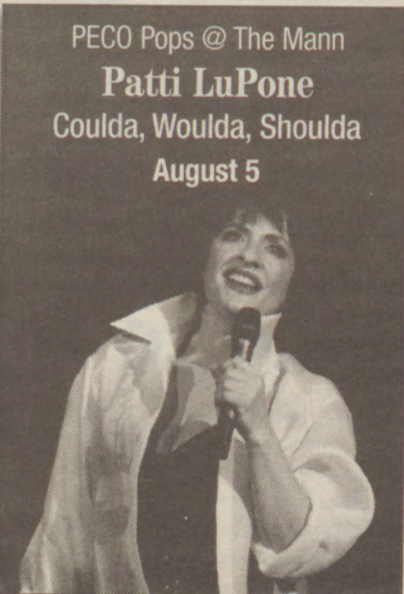
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INSIDE DELAWARE

Judaism Alive and Well in Tumen, Russia

By Connie Kreshtool
Special to the Jewish Voice

There was a great deal of excitement among members of Congregation Beth Emeth when they saw for the first time the synagogue belonging to their twin congregation in Tumen, Russia. The pictures were sent via the Internet with a computer recently purchased by Congregation Madregot from funds provided by Beth Emeth.

The building is ninety years old and has been lovingly restored for this young congregation after many years of disuse. Along with pictures of the interior of the synagogue were pictures of the congregation's holiday celebrations, their B'nai and B'not Mitzvah and youth group.

With the contribution from Beth Emeth the Tumen congrega-

tion was also able to provide holiday gifts for their children and support for their elderly and help defray operating expenses. In addition to financial contributions Beth Emeth also sent a video and CD's from their Klezmer Concert and a video of a Shabbat Service in which a Bat Mitzvah was celebrated. Religious school students made matzah covers for Madregot congregants and sent them along with a DVD that explained in Russian how to conduct a Seder.

Beth Emeth's Twinning Project is part of the Reform movement's efforts to help newly organized progressive congregations in the Former Soviet Union. One need only look at the happy faces of young and old in the photos from Tumen to see that this congregation is obviously doing something right.



Creative Shabbat services at Congregation Madregot, Congregation Beth Emeth's twin synagogue.

Jacobs named to Delaware Supreme Court



Justice Jack B. Jacobs

Justice Jack B. Jacobs, Vice Chancellor of the Delaware Court of Chancery since October, 1985, has been appointed to the Delaware Supreme Court. The appointment caps a distinguished law career which has included more than 35 years experience in the practice of corporate and business litigation in Wilmington.

Sheldon A. Weinstein, former managing partner of Young, Conaway, Stargatt and Taylor, is a personal friend and former col-

league of Justice Jacobs. "I have had the honor and privilege of knowing Vice Chancellor (VC) Jacobs professionally and personally for many years - initially, we practiced law together at Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor. VC Jacobs' contributions to the State of Delaware and our community, generally, and to the prestigious and nationally admired and coveted Court of Chancery, specifically, has been profound and distinguished. VC Jacobs, now Justice, will comple-

ment and assist in sustaining our eminent Supreme Court with those scholarly qualities of judicial temperament and presence, equity, probity, extraordinarily unique fine judgment and intellect, creativity and a keen, unstinting and articulate comprehension of the law."

In addition to his judicial activities, Justice Jacobs serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Widener University School of Law; a director of the American Judicature Society, and as a member of the American Law Institute, where he is an Advisor to its Restatement (Third) of Restitution. He is also a member of the Delaware and American Bar

Associations (where he is a member of the Committee on Corporate Laws of the ABA Business Law Section). Justice Jacobs has authored several legal articles and participated in national symposia and programs related to corporate and securities law sponsored by various law schools and legal and Continuing Legal Education organizations, including the American Bar Association, ALI-ABA, and the Practising Law Institute.

Justice Jacobs holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago (B.A., 1964, Phi Beta Kappa) and a law degree from Harvard University (LL.B., 1967).

JFS Encourages Community to Help Expand Registry of Holocaust Survivors

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, in Washington, D.C., has been building a survivor database that currently has information on more than 185,000 survivors and their families.

Through the Registry, survivors and family members are given the opportunity to trace missing relatives from the Holocaust era. Over the years, the Registry has helped reunite friends and family members and

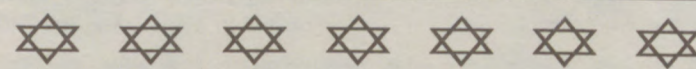
has provided information on the fates of loved ones. It has also provided information to individuals about restitution programs and reunions and to organizations seeking testimony.

"The Registry is an important link to the survivor community," said Dory Zatuschni, executive director, Jewish Family Service. "We ask that everyone in the community who knows a survivor or survivor's family member, or is

interested in becoming part of the Registry, to please call JFS to find out about adding those names to the Registry."

"Generally speaking, a survivor is anyone who was persecuted by Nazi anti-Semitic policies from 1933 to 1945 and who survived World War II and now may be deceased," said Zatuschni.

To get information about applying to the Registry, call JFS at 478-9411.



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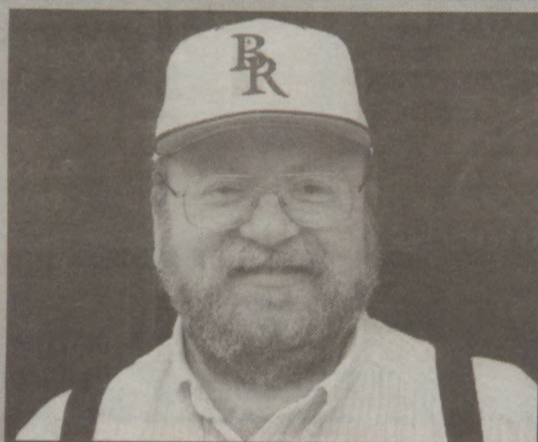


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"Oy say can you see"

Cantor Joel Kessler of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth sang the national anthem at the Blue Rocks game on June 19th.

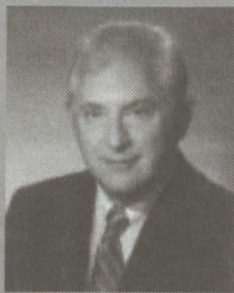
Was it divine intervention that caused the rain to cease that night and spur the team to victory?

The event, well attended by AKSE congregants, was captured on FanOVision.

Photo by Joel Glazier

Jewish Federation of Delaware

Annual Report: Building for the Future



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A Letter to the Community by Barry S. Kayne & Samuel H. Asher

The Jewish Federation of Delaware plays a unique role in building a vibrant Jewish community here in Delaware, in Israel and around the world. JFD helps to revive Jewish life in Argentina, construct a strong foundation for new émigrés in Israel and strengthen our local infrastructure.

In this 2003 Federation Annual Report, you will read about our great work locally and globally. These ambitious efforts are made possible, in large part, by the Federation Annual Campaign, along with our Community Capital Campaign, special campaigns and our Jewish Fund for the Future.

