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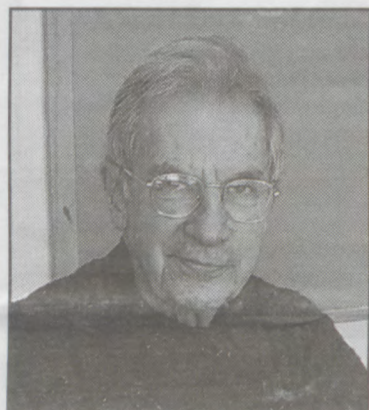
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MELTON GRADUATES TO HONOR NORMAN SCHUTZMAN

By Marion Hamermesh

As the members of the pioneer class of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School celebrate their historic graduation, they will honor Norman Schutzman for bringing this internationally renowned School to Delaware. Known to his friends as Sonny, he has been continually engaged in learning and study through the Great Books and Jewish Great Books programs, the Yiddish



Norman Schutzman

Book Center, the Academy of Lifelong Learning and synagogue-sponsored programs especially at Beth Shalom. When he read about the Melton School, he wanted to have that experience available to the Wilmington community. He met with community leaders—both lay and clerical—to realize this goal.

Now, 21 students who have spent two years studying the ideas and texts that are the foundation of understanding Jewish life will honor Sonny for his extraordinary efforts on their behalf at their graduation ceremonies. In appreciation, they have established the Norman Schutzman Fund for Melton at the Jewish Community Center of Delaware. This Fund, will help provide the Melton School in Delaware with the educational resources required to run a first-rate adult education program. Contributions to this Fund are welcome in honor of Sonny Schutzman or any of the Melton Graduates pictured above.

The community is invited to attend graduation ceremonies on



Members of the Melton Class of 2003 include: First Row: Marion Hamermesh, Melton Director; Barry Wexler, Cyra Gross, Barbara Yalisove, Ruth Forman, Arline Silverman, Dina Lipschultz, Amy Leviton, Brooke Carroll, Deane Kattler, Rosemary Russell, Jacob Hoffman; Second Row: Jerry Aerenson, Judy Seltzer, Wendy Shlossman, Toni Young, Sara Bleemer, Marci Aerenson, Fred Mannis, Sonny Schutzman. Not pictured are Susan Jones and Sophie Longwill.

Thursday, May 22nd, 7:00 p.m. at the Delaware JCC. For more

information about the Fund, Melton ceremonies, please call me at 302-478-5660, ext. 201.

CELEBRATE ISRAEL'S 55TH BIRTHDAY!

The State of Israel is turning 55 and the entire Delaware Jewish community is invited to join in the celebration of this milestone event. The Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Delaware Jewish Community Center will stage a festive anniversary party for the Jewish State on Tuesday, May 20, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the JCC, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington. There will be no admission charge and the sponsors guarantee fun for the entire family!

"The event will be a feast for the eyes, spirits and stomachs of all participants," said Ivy Harlev, JCC staff Coordinator, explaining that program highlights include exhibits from Israeli artists representing Jaffa's Showcase, unique Israeli gift items and Judaica and an

authentic Israeli buffet dinner. The cost for this bountiful feast is just \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

Amalia Snyderman, a sabra, who is coordinating the event for the Jewish Federation of Delaware, is excited to welcome Yoel Mester, Vice-Consul of the Consulate General of Israel in Philadelphia, who will update the audience on the current situation in the Mid-East. Immediately following opening ceremonies for this Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration, Don Schillinger will "get the party started" with Israeli dancing for all ages.

During the celebration, the JCC will show visitors its brand-new interactive map of Israel. This 15 foot wide, 30 foot long map

includes 80 beautiful 3-D photos of Israel and a wide variety of board games and activities that make learning about the Jewish State fun and exciting.

For more information about the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration on May 20th, please call Amalia Snyderman at 302-427-2100, ext. 30 or Ivy Harlev at 302-478-5660.

Program supporters for this community event include Albert Einstein Academy, Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation, Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware, Congregation Beth Emeth, Congregation Beth Shalom, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Hadassah, Jewish Family Service of Delaware, Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, NCJW, ORT and Temple Beth El.

BRITISH JEWS WARNED ABOUT ISLAMISTS

By Andrew Morris, JTA

The discovery that the suicide bomber who killed three people in a Tel Aviv pub last week was British hasn't surprised either Jewish community or government security sources.