We are particularly proud of our 2003 Federation Annual Campaign, under the co-chairmanship of Donald Parsons and Carol Rothschild, which is predicted to close at \$1,760,000. This represents an increase of \$150,000 over last year and is the **highest campaign total in the history of our Federation!** This impressive tally is due to the hard work and generous support of our many contributors and volunteers.

While we have worked hard to increase allocations to local agencies, the Board of Directors has responded to the desperate plight of Argentinean Jews with emergency allocations of more than \$84,000 in Israel Emergency Campaign funds to relieve hunger and to support their efforts to make aliyah. We are pleased that our overseas dollars help the Joint Distribution Committee to be on the front lines for Jews in crisis in Argentina and around the world. We commend the courage of the Jewish Agency for Israel in resettling new olim despite the relentless terror campaign being waged on the Jewish state.

Here at home, we are planning for the future development of Federation's six beneficiary agencies-Albert Einstein Academy, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Hillel at the University of

Delaware, the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Family Service and the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home-through the efforts of our Community Capital Campaign.

A dynamic new staff team is in place as we start the 2003-2004 fiscal year. We are sure that these talented professionals, working in concert with committed lay leaders, will help us soar to new heights in the year ahead.

Under the guidance of Carol Rothschild, the Women's Philanthropy Initiative is being organized, with an exciting community-wide event scheduled for the fall. We are proud to report that our Lion of Judah Division has added ten new lions to its ranks!

The Finance Committee has been hard at work under the capable guidance of Al Green and Bill Wagner. We have implemented a new healthcare plan, resulting in thousands of dollars in savings to Federation and our system. Additionally, the Committee has developed a new mechanism to improve our financial reporting to the Board.

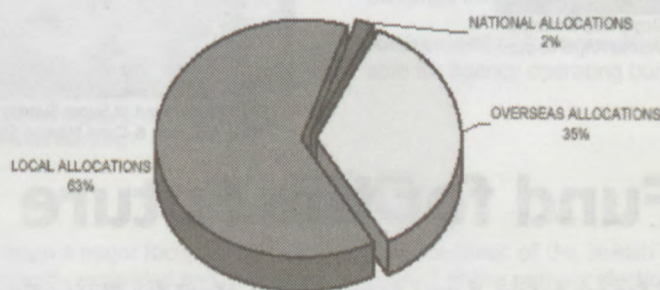
Our thanks to Toni Young and Lelaine Nemser for planning a Mission to Israel in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Arad, Delaware's Partnership 2000 community. Originally scheduled for May, it has been reorganized for November 10 - 17, 2003.

The JCRC has been extremely successful in advocating for Israel and policies consistent with Jewish values. Under the leadership of Mark Wagman, the Committee has met with the Editorial Committee of the News Journal and rallied Jewish community representatives to Dover in support of legislation that would change the date of primary elections from Saturday to the second Tuesday in September. It has promoted inter-religious understanding through such initiatives as the inter-faith Holocaust Remembrance Day program. This year's Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration and the annual Halina Wind Preston lecture were both well received.

At the same time, the Jewish Fund for the Future chaired by Richard A. Levine continues to help us build our infrastructure through grants to community agencies and synagogues. Under his chairmanship, the endowment grew to over \$11 million.

As we celebrate the 69th annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, we ask you to join with us as we renew our historic commitment to social justice, human rights, advocacy, education and tzedakah. Together, we will mobilize our community to address issues, meet needs and build an agenda for the future.

2003 - 2004 Allocations

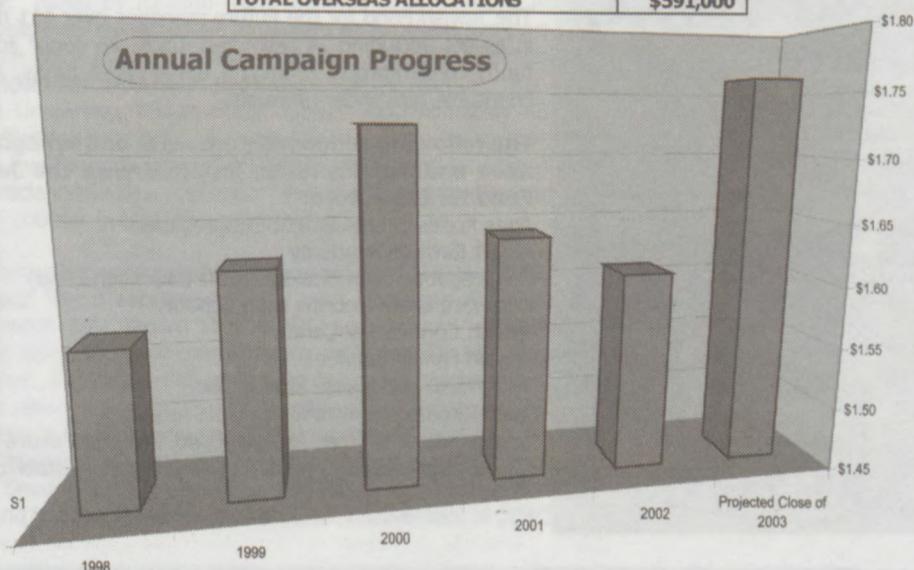


TOTAL ALLOCATIONS: \$1,741,334

LOCAL ALLOCATIONS	
Jewish Community Center	110,000
JCC Newark - Includes Preschool	78,734
JCC Rent to Beth El	4,500
JCC Melton	3,000
JCC Newark - Interest on Advances	12,000
JCC Deferred Allocation for Acc. Deficit	10,000
Jewish Family Service	68,684
JFS Communal Services-Newark	37,392
JFS - Rent for Newark	6,000
Jewish Historical Society	2,000
Milton & Hattie Kutz Home	1,000
Albert Einstein Academy	91,112
Albert Einstein Academy - Newark	7,195
Gratz Hebrew High School	42,100
Gratz Hebrew High School - Newark	4,955
Hillel	56,060
Israel Teen Scholarships	1,000
Community Teen Director	38,465
Southern Delaware Community	5,000
Yom Ha'Atzmaut	2,500
Jewish Federation Of Delaware	480,023
JCRC	34,509
Jewish Voice	10,505
Adult Institute	1,000
Leadership Development Institute	6,000
BBYO	1,000
CAJE	1,000
TOTAL LOCAL ALLOCATIONS	1,115,734

NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS	
UJC Dues	
UJC - Natl Funding Council	\$790.00
UJC - JBC/CBC	\$17,976.00
JCPA (Dues) PA	\$200.00
Jewish Communal Services Assoc.	\$1,000.00
Schools of Jewish Communal Services	\$817.00
JCPA (DUES) National	\$1,300.00
Birthright Israel	\$12,517.00
TOTAL NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS	\$34,600.00
OVERSEAS ALLOCATIONS	
United Jewish Communities & Partnership 2000	\$591,000
TOTAL OVERSEAS ALLOCATIONS	\$591,000

Annual Campaign Progress



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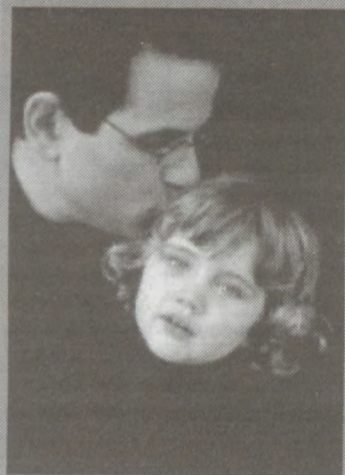
2003 Highlights

The 2003 campaign is 15% ahead with 70% closed.

A New & Improved Super Sunday was held at the JCC for the first time.

Ten new Lions of Judah came on board for the 2003 campaign.

Women's Philanthropy Initiative has been re-vitalized.



The Jewish Fund for the Future distributed total grants of \$509,386 for the period July 2002-May 2003. Of that total \$36,907 in scholarships were awarded.

The Annual Campaign

Outstanding Response to Matching Gift Opportunity

The 2003 Annual Campaign is estimated to close at \$1,760,000 - the highest campaign tally in the history of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. This year our campaigners were armed with a matching gift proposal that would surely increase the funding to our efforts in the community. A group of anonymous donors created a pool of matching funds to match each \$500 incremental increase. During the campaign, donors had an opportunity to hear from top lay leaders, internationally renowned educators and Israelis from all walks of life.

The Major Gifts donors met several times during the campaign year. Miriam and Steven Edell hosted the kickoff event with special guest Mark Wilf, Chair of Major Gifts for UJC. Other events included cocktail receptions at the Delaware Historical Museum and at the home of Carol and Steven Rothschild.

The general campaign was also a huge success in 2003. The Chai Appreciation event, chaired by Iris and Allan Tocker, was held at Winterthur in October 2002.

Super Sunday was held in December at a new site - the JCC in Wilmington. A record number of volunteers came to make phone calls, raise funds and connect to the community. Super Sunday ended with a 10% increase over the previous year. The success of Super Sunday was due in great part to the chairs: Felisha Alderson and Dorothy Bobman.

Overall this campaign has been a tremendous success with 200 new donors, more events and is holding a 15% increase as compared with last year's campaign.



(L-R) Helen Schutzman, Bernie & Ruth Siegel help welcome IDF Lieutenants Yair Zalmonovich and Ariella Angel to our community

Womens Philanthropy Initiative takes off in Delaware

The Women's Philanthropy initiative of the Jewish Federation of Delaware invites all women within our diverse Jewish community to become involved through outreach, fund-raising, education, and leadership development. Our belief is that every woman has the right and the obligation to set an example and make her own commitment to Jewish life. A separate gift shows that women are interested and active participants in making decisions that affect their own lives and the lives of those they touch through their giving. Every woman who gives of her time, her talent and her financial resources is an essential part of the Women's Philanthropy initiative and the Jewish community.

As of May 15, 2003, the total raised for the 2003 women's campaign is \$473,000. This total represents 622 women donors with an average gift of \$760. The card for card average increase in the 2003 Campaign is 29%. We exceeded our goal of new Lions of Judah for the 2003 campaign, by involving 10 new women at this leadership giving level of at least \$5,000. The Lions of Judah attended an educational brunch at Andrea & Richard Levine's home on May 8th. The women enjoyed the lecture and discussion with national guest speaker Amy Hirshberg Lederman, a syndicated columnist, and Jewish educator.

Women who contribute in their own names to the Jewish Federation of Delaware make a visible difference in their local community.



(L-R) New Lions of Judah: Ruth Ann Ger, Joy Honig, Andrea Levine & Iris Tocker



(L-R) Helping out at Super Sunday: Ruth Rosenberg, Paige Alderson & Carol Marcus-Stape

Jewish Fund for the Future

As my parents planted for me before I was born, so do I plant for those who will come after me.
-Talmud Taanit 23a

In 1985, several progressive families in Delaware organized the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund to provide for the future needs of the Jewish community here and abroad. Today, this Jewish Fund for the Future provides the necessary financial capital to help the community plan for the future. Endowment funds supplement the Annual Campaign, provide seed money for creating new initiatives, and ensure the survival and long-term stability of existing programs upon which so many in our community depend. Partnering with the Jewish Fund for the Future to plan your charitable giving can provide unique insight into important Jewish community priorities and needs.

The Jewish Fund for the Future manages over \$11 million in assets, including 24 restricted funds, 26 donor advised funds (philanthropic funds), 5 unrestricted funds, and 3 charitable remainder unitrusts.

The following community agencies and synagogues have endowment funds invested with the Jewish Fund for the Future:

Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation
Albert Einstein Academy
Congregation Beth Shalom (Kraft Education Fund)
Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School
Jewish Community Center
Jewish Family Service
The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home
The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home Auxiliary

The mission of the Jewish Fund for the Future is to accumulate enduring resources to ensure the stability and

continuity of Jewish life in Delaware, Israel, and throughout the world.

There are several ways you can contribute to the Jewish Fund for the Future:

- * Outright contribution of cash, securities, real estate or other property
- * Bequest
- * Gift of life insurance
- * Charitable trust
- * Gift of IRA or pension plan assets
- * Grant from your foundation

By planning a legacy, philanthropists help support local and overseas programs that reach out to present and future generations of our Jewish family.

The **Jewish Fund for the Future** offers a variety of giving programs tailored to individual needs - anyone can participate in endowment giving:

- **Unrestricted Funds** - Gifts of any amount to the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Inc.
- **Philanthropic Funds** - Donor advised funds that allow you to better manage your charitable giving.
- **Designated Funds** - Gifts targeted toward specific agencies, programs, projects or needs.
- **Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowments/Lion of Judah Endowments** - Gifts that sustain your contribution to the Annual Campaign, in perpetuity.
- **Life Income Gifts** - Gifts that provide you, your spouse or other loved ones with income during lifetime and sustain the Jewish community after you are gone.



The Community Capital Campaign

The Community Capital Campaign for Delaware's Jewish Community has been a collaborative effort spanning more than three years. From the lead donors to the dedicated professional staff, this campaign has raised the consciousness of our community and provided a unique avenue of participation with astounding results. Through the tireless efforts of countless volunteers, more than \$18 million has been raised to date. This glorious outpouring of generosity will help us build the Jewish community of the future with expanded and improved facilities to meet the needs of our diverse Jewish constituency.

Due to this remarkable achievement, we are about to witness the fruits of our collaborative labors. Construction has begun at the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home; this fall residents will enjoy meals prepared in their new kitchen and continue to receive outstanding support services now brought up to date with new laundry facilities, an expanded loading dock and a much needed service elevator. Groundbreaking in June 2003 allows us to see the future at the Garden of Eden Road Campus. New building additions will house the JCC's outstanding preschool, expand the fitness center and provide desperately needed space for Jewish Family Service. Next year will bring a facelift to the 30 year old building making the campus transformation complete. Hillel's expanded kosher kitchen is expected to be operational in time to welcome students in September 2003 and the new Newark Jewish Campus is thriving with its preschool, indoor pool, fitness center and extensive adult programming.

All this is thanks to the extraordinary generosity of time and money by seemingly limitless supporters. Together, we have made a difference in our community that will last for generations to come.