Asif Mohammed Hanif, a 21-year-old university student from west London, blew himself up outside Mike's Place on the Tel Aviv beach promenade.

Omar Khan Sharif, a 27-year-old from Derby in the English Midlands, fled the scene after his explosive belt failed to detonate. As of Thursday he was still at large.

Both held British passports. Hanif is believed to be the first foreign suicide bomber in Israel, as well as the first British citizen to carry out a suicide attack.

"This has been on the cards for some time," an unnamed senior British security source told the London Evening Standard. "We

knew this would happen one day."

A spokeswoman for the Community Security Trust, British Jewry's official security organization, told JTA that Islamic extremist groups based in Britain continue to encourage British Muslims to become suicide bombers as part of a jihad, or holy war, against Israel and the Jewish people.

"Demonstrations in the U.K. have seen Muslims dressed as mock suicide bombers, chanting 'Bomb, bomb Tel Aviv,' and flying the Hamas and Hezbollah flags," the spokeswoman said.

"Extremist organizations such as al-Muhajiroun" — a London-based Islamist organization that recruits extensively on university campuses — "have called for years for young Muslims in the U.K. to do jihad training," she said. "These groups perceive suicide bombing to be a legitimate form of resistance. This act is the culmination of these calls to jihad."

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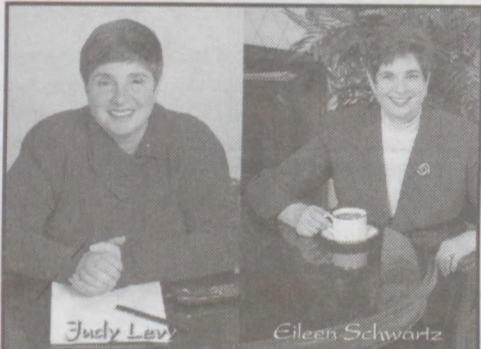
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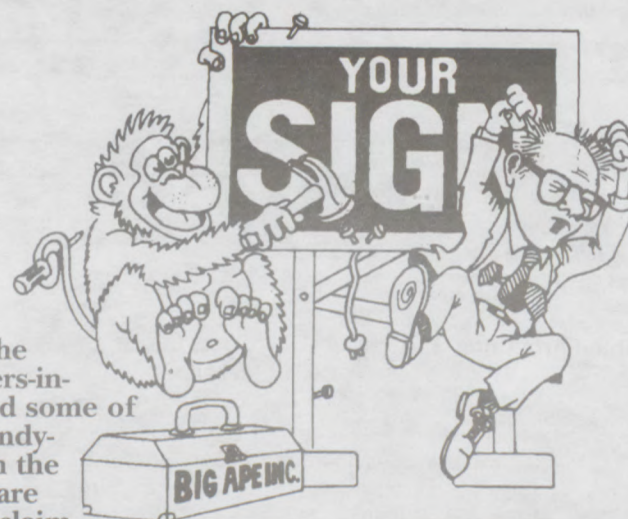
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Celebrating Life's Milestones

We Jews truly are "the People of the Book." As infants, we are brought to the bimah to be entered into the covenant of Jewish peoplehood with the hope that we lead lives blessed by "Torah, Chuppah and Acts of Loving Kindness."

Several years later, when children begin their formal Jewish education, they are consecrated during special ceremonies on Simchat Torah.

This commitment to Jewish education is reinforced locally through organizations like Albert Einstein Academy, the Brandywine Valley's only Jewish day school and Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, whose extraordinary graduates are highlighted on Page 12 of this edition. Read their bios and kvell that these talented, accomplished young men and women have elected to make room for Jewish learning in

their hectic lives.

In this edition we pay tribute to our Jewish youth who will be confirmed during Shavuot ceremonies at area synagogues. How appropriate that we honor these future Jewish leaders during a holiday marked by study sessions which burn the midnight oil.

Mazel Tov to all of our area graduates and confirmands. May you continue your studies at The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, the Center for Jewish Learning at the University of Delaware and other institutions that will quench your thirst for Jewish education.

Lynn B. Edelman

Shabbat Shalom,
Lynn B. Edelman

Myths and Facts about Israel

MYTH #97

"The Geneva Convention prohibits the construction of Jewish settlements in occupied territories."