The Newark Jewish Community Campus was opened in April of 2002 thanks to the efforts of the Community Capital Campaign

JCRC

Hasbara (Israel advocacy) has been a major focus for the JCRC this year. This effort has been greatly expanded and formalized as a committee under the capable leadership of Toni Young. In a series of meetings in the fall, approximately 30 committee members learned the facts and techniques needed for effective advocacy. We now have a speakers' bureau as well as a team of letter writers. There has been a noticeable increase in pro-Israel letters appearing in the News Journal. We have established good relationships with news and editorial page editors at the News Journal and editors at the Community News. We also have a growing Hasbara e-mail list (currently over 80 individuals) to quickly inform and mobilize our local activists.

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center (HEC) completed an active year under the energetic and able leadership of Regina Kerr Alonzo. Its volunteer speaker's bureau reached more than 3,500 individuals this year. Dorothy Finger, Ann Jaffe, Arnold Kerr and George Preston gave first-hand accounts of the Holocaust to middle schools, high schools and universities, as well as church groups and rotaries; most of the schools visited had not had a Holocaust survivor speak there before. On April 29, 2003, Karen Wallace, Delaware public school teacher and HEC member, addressed more than 200 people at the annual public Yom Hashoah commemoration. Students from Howard High School and Ursuline Academy attended the event and spoke with survivors after the program. On May 4, 2003, the HEC rededicated the Preston Holocaust Collection at the new Brandywine Hundred Library. Eva Mozes Kor, an author and survivor of Auschwitz, spoke to a standing-room only crowd about her experience as a "Mengele twin". Upcoming activities will emphasize educating students who are studying to be teachers and the clergy.

This year has presented a unique opportunity to end the Saturday primary in Delaware. Last year's conflict of the primary day with Rosh Hashanah as well as Shabbat raised the

Our Community's Future

The Jewish Community Center (JCC), a nonsectarian United Way/Federation agency, will enjoy extensive renovations on its Garden of Eden Road Campus in North Wilmington to support its preschool, fitness center, teen and senior programming and create much needed meeting space for the community. This Campaign has also allowed the community to establish a physical presence in Newark, Delaware with the purchase of the former YMCA building. This young, burgeoning community is now benefiting from outstanding programming which serves young children through adults, including an indoor pool, fitness center, summer camp and more.

Jewish Family Service (JFS), also a nonsectarian licensed and accredited United Way/Federation agency, will move to a new building addition on the Garden of Eden Road Campus which will provide much needed space to conduct counseling, family life education, and services to émigrés and the elderly. This new space will be fully accessible and allow for discreet and safe entry/exit.

Milton & Hattie Kutz Home is a certified Medicare provider offering nonsectarian, licensed, skilled nursing care. This United Way/Federation agency will renovate its 40 year old kitchen and laundry facilities, add a much needed service elevator and expand their loading dock.

Albert Einstein Academy, the only Jewish day school in the Brandywine Valley, offers exceptional pre-kindergarten through sixth grade instruction in secular and Judaic studies. Additional classrooms and resource spaces will allow the school to meet the needs of its growing enrollment.

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School provides supplemental Jewish education to students in grades 7 through 12. At present, students must share the classrooms of the elementary age students of Albert Einstein Academy. With the renovations, Gratz students will have classroom space of their own with age appropriate furnishings. When Gratz is not in session, these rooms will also provide spaces for adult education, after school care and additional meeting rooms so desperately sought out by the community.

Hillel at the University of Delaware provides for the social, religious, cultural and public service needs of the approximately 2000 Jewish students on the Newark campus. Renovations will expand their kosher kitchen to allow for additional meal and holiday offerings.

Maintenance Endowment Fund has been established to address future maintenance needs, keeping our newly renovated buildings fully functional and in good condition.

Retirement of Community Debt has made additional funds available for agency operating budgets rather than debt repayment.

Community Capital Campaign hit \$18.3M with additional fund raising taking place and new grant proposals written.

Newark JCC grand opening was held in the fall of 2002.

Groundbreakings will be held for both Kutz Home and the Garden of Eden Road.



consciousness of the Jewish community about the longstanding conflict of the primary election with Shabbat.

The JCRC raised this issue with legislators, leading to the introduction of a bill by Rep. Bob Valihura to move the primary to the second Tuesday in September. We have organized a strong lobbying effort, including constituent calls to legislators, attendance and testimony at General Assembly committee hearings, and meetings with the Governor and other officials. Although we have had to deal with numerous obstacles, most legislators understand and are sensitive to this issue. Prospects for passage in this legislative session are very good, perhaps even by the time you are reading these words.

With the increased prominence of Islam in the news, the JCRC decided to organize an introductory course on Islam for the Jewish community. Aided by funding from the four congregations in northern Delaware, we were able to present an excellent five-part course at the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies under the direction of a well known Islamic scholar and the chair of the Religion Dept. at Temple University, Khalid Blankinship. Approximately 45 students attended regularly. A press release about the course resulted in two "award-winning" articles in the Community News and one article in the News Journal. We are planning to sponsor one or two courses in this fall's adult institute.

Several other activities rounded out a successful year for the JCRC. A candidates' forum sponsored jointly with Hadassah drew an standing room only crowd to the JCC auditorium. A Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration sponsored jointly with the JCC was also well attended. JFD was one of approx. 20 non-profit organizations to join the newly formed Delaware Coalition on Human Rights. This coalition is an excellent vehicle for promoting relationships with other groups and advancing issues of concern to us. Thanks to Amalia Snyderman for providing staff support for all of our activities and to Sam Asher for his hands-on involvement in JCRC activities.

JCRC has been very successful at representing the community to local media and in Dover.

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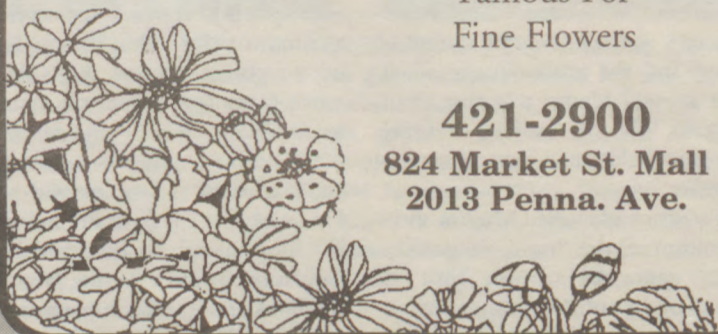
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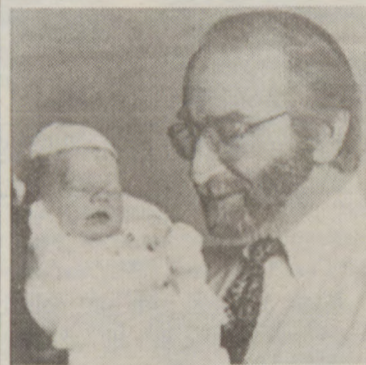
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Anti-Semitism forum a milestone

By Ruth E. Gruber, JTA

There was no escaping the irony. Sixty-five years ago, Adolf Hitler stood on a balcony in Vienna's Heldenplatz and triumphantly addressed hundreds of thousands of cheering Austrians after Nazi Germany annexed Austria into the Third Reich.

Last week, within earshot of that balcony, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe held the first-ever international governmental conference exclusively dedicated to the subject of anti-Semitism.

The two-day meeting brought together nearly 400 delegates from the 55 member states of the OSCE, an international body founded in 1995 that grew out of the Cold War era's "Helsinki process" of human rights monitoring and conflict resolution.

The forum produced no concrete actions or resolutions. But the very fact that it took place and recognized anti-Semitism as a unique form of prejudice that needs to be addressed on its own in an international context made it a historic event. "We are making a statement that the time of denial is over," Hebrew University professor Robert Wistrich told the gathering. "The message is very necessary."

Even more important, said delegates, was the prospect that the issue would be addressed on an ongoing basis, thanks in part to an offer by Germany to hold a follow-up session next year in Berlin.

"We're not going to cure the evil of anti-Semitism in a two-day conference. But we've begun something," said Mark Levin, the executive director of NCSJ: Advocates on Behalf of the Jews in Russia, Ukraine, the Baltic States and

Eurasia. Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who headed a large U.S. delegation, including Jewish leaders and members of Congress, declared himself "delighted and heartened" by the German invitation. "It would be a shame to take a historic conference like this and turn it into a one-off event," he said. "And what could be more historic than organizing a first meeting in Austria and following it up in Berlin?"

The conference stemmed from a decision taken by the OSCE foreign ministers' annual meeting last December and will be followed by another conference in September on discrimination, racism and xenophobia. The United States was instrumental in pushing for the meeting — at times in the face of reluctance by some European states, who insisted that anti-Semitism should be addressed within the context of more general human rights and discrimination issues.

This remains the official stand of the European Union. Its delegate at the meeting reiterated that "the E.U. stresses the importance of addressing racism, xenophobia, discrimination and anti-Semitism under a common, unified approach, using the experience and initiatives on the various issues to support action across the board." The format of the OSCE conference left little room for debate on issues that were emotional and at times highly politicized.

Members of government delegations and non-governmental organizations gave brief statements focused on specific areas of concern: legal and institutional mechanisms to combat anti-Semitism; and the role of governments, civil society, the media and education.

The shadow of history loomed large as speaker after speaker made reference to the ghost of Hitler and the legacy of the Holocaust.

Several Jewish delegates referred pointedly to how their own families had been persecuted. But the dangers of the present — and the uncertainties of the future — loomed even larger. In effect, the conference became a forum for a passionate enunciation of Jewish concerns at pernicious new mutations of what Giuliani termed "the Western world's oldest and most persistent species of hatred." In particular, this included what many described as a new form of anti-Semitism that, while drawing on traditional anti-Jewish stereotypes, has increasingly appeared to shift the target of hatred to Israel as the collective embodiment of the Jewish people. This was linked partly to fallout from the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians and partly, too, to an increasing identification of Jews and Israel with the United States in a confluence of anti-Semitism, anti-Zionism and anti-Americanism. Speakers described a spike in violence against Jews and Jewish institutions in some countries since the fall 2000 outbreak of the Palestinian intifada, many of them attacks carried out by disaffected Muslim youths. They also described a wave of hate mail and anti-Semitic Web sites on the Internet, and a demonization of Israel in the media and the political arena. This, speakers said, was accompanied by an erosion of post-Holocaust taboos that enabled criticism, even legitimate criticism, of Israel's actions against the Palestinian intifada to "legitimize" traditional anti-Semitic expression. Irwin Cotler, a

Canadian member of Parliament, described an "old-new escalating global and even lethal anti-Semitism carried on the new superhighway of the Internet." The world has "seen the emergence of Israel as the collective Jew among nations," he said. "Traditional anti-Semitism rejects the right of Jews to exist in the Diaspora. The new anti-Semitism rejects the right of Israel and the Jewish people to live in the family of nations." Part of this, he said, was an ideological anti-Semitism "that masks itself under the banner of anti-racism. In this form, Israel becomes 'racist' and Zionism is 'racism,' and Israel emerges as the enemy of all that is good and the embodiment of all that is evil." Under this reasoning, he said, "the dismantling of Israel becomes held out as a moral imperative."

Wistrich identified Muslim anti-Semitism as the "most dangerous, even genocidal" threat. "Just as much of the anti-Semitism rampant in the media of the Arab Middle East was exported from Europe, some of it is now being re-exported to Europe," he said. "Combined with radical Islamism and traditional European belief, it is potentially deadly. Still, warned a representative of Turkey, "fighting anti-Semitism must not turn into a blind Muslim-bashing." These and related issues have sparked widespread debate on Op-Ed pages, on talk shows and in a recent series of symposia and conferences sponsored by Jewish and other non-governmental organizations and institutions. "The OSCE and its member states have been forced to recognize the concern of the Jewish community that there has been a failure to recognize anti-Semitism," Michael Whine, a mem-

ber of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and a vice president of the European Jewish Congress, told JTA. "They still think of it as a hangover from the Holocaust and neo-Nazism," he said. "Jewish organizations said during this conference that while this traditional form of anti-Semitism is still there, this is not as dangerous as the anti-Semitism that is now emanating from the Arab world. We have to recognize this new reality."

The question remained, however, as to how to harness warning and concern and translate it into action. Giuliani put forward an eight-point plan that could serve as a framework for action. This included a recommendation that OSCE states formulate a uniform system to track anti-Semitic incidents so that statistics could be monitored and compared in a meaningful way. He and other speakers stressed that it is not enough to have anti-hate legislation in place — the laws on the books have to be implemented. Many speakers, for example, praised France for having reacted vigorously last year to a wave of anti-Semitic violence and cracked down harder on hate crime. "The history of this moment will be if it is not just a one-off event, but by recognizing that anti-Semitism is a virus and must be dealt with by civil society as a clear and present danger, for now and for the future," the Anti-Defamation League's national director, Abraham Foxman, told JTA. "Maybe it took some pressure to get people here, but maybe this will lead to a conscious realization that it is to everyone's benefit," he said. "Anti-Semitism was, is and will continue to be the canary in the coal mine vis-a-vis democratic societies."

Arab media twists thesis

By Richard Allen Greene

Asi Sharabi may be getting used to his work causing controversy, but he doesn't particularly like it.

As a doctoral student in social psychology at the London School of Economics, Sharabi has chosen a very sensitive area for his research: Israeli Jewish children's perceptions of conflict.

His master's thesis caused a stir in Israel in 2001 when it revealed the depth of hostility many Israeli children felt toward the Palestinians.

Now, two years later, it is back in the news — this time because two Arab publications have excerpted it to "prove" that Israeli parents "know how to plant hate and anger toward Arabs in children's minds."

Sharabi "said that all Israeli children believe that Arabs are bad and Israelis are good, that Jews want peace and Arabs want war, and that Jews are human and Arabs are not," according to the article's author, Tayseer Jabber.

The magazine Al-Majalla first published Jabber's article in Arabic. Early in June, the Saudi newspaper Arab News translated the piece into

English.