FACT

The Fourth Geneva Convention prohibits the forcible transfer of people of one state to the territory of another state that it has occupied as a result of a war. The intention was to insure that local populations who came under occupation would not be forced to move. This is in no way relevant to the settlement issue. Jews are not being forced to go to the West Bank and Gaza Strip; on the contrary, they are voluntarily moving back to places where they, or their ancestors, once lived before being expelled by others. In addition, those territories never legally belonged to either Jordan or Egypt, and certainly not to the Palestinians, who were never the sovereign authority in any part of Palestine. "The Jewish right of settlement in the area is equivalent in every way to the right of the local population to live there," according to Professor Eugene Rostow, former Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs (American Journal of International Law, 1990, vol. 84, p. 72).

As a matter of policy, moreover, Israel does not requisition private land for the establishment of settlements. Housing construction is allowed on private land only after determining that no private rights will be violated. The settlements also do not displace Arabs living in the territories. The media sometimes gives the impression that for every Jew who moves to the West Bank, several hundred Palestinians are forced to leave. The truth is that the vast majority of settlements have been built in uninhabited areas and even the handful established in or near Arab towns did not force any Palestinians to leave.

Source: *Myths & Facts Online — A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict* by Mitchell G. Bard, <http://www.JewishVirtualLibrary.org>. This is presented as a public service by the Hasbara Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Support all touched by terrorism

When we hear of a terrorist attack in Israel, it is natural that we first listen for how many Jews have lost their lives. The circle of the victims of terror just begins with those who are killed. Even as Israel deliberates how to battle and defeat terrorism, we must not forget the thousands of families who have been its most direct victims.

Faced with this horror, many, like us in Delaware, have been asking what we can do. We have staged street demonstrations and rallies, written letters to newspapers and have contacted our congressmen—actions that have proven to be clearly effective, both politically and emotionally.

Politically, the rallies reminded decision makers on both sides of the Atlantic that Arab terrorism is provoking not only the State of Israel but also world Judaism as a whole. Emotionally, they proved to the people of Israel that, even when hammered by Arabs, and threatened by Europeans, they are not alone in their struggle to survive and flourish in a vicious Middle East.

Now leaders from across the American

Jewish landscape—Orthodox, Conservative and Reform—have come together to launch the "Adopt a Family Project." This program seeks to match Israeli terror victims and their families with Jewish institutions in the United States to offer both financial and emotional assistance. The importance of this initiative for the victims, the Israeli people and the Jews of the Diaspora, can hardly be exaggerated.

Wilmington's Congregation Beth Emeth has agreed to help the family of Sergeant Steven Kenigsberg who was killed by Palestinian gunmen in the Gaza Strip. His death has caused his family dire emotional stress.

We have been in regular contact with the family and several Beth Emeth congregants plan to visit them in Israel this summer. If you would like to participate in this program, please contact me at NateBarnett@webtv.net.

Nathan Barnett
Wilmington

PARSHA PLACE

Week of May 10

Emor

Leviticus 21:1-24:23

"AN EYE FOR AN EYE."

Dennis S. Ross

It has been said that under the law written in this week's parashah, Emor, "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" (Leviticus 24:20), everyone gets hurt. But Jews read the Torah with the help of the Rabbis. They say that far from being bloody and punitive, the edict "an eye for an eye" is a law with a heart. Viewed in a historic context, "an eye for an eye" is actually quite an advance over the methods of punishment that were prevalent 3,000 years ago in the ancient Near East.

In many Fertile Crescent societies, people took the law into their own hands: The victim personally punished his or her attacker. But under the legal innovation of "an eye for an eye," a crime against an individual becomes a crime against society, with the government stepping in as the objective judge.

In an era when people were tempted to punish an injury tenfold, "an eye for an eye" limited punishment for "an eye" to only "an eye," nothing more, thus preventing retribution from getting out of control.

Whereas nations throughout the ancient Near East inflicted greater punishment for harming a noble than for harming a commoner, in the courts of ancient Israel, under the egalitarian "a life for a life," every life was worth the same.

Of course, no system is perfect. Clearly, we can't put a realistic price on "a pound of flesh," and there are problems with today's system of liability law. Still, the point is that "an eye for an eye" is not as bloody and brutal as it may seem.

Finally, let's examine this law on another level. Human rulers wrote the legal codes that existed throughout the ancient Near East, but the Torah tells us that it comes from God. And isn't this the essence of the Torah's "an eye for an eye"? The human body belongs not to people and not to us, not to the perpetrator and not to the victim. According to the Torah, the body belongs to God. It is only in trust to us, a trust that we honor by providing for its safety, security, and respect.

Rabbi Dennis S. Ross of Temple Anshe Amunim in Pittsfield, MA, is the author of *The Ten Commandments: From the Shadow of Eden to the Promise of Canaan*.

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FEDERATION FOCUS

A message from the Federation executive



Samuel H. Asher
Executive Vice President

Allocations 101

What happens to the money raised in the annual campaign?

Does the Allocations Committee consult with an astrologer in order to determine where the increases go? Do they have a magic formula that meets every need?

Far from it. Every year a group of diligent volunteers meets to review the requests of beneficiary agencies and has the burden of trying to help as many needy people at home and abroad as possible.

This year, Suzanne Grant and Eileen Conner have assumed the mantle of co-chairs of the Allocations process. Their committee of volunteers will meet with agencies and organizations to determine how best to divide the monies raised in the Federation's 2003 campaign. Some will get increases in their allocations and

other might not. Generally, there are far more needs than there are resources to meet them.

The nice thing, this year, is that Don Parsons and Carol Rothschild, co-chairs of the 2003 Annual Campaign, and all of our campaign workers, have been successful at marshalling resources. We are holding a 15% increase in this year's campaign on a card-by-card comparison. Mazel Tov to them for helping to build our community.

However we cannot let this opportunity pass us by. If you have not yet made your pledge to the 2003 campaign you must do it now and you must consider an increase. This is the only way we can help the Allocations

Committee meet the community needs.

I have been doing this work for over 24 years. I even served as a director of planning and budgeting for the first ten of those years. But I will admit that I enjoy raising the money more than spending the money. Don't get me wrong; I do marvel in the impact of our funding on our community and in Israel. But, since there isn't always enough money to go around, and most - if not all - of the requests deserve funding, the prospect of making Solomonic decisions is not one that I cherish. Do you fund half of a teacher? Do you send half of a teen to a young leadership conference? Do you provide one less meal to the elder-

ly? Do you send less welfare relief to Argentinean Jews who are confronted with a collapsed economy?

Our Allocations Committee will finish their deliberations in June. Their recommendations go to the Board in the middle of June. You can participate in this process by making your contribution now. Your increased pledge can help us increase the number of programs that we fund. We will be a better community if we fund more scholarships for children who enroll in Jewish education programs. We will be a better community if more teens are engaged in Jewish life. We will be a better community if we continue to help Israel through its present crisis. It's all up to you!

Jewish Fund for the Future distributes over \$415,000 in grants



Jennifer Young
Endowment Director

The Jewish Fund for the Future provides tangible benefits to organizations in Delaware and

beyond. Grants from our participating philanthropic and endowment funds totaled over \$415,000 during the calendar year 2002. Distributions went to charitable organizations, ranging from our local Jewish beneficiary agencies and campaigns (Albert Einstein Academy, Gratz Hebrew High School, Hillel at University of Delaware, Jewish Community Center, The Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, JFD Annual Campaign, and the Community Capital Campaign), to local and national Jewish organizations, United Jewish Communities projects in Israel, and secular organizations.

Over \$200,000 of last year's grants came from Philanthropic funds. Like donor advised funds, a

Philanthropic fund at the Jewish Fund for the Future can assist donors with their charitable giving by handling all of the grant distributions. Donors can establish a named philanthropic fund at the Jewish Fund for the Future with any amount of money, as long as a minimum of \$5,000 is maintained in the fund. Donors may recommend distributions to qualified 501(c)3 organizations and the Jewish Fund for the Future handles all the administrative work. Grant checks are sent to the charity notifying them of the donor's recommendation. We keep track of all the distributions and additions to the donor's philanthropic fund and provide quarterly reports. A philanthropic fund can

be established with cash or securities and offers considerable tax advantages. Establishing a philanthropic fund is less burdensome than establishing a private foundation.