Sharabi describes the piece as "very poor journalism." He says Jabber never contacted him, instead basing his article on a lengthy piece that appeared in the Israeli daily Ma'ariv's weekend magazine nearly two years ago.

He denies ever making the comment about all Israeli children believing Arabs are bad and Jews are good.

And, Sharabi says, one incident Jabber describes in his article — in which an Arab girl writes a sympathetic letter to an Israeli child — is "fiction, not journalism."

"Show me your evidence of these quotes, or of this conversation," he challenged Jabber in a letter to Arab News.

"It pisses me off, of course. Somebody wrote something under my name without asking me," he told JTA.

Arab News did not respond to JTA e-mails requesting comment.

A day after Arab News printed Sharabi's letter, the publication World Net Daily ran an article about the controversy, arguing that

the Saudi paper had "fabricated a report of Jews teaching hatred."

That article said that studies had found it was Palestinians, not Jews, who were teaching their children to hate the other side.

But Sharabi is no happier with the World Net Daily article.

"Both journalists took my research and used it as a tool for their own agenda," he told JTA. "I'm not on this side, I'm not on that side."

In fact, he says, many of the most provocative quotes from Israeli children in the Jabber article are accurate.

Sharabi asked 84 Israeli Jewish children from a range of environments — city, settlement and kibbutz — to write letters to Palestinians and to draw pictures of them.

He worked with 8- and 9-year-old children immediately after a June 2001 suicide bombing at the Dolphinarium disco in Tel Aviv that killed 21 teenagers.

"The findings are disturbing," he said. "For many people, the Ma'ariv article came as a shock. Nobody likes to see his face in the mirror."

Some of the children did indeed say they hoped Palestinians would die or that they would "blow them up, all of them, because they throw stones and set bombs and kill us," as the Jabber article claimed.

The Jabber article included about a dozen quotes along the same lines.

Jabber failed to mention, however, that the children expressed a range of opinions. For example, one child said "I would go to Arafat's

home and talk with him politely," and "I would ask him to make peace."

That Jabber misrepresented Sharabi's work is perhaps ironic, since Sharabi is most interested in how each side in a conflict can learn to see the other's point of view.

"I felt insulted because my whole project is coming out of peace-oriented research," he told JTA. "I'm trying to make a difference."

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FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION- The ancient Jewish theme of L'dor V'dor-the responsibility of one generation to build for the next, is demonstrated by the leadership of the Jewish Federation of Delaware Community Capital Campaign. Helping to break ground on the Garden of Eden Road Campus expansion and renovation project are (from left) Campaign co-chairs Bob Aerenson, Karen Morris, Phyllis Aerenson, Ruth Siegel, Yetta Chaiken, Annette Aerenson and JFD President Barry S. Kayne. Representing the next generation of leadership is Jackie Aerenson, daughter of Annette and Bob. Not pictured are Capital Campaign Co-Chairs Norman Aerenson, Marcia and Andrew Aerenson, Alan Levenson, Doris and Irving Morris and Bernard L. Siegel.



AGENCY LEADERSHIP LOOKS TO THE FUTURE-Four Campus agencies, Albert Einstein Academy, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Jewish Community Center, and Jewish Family Service will enhance their ability to serve current and future clients. Taking a symbolic turn of the shovel are (from left) Glenn Engelman, past president, Jewish Family Service; Samuel H. Asher, JFD executive vice president; Jill Flambaum, incoming president, JFS; Dory Zatuchni, executive director, JFS; Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, head of school, Albert Einstein Academy; Jay Kogan, incoming president, Albert Einstein Academy; Robin Saran, outgoing president, Albert Einstein Academy; Jeff Metz, executive director, Jewish Community Center; Amy Leviton, immediate past president, Jewish Community Center and David Bernstein, president, JCC. Not pictured are Marlene Milunsky, executive director, Delaware Gratz; David Margules, president, Delaware Gratz.



MEN AND WOMEN OF VISION-Community leaders celebrate the success of the campaign to date. They are: (from left) Richard Stat, Building Committee chair, Community Capital Campaign; Federation President Barry S. Kayne; Seth Bloom, former staff coordinator for the project; John A. Elzufon, immediate past president, JFD and JFD Past Presidents Barbara Schoenberg and Leslie Newman.



WELL DESERVED HONOR-JFD President Barry S. Kayne and Beth Shapiro, daughter of the late Irving S. Shapiro present the inaugural Irving S. Shapiro Community Award to Bernard L. Siegel. Bernie, who moved to Wilmington 49 years ago with his wife, Ruth, was honored for a lifetime of service to numerous agencies and organizations benefitting the Delaware Jewish community and the State of Israel.



MISPOCHA-Guest speaker Avraham Infeld, interim director of Hillel, spoke about the need to define ourselves-educators, volunteers, rabbis, heads of agencies and staff-as members of one large and vibrant Jewish family. To survive and thrive as Jews, according to Infeld, one must follow the teachings of Ruth and say "Your people are my people and your G-d is my G-d." Chatting with Infeld is Hillel Executive Director Susan Detwiler.



CELEBRATING FRIENDSHIP-Honoree Bernie Siegel and Bennett Epstein share a moment during the festivities. Both men served as president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Top Ten summer reads

The hottest selling books of Jewish interest on the internet and across the country compiled by JBooks.com.

The hottest selling books of Jewish interest on the internet and across the country.

1. **STREET DREAMS** by Faye Kellerman **Fiction**. A new Peter Decker/Rina Lazarus mystery from the bestselling Kellerman, in which an Ethiopian-born Jew and the Orthodox Lazarus team up with the Decker family of detectives. (HC)

2. **THE PIANIST** by Wladyslaw Szpilman **Non-fiction**. This

memoir of Holocaust survival inspired Roman Polanski's Oscar-winning movie of the same name. (PB)

3. **THE CRISIS OF ISLAM** by Bernard Lewis **Non-fiction**. A noted scholar of Islam, Lewis surveys the history of the religion as it relates to the development of modern political sentiment in the Middle East. (HC)

4. **GULAG** by Anne Applebaum **Non-fiction**. The first fully documented history of the terrifying Soviet prison and labor camps, written by a former Warsaw corre-

spondent for the Economist. (HC)

5. **SANDY KOUFAX** by Jane Leavy **Non-fiction**. Biography of Koufax, the legendary pitcher and "Great Jewish Hope" of the Brooklyn Dodgers. (HC)

6. **THE COFFEE TRADER** by David Liss **Fiction**. A page-turner set in the Jewish immigrant community of 17th century Amsterdam, about the introduction of an exotic new product, coffee, into the marketplace. (HC)

7. **A PEACE TO END ALL PEACE** by David Fromkin **Non-fiction**. A classic examination of

the political machinations of the early 20th century that created the modern Middle East and led to the current situation. (PB)

8. **LONGITUDES AND ATTITUDES** by Thomas L. Friedman **Non-fiction**. A collection of opinion columns and diary entries on the world before and after September 11th by this Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist. (HC)

9. **SERIOUSLY FUNNY** by Gerald Nachman **Non-fiction**. A look at the stand-up comedians who transformed our notions of

what is funny in the middle of the 20th century, including characters like Woody Allen and Lenny Bruce. (HC)

10. **HATRED'S KINGDOM** by Dore Gold **Non-fiction**. Former Israeli ambassador to the U.N. examines the role of Saudi Arabia in supporting terrorists. (HC)

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Militant Islam reaches America

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Reviewed by Richard Wilkins

We are now engaged in a 'War Against Terrorism'. Surely, though, the enemy is not 'What' but 'Who'. It can, in fact, be very precisely pinpointed: militant Islam. It is, moreover, not only 'over there' but, most definitely, 'over here', as well.