A Philanthropic fund enables the donor to create a permanent legacy that lives on in the community. Donors can nominate their children to make grants, now, or as their successor. A gift to the Jewish Fund for the Future fulfills an obligation to the mitzvah of giving—and provides for future generations.

If you are interested in finding out more about how you can set up a philanthropic fund, or have questions about other types of endowment funds you can estab-



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lish, such as a Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (PACE), Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE), or unrestricted or restricted endowment fund, please contact Jennifer S. Young at the Jewish Fund for the Future, (302) 427-2100 ext. 19 or jennifer.young@shalomdel.org.

Building community with Jimmy Buffet



Todd Polikoff
Campaign Director

Like many of the members of our community at this time of year, my wife and I have begun to partake in the annual brain teaser that is visualizing the setting for our summer vacation. We want to go somewhere relaxing, but not

the same as everyone else. Usually the planning process begins with multiple visits to various travel websites with no conclusion. Then we reach for "Old faithful"... the Jimmy Buffett CD collection. We are huge fans of "Jimmy" because his music allows us to visualize the ideal setting for our vacation, which usually includes a beach, fruity drinks and a big palm tree.

My wife and I are not alone in our visualization deficiency. It is a huge hurdle for many of us. The repetition of life does not allow us to make an easy leap from the usual to the unusual. It is the reason we hire travel agents for our vacations and interior decorators for our homes. Like Jimmy Buffett these professionals help us to shift our paradigm from every day surroundings to a new, fresh and hopefully relaxing environment.

While the Jewish Federation does not plan vacations, it does plan community. JFD is the only organization in Delaware that is charged with the responsibility of assessing and addressing the needs of the Jewish community of Delaware, Israel and 59 other Jewish communities around the world. JFD, its board and agencies design the blueprint of our future Jewish community; it is the task of the members of our community to implement the design. While it is important to have community members who are willing to donate their time, this task takes a financial commitment.

Through the success of the JFD Community Capital Campaign we have begun to break ground and build the facilities of the future for our community. Now that the CCC portion of the design is being implemented, we must focus

also on the JFD Annual Campaign. Without the Annual Campaign we will be constructing buildings that will remain half-empty. We need to ensure that those facilities will be full with enriching, inspiring and incredible programs and people...that is the function of the JFD Annual Campaign. It is the reason we call on Super Sunday, send mailings throughout the year and hold events.

The vision for the future of our community does not belong to

JFD, it belongs to the community. JFD has made the vision a reality, now we ask that the community help sustain it for future generations...we ask that you consider an increased gift to the JFD Annual Campaign. Please consider making your increased gift today.

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to his family.

INSIDE DELAWARE

Markells honored with Jewish Community Leadership Award

William and Elaine "Leni" Markell received the University of Delaware's Jewish Community Leadership Award at the annual Hillel Donor Recognition Reception held Sunday, April 13. The event helped to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Abe and Pearl Kristol Hillel Student Center on campus.

"The Jewish Community Leadership Award is given to those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to UD and its community of Jewish students, faculty and staff," said Susan Detwiler, executive director of Hillel.

University Provost Dan Rich cited the Markells for leading lives which "exemplify the values of personal integrity and community service." He added that they have played a vital role in the UD community and in the revitalization of Hillel.

William Markell, Arthur Andersen Alumni Professor Emeritus of Accounting, was the

first chairperson of the University's Department of Accounting and Management Information Systems and was instrumental in achieving full accreditation for the accounting program. Upon his retirement from the University, the William Markell Scholarship Fund was created to provide educational support for undergraduate accounting students who have demonstrated commitment to education and service to the profession and community.

Elaine "Leni" Markell has been instrumental in helping to create the Abe and Pearl Kristol Hillel Student Center while maintaining an active social work practice and a full calendar of volunteer activities.

The award was presented to the Markells by their son Jack, who is serving his second term as Delaware State Treasurer.

The recipient of the leadership award is chosen each year by the Board of Directors of the Hillel Student Center and approved by the Office of University Relations, sponsors of the reception.



William and Elaine "Leni" Markell hold the Jewish Community Leadership Award with (from left) Susan Detwiler, executive director of UD's Hillel Student Center, Hillel President Daniel Kristol, Provost Dan Rich and Jack Markell, the Markells' son and Delaware state treasurer.

Also participating in the program were Daniel Kristol, president of the Hillel Board of directors; Michael Samuels, board president-elect; and Tammy Lew, vice-president of the

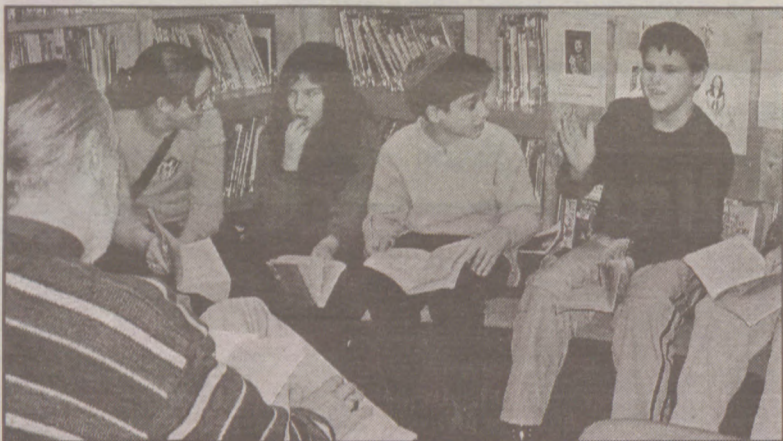
Hillel student board.

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For additional information about Hillel, please call Susan Detwiler at 453-0479.

The Jewish season and educational integration



Albert Einstein Academy students Sylvia Boyd, Anna Moss, Sam Finkelman, Zachary Chadwick with principal Michael Brassloff.

By Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt
Albert Einstein Academy Head of School

We have recently observed the holiday of Passover with all of its symbolism, foods and the Seder ceremony. We Jews are commanded to tell the story of our rescue from

slavery and journey to freedom during this festival and to remember the events of the exodus every single day. What is the difference between telling and remembering?

Before the Yiskor service on the last day of Pesach, the rabbi of Keshet Israel in the Georgetown

section of Washington D.C. addressed this topic which is relevant to education. He said that the telling of the story enables us to recite with intricate details the Israelite experience as slaves and the miraculous exodus from Egypt. We tell the story to the very young and unsophisticated through the elders and wise ones of the community. In Israel this happens once a year (only one Seder) and in the diaspora, many Jews observe two Seders. Reform Jews observe one Seder.

But, the question arises as to what happens the rest of the year. Each day when we recite the shema, we remember the exodus. Each Friday night when we recite the kiddush, we do the same thing. Telling the story educates us; a daily remembrance changes the way that we live.

That event so shaped the nationality of the Jewish people that it must impact our daily lives as well.

We must be kind to others, we must practice justice, give tzedakah, revel in our educational opportunities, enjoy our sweet holidays and weekly reprieve from work on Shabbat because we know what it was like to be forced into slavery—our lives and decisions not our own.

A few weeks ago we observed Black History month and our Einstein librarian, Elly Alexander, showed me a beautiful book that she read to the children about Rosa Parks. Beautifully illustrated and told on a child's level, we teach the children about the evils of modern slavery and the bravery of Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr. and others who risked their lives with civil disobedience to pave the way for equality.

In *If a Bus Could Talk* by Faith Ringgold, a little girl asks Rosa Parks, "What gave you such a strong belief in freedom?"

"My belief in freedom goes way back to the days when my mother used to sing the old Negro spiritual, 'O Freedom Over Me,'" she told the little girl. The song goes, "Oh freedom, O freedom O freedom O

freedom O freedom over me and before I'd be a slave I'd be buried in my grave and go home to my Lord and be free."

The power of a mother's song provided the strength of character for Rosa Parks to defy the law of segregation that December day in 1955 in Alabama — that day which led to the Civil Rights movement. Jews were in the forefront of that movement together with their African American brothers and sisters, perhaps propelled by the words of the Haggadah — *avadim ha'anenu* — we were slaves in the land of Egypt and now we are free, or mandated by the daily obligation of remembering what it was like to be a slave and to decide to act on that experience.

We teach our young children about our heritage. We give them knowledge but we give them something much more powerful. We give them the impetus to act on their knowledge — to make the world a better place. We call that *tikkun olam* — repairing the world, so that the next generation might find it a better place.