Those are the twin topics of this timely, important book. Daniel Pipes, director of the Philadelphia-based Middle East Forum, was long, though fortunately no longer, a lone voice in the wilderness, warning against a growing, grave danger facing America. That changed with 9/11. There is still, though, too little understanding of the nature of the threat and of the identity of its nurturers, both at home and abroad. This compilation of essays that have appeared over the last decade attempts to provide insightful answers to many pertinent questions.

What, for example, is militant Islam, also known as Islamism? How does it differ, or does it, from normative expressions of Islam? Pipes makes crystal clear that it is indeed very different from a religion he much respects.

Islamism is an aberration, a radical utopian movement, much akin to 20th Century totalitarian ide-

ologies. It is antidemocratic, anti-moderate, anti-Semitic, anti-Western and not willing to co-exist. Though claiming to reclaim the mythic early years of Islam, it "represents a thoroughly modern effort to come to terms with the challenges of modernity". Paradoxically, its hard-core leaders tend themselves to be highly westernized. Of middle or upper-class origins, certainly not the products of poverty, they have studied in the West, particularly the Sciences, and been repelled by it. As another Mideast affairs scholar, Martin Kramer, has written, they "are born-again Muslims, ill-acquainted with Islamic tradition, who often see Islam only as an ideology of power." What they seek is the imposition of Shari'a, Koranic Law, "in its totality, without exception", on all, not just Moslems, under their control.

This is in sharp contrast to traditional Islam, which emphasizes faith and personal piety, rather than one's relation to the state, leadership by independent scholars, and the supremacy of Divine Law over state interests. Islamists' ambitions are global. They even dream of "conquering" America, whether by "revolution or evolution". They are very active in proselytizing, particularly in prisons. There is little to fear from those who adopt a mod-

erate form of Islam; there is much to be concerned about if it is of either the Nation of Islam or militant Islamic variety.

Such conversions often lead to intense hatred for America and a readiness to commit violence against it. Militant Islamists have captured control of the most highly visible American Muslim organizations as well as a significant percentage of mosques. Though the actual size of the American Muslim population has been greatly exaggerated (it is likely 2-3 million), it is growing rapidly. Militant Islamists seek to "match and overtake U.S. Jews in whatever ways count - population size, fund-raising capabilities, or clout in Washington". Soon it may be "in a position to challenge the political well-being and physical security of Jews in the United States". Even now, "nearly every Muslim organization and publication spews forth a blatant and vicious anti-Semitism". al-Qaeda "sleepers", of course, represent a clear and present danger to all Americans.

Pipes presents several suggestions for dealing with this particular problem, without intruding on civil liberties. He also offers a number of other public policy proposals. The great need is for government to skillfully navigate between

the twin temptations of whitewashing, or tarring with a broad-brush, the entire American Muslim community.

Falsely portraying that community as victims of bias, U.S. Militant Islamist-infiltrated institutions have adopted a hyper-aggressive stance. Those who would now comment critically on Islam do so at their peril, risking a deluge of vicious hate mail and worse. The situation is such that the dean of U.S. Mideast scholars, Bernard Lewis, has noted that "an English-language biographer of Jesus has total freedom of speech while his counterpart working on Muhammed feels compelled to follow the pious Muslim version". Such a situation, fears Pipes, means that the U.S. "has taken the first step towards the application of Islamic Law", making taboo non-Muslim comments that Islamists find objectionable.

Pipes, himself, has been a particular object of Islamist fury. Beyond the details he provides here, their current way over-the-top reaction to Pres. Bush's nomi-

nation of him to serve on the board of directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace, rather dramatically demonstrates several of Pipes' theses. Their wild accusations clearly are totally bogus, something which readers of this book will readily recognize. It would be a sad day, indeed, for America if his (and the American Jewish community's) enemies succeed in their slanderous campaign to derail this superb appointment.

Ultimately, the 'War against Terrorism' is really a battle for the soul of Islam. It is a fight in which the involvement of anti-Islamist Muslims will be absolutely critical. So far, unfortunately, they have been mostly AWOL. Yet, only they can do the heavy lifting in "conceptualizing and delivering the anti-bin Laden message, since they alone possess the necessary Islamic credentials and deep understanding of the culture". So as we strive to weaken the "militants", we must also take steps to strengthen the "moderates". Not only abroad, but at home as well.

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FLEA MARKETS AT THE JCC NEWARK

The Jewish Community Center in Newark will hold a Flea Market on the fourth Sunday of July and each consecutive month from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dealers are wanted for outdoor spaces. The cost to rent tables and spaces are just \$15 per space and \$5 per table. In case of rain, the Market will be closed and will reopen on the fourth Sunday of the

following month. Contact Lynda Bell at 302-368-9173 to reserve a space or to receive more information. The JCC Newark is located off I-95 on Route 896 going north, at the intersection of West Park Place and South College Avenue.

Also at the JCC Newark...Join us for a series of monthly summer "Lunch Bunches" sponsored by the Newark Jewish Community Center. On tap is lunch at the Star of India restaurant on Elkton Road on July 23rd and August 27th at TGI Fridays on Rte. 896. Contact Lynda Bell at 302-368-9173 to reserve a seat.

NCJW WILMINGTON SECTION'S ANNUAL FAMILY BARBECUE

The Wilmington Section of the National Council of Jewish Women invites the community to learn more about the organization during a family barbecue on Tuesday, July 29th, 5:30 p.m., at

the JCC Picnic Grove. Enjoy a delicious meal and access to the JCC swimming pool. The cost is \$5 per adult, \$3.50 per child, free for children 2 and under, \$15 max. per family. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Donna Harlev (302) 475-1660 or Shelley Lerman (610) 388-8014. Rain Date: Wednesday, July 30th

ROSH CHODESH GROUP IS FORMING

Jewish Family Service has started a new Rosh Chodesh Group. The Rosh Chodesh Group is a monthly meeting of Jewish women, to explore spirituality, learn about Judaism from a women's perspective, and develop Jewish women friendships. The meetings will take place at JFS in Wilmington, July 1st and the first Tuesday of each month at 12:30pm. There is no charge for attendance. To join this group, please contact: Karen Epstein Townsend, A.C.S.W. at 478-9411.

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GROSS

Jan Gross, 86, Windybush, died June 18th. Predeceased by his son, Michael, he is survived by his wife, Cyra; daughters, Joan Gross, Carol Schaeffer, Lisa Gross, and Jana White; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held on June 20th from Schoenberg Memorial Chapel with private interment.

Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to the Veterans Discretionary Fund at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 1601 Kirkwood Highway,

Wilmington, DE 19805 or F. Milton School of Adult Education, c/o Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803 or to the Great Books Council of Delaware, 101 Delview Drive, Wilmington, DE 19810.

KAUFMAN

Dora Zinman Kaufman, 94, of Forwood Manor, died June 21 at the Wilmington Hospital after a short illness. She was the widow of Charles Kaufman, who died in 1984. She and her husband founded Kaufman Glass Company

which was sold in 1979.

An accomplished painter, sculptor and jewelry designer, she taught art at the Academy of Lifelong Learning at the University of Delaware. She was a member of the Studio Group, Penwomen; CODA and Artist's Equity. Mrs. Kaufman also was a member of the Brandywine Country Club.

She is survived by her daughter, Charlotte Balick; her sister, Rose Reitzes; her grandchildren, Donald Balick and Bonnie Balick; and her great-grandchildren, Daniel Greg and Josh Balick and David

Zinman.

A service in her memory was held on June 24th at Congregation Beth Emeth.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Forwood Manor for their care. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Delaware Kidney Fund, 326 Ruthar Drive, Newark, DE 19713.

WALLACH

Ann M. Wallach, 81, died June 21st. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul and is survived by her children, Bill and his wife, Orly of Newark and Ben and his

wife, Ellen of Schenectady, NY; and beloved grandchildren, Ron and Lee of Newark.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

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CORRECTION

In the last June 13th edition of the Jewish Voice, Claire Wirosloff, widow of Louis Wirosloff, was incorrectly identified. We regret this error and extend condolences to the family.

Leon Uris, author of 'Exodus,' dies

By Peter Ephross

Leon Uris, author of such modern-day Jewish historical fiction as "Exodus," a 600-page novel on the Jewish struggle to establish the State of Israel after World War II, and "Mila 18," a chronicle of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising — people could develop a sympathy for Israel and Jewish history died Saturday in New York at 78 of renal failure.

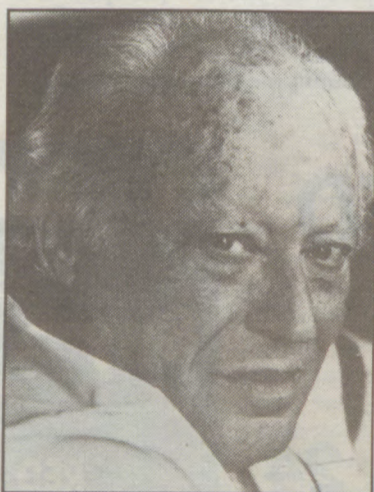
Uris' parents were immigrants from the Russian Empire. His father had spent a year in Palestine before moving to the United States, and derived his surname, Uris, from Yerushalmi, meaning Jerusalemite, according to The

New York Times.

The story of European immigrants making their way to Palestine and establishing the State of Israel was the basis of "Exodus."

The story makes heroes of the Jewish underground fighters trying to smuggle Jews into Palestine in the years leading up to the creation of the State of Israel — and uses this tale to retell Jewish history and Zionism of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

"The mythic Israel he presented is still the mythic Israel in the heads of many American Jews," said Sanford Pinsker, the Shadok professor of humanities at Franklin



Leon Uris

and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa.

"Exodus" was translated into dozens of languages and even smuggled into Communist Eastern Europe.

"'Exodus' has been the Bible of the Jewish dissident movement in Russia. It's referred to as 'The Book,'" he once told The Associated Press.

It later was made into a movie by Otto Preminger.

Uris was born in Baltimore and grew up in Norfolk, Va.

"I used to think of myself as a very sad little Jewish boy, undersized, asthmatic," he once said.

His father was a storekeeper whom Uris remembered as a failure — which he said motivated him to succeed.

"I think I can say that from earliest memory I was determined not to be a failure," he said.

Uris quit high school soon after Pearl Harbor and joined the Marines. He served as a radio operator in the campaigns at Guadalcanal and Tarawa.

His last book, "O'Hara's Choice," a love story involving the history of the Marines, is slated to be published in October.

Uris was married three times and had five children.

NACHAS NOOK

Hadassah presents Leadership Awards

Carol Schneider has been named a recipient of the Seventeenth Annual Hadassah National Leadership Award. This award honors members whose leadership accomplishments within Hadassah and other civic, educational and cultural organizations reflect Hadassah's dedication to the principles of the volunteer ethic.

"The future of Hadassah, indeed of the Jewish people the world over, rest on committed, concerned and educated Jewish leadership," said Bonnie Lipton, National President of Hadassah. "I am pleased to welcome Carol Schneider to the family of outstanding women who have built our organization and given of

themselves to create a better world. I know she has already proven herself worthy of the Hadassah National Leadership Award and will continue to contribute her time and talent so that the future will be as glorious as we envision it."

As a member of the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah, Carol has served as Recording Secretary and currently holds two positions: Bulletin Editor and Book Group chairperson. In addition to Hadassah, Carol is corresponding secretary of the Beth Emeth Sisterhood, and volunteers at the U of DE Academy of Life Long Learning.

She is married to Ed Schneider.



They are the parents of Ryan (Jennifer) and Julie, and the proud grandparents of Lily and Gray.

Carol personifies today's Hadassah woman," said Cheryl Kamm, Wilmington Chapter co-president. "We all share a sense of pride for this tribute that she truly deserves."

Deborah Mannis-Gardner (winner of the Myrna L. Rubenstein Young Leadership Award), Carol Schneider (winner of the National Leadership Award), and Harvey Rubenstein (husband of the late Myrna Rubenstein)

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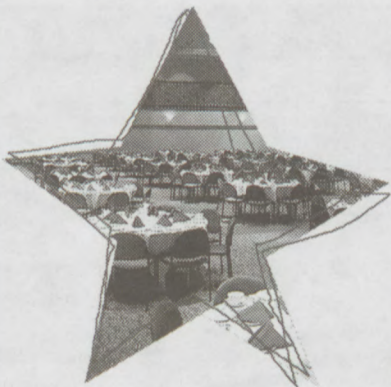
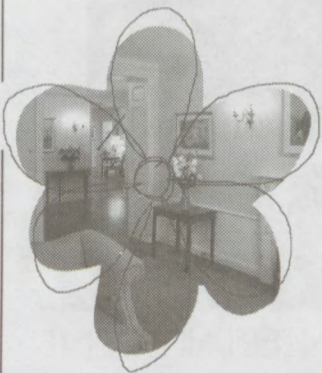
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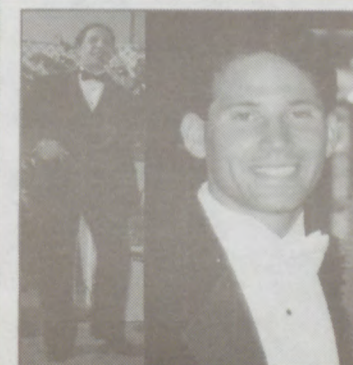


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