Standing room only crowd hears survivor's unique story

By Joel Glazier

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee rededicated its extensive collection of Holocaust related books and videos at the newly opened Brandywine Hundred Library on Foulk Road in Wilmington. The new library was also the setting for the Preston Memorial Fund's annual lecture by author Eva Mozes Kor, a survivor of Dr. Josef Mengele's diabolical medical experiments on twins conducted at Auschwitz. During her standing room only presentation entitled "Echoes from Auschwitz," Mrs. Kor spoke about the destructive effects of anti-

Semitism and other expressions of prejudice and her own personal decision to forgive her tormentors "so that I could become a Survivor rather than remain a Victim."

Among those in attendance at the May 4th program were Dr. George Preston and David Preston, the husband and son respectively of Halina Wind Preston, an organizer of the Holocaust Education Committee that bears her name. The late Mrs. Preston was instrumental in establishing the Garden of the Righteous Gentiles at the Jewish Community Center to memorialize the Christians who had saved her and other Delaware survivors.

The Committee, which is under the auspices of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, offers educational resources for the entire community and programming for educators to prepare them to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to their students.

The Committee will sponsor a bus trip for teachers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum this summer. For additional information, please call Amalia Snyderman, at 302-427-2100, ext. 30.

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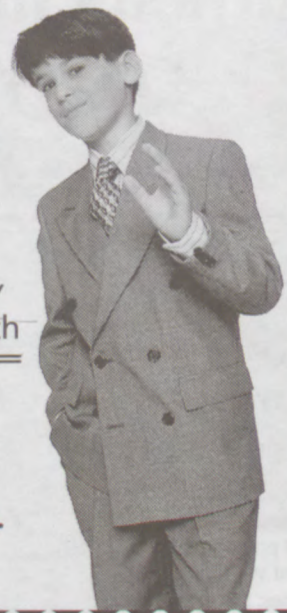
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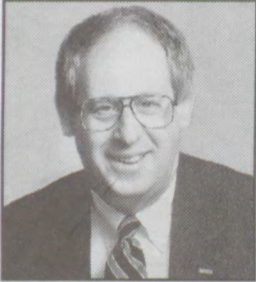
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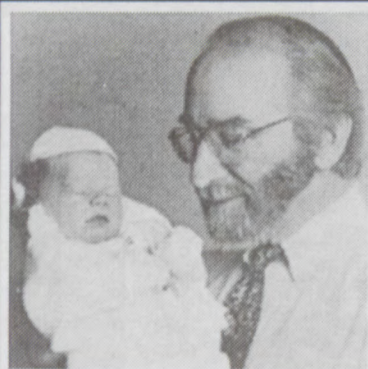
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ISRAEL REFLECTIONS

Challenges at 55: peace, reform and security

By Zalman Shoval

Fifty-five years is not a very long time in historical terms – especially when talking about a people who have been around for thousands of years. But the balance sheet of those 55 years has certainly been impressive.

Not everything went the way our founding fathers had hoped for. They believed in peace, but Israel was invaded by seven Arab armies the day it was founded, and there have been six wars since then – the latest being Yasser Arafat's "Al-Aksa Intifada."

The basic reason for all those wars was that the Arab world refused to recognize the Jewish people's right to a national homeland in an area they consider to be exclusively their own. But as we look back – the drama of the Jewish people has made the rebirth of the State of Israel, in spite of all the obstacles, an epic poem without precedent or comparison in the annals of history.

Some things were obviously lost on the way, though not altogether – the spirit of egalitarianism, for instance. And some would say that there is insufficient concern these days for social justice, though others would reply, correctly, that, Israel allocates proportionately more for social and welfare payments than any other country in the West. So, why are

there still so many poor people?

Which brings me to the first challenge that Israel faces on its 55th anniversary: How to reform its economy and do away with its historical and often politically motivated "baggage" of bureaucracy – so as to make the economy grow and at the same time improve the lot of the underprivileged?

Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is currently trying to do just that. But his – actually our – chances of success will depend, first, on the determination of the government as a whole to overcome the opposition of vested interests and second, on two factors that are largely beyond our control: ending the international economic recession and changing the political and security situation.

Which brings us to the other major challenge facing Israel today: peace and security.

America's important victory in Iraq has removed a major threat to the peace of the world – not least, of course, to Israel. If, indeed, the United States will pursue President Bush's declared aim of fighting all those who engage in or support terror – Syria, Iran and Libya rank first and foremost among those – the Middle East may actually become a less dangerous neighborhood.

But we are not yet there, and

lest one forgets – Arab-Islamist terror, like fascism and communism before it, is not out to reform, but to destroy. Therefore, for the world to breathe more easily, those who preach and perpetuate terror who must be destroyed.

Next to America, Israel is one of the terrorists' most hated targets because it represents the values and principles most obnoxious to them – including democracy, human rights and equality for women.

Major parts of the Palestinian national movement still are an integral part of the international brotherhood of evil and violence – though, hopefully, the United States victory over Saddam Hussein will persuade them to abandon violence and give peace a chance.

There is a lot of talk these days about the "road map." Will it work? Won't it work? It's too early to tell.

There are some parts in this road map that suggest that more than one cook had a hand in it. And surely the non-American members of the "Quartet" (the European Union, Russia, the United Nations) not only have their own political and economic interests in the Middle East, but the way they behaved in connection with Iraq should make one

wonder about the role they should play in the peace process.

At the heart of the road map lies the expectation that in a few short years from now there would arise a "democratic, viable Palestinian state living in peace alongside Israel." But what if it will turn out to be just another undemocratic, brutal, aggressive rogue state like so many others in the region?

In other words, before there can be any movement on the largely uncharted terrain of the road map, there will have to be a real change in the Palestinian leadership. New names are not enough. New deeds are required. And there must be an absolute end – "orever," as Bush has said – to Palestinian terror, violence and incitement.

No less important, Israel should not be required to agree a priori, even in principle, to Palestinian statehood unless the Palestinians abandon once and for all the "right of return" – which is another term for annihilating Israel by flooding it with hundreds of thousands of "refugees."

All of the above aren't just political preconditions; they are natural prerequisites to give the road map any realistic chance of success.

Basically, the United States and Israel have the same strategic

interests and the same aims – though there could be differing attitudes on one or more issue. Considering the vast amount of mutual goodwill and the understanding that Israel enjoys as to its vital interests with so many parts of American public opinion, not least the administration itself and Congress, such differences should not be allowed to develop into unnecessary and unhelpful disagreements.

All said, and in spite of the fact that the chances for peace may be more propitious than they have been since before the "Oslo debacle," Israel's security for a long time to come will still depend on its ability to defend itself and on its close strategic alliance with the United States.

Indeed, the close ties between the United States and Israel may be deemed an important American strategic interest as well – especially in light of the unstable internal situation in some of America's traditional Arab allies – not a few of them, as recent events proved, being fair-weather friends at best.

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Challenges at 55: it's time to set borders

By A. B. Yehoshua

The 55th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel is not a round-number date, bearing the symbolic significance that makes it inviting to compose special summaries and forecasts.

Nonetheless, it can be of real significance if Israel, in its current governmental and social composition, should decide to bestow significance and meaning upon it.

A number of dramatic developments in the past year, internationally and domestically, provide the state with the strength and capability to adopt a different, better way in the coming year, to rescue itself from the deep crisis in which it has been shuffling its feet for the past two years.

If I were to formulate the essence of my remarks in one sentence, I would say the following: Finally, the hour has arrived for the State of Israel to position and clarify its borders. First and foremost, the territorial boundary between Israel and the Palestinians; and the time has also come to define the boundaries of Israeli nationalism.

These new borders would beget a more appropriate and genuine settlement between the Jewish religion and Israeli nationalism. From that point it should be possible, in the foreseeable future, to legislate a written constitution for Israel that would better put together the fabric of social and economic relations.

These dramatic and necessary

steps are not a utopian vision. There is presently a clear majority, politically and ideologically, that would allow for the demarcation of these boundaries. And if Israel, in its 55th year, initiates this process, this negligible, non-round-number year is likely to be remembered as a key year.

Since the Six-Day War, the State of Israel has excelled in its flexible and efficient political ability to continue the status of non-determination of essential issues. High and piercing talk referred the public to the future, but in the present, everyone comforts one another by dragging on with this indeterminate status.

There has been a very sophisticated ability to sustain some kind of temporary social and governmental modus vivendi for conflicting trends running through Israeli reality. And this, all for some kind of shalom bayit – or domestic harmony – real or imaginary, which swept the most important questions under the carpet.

The fear of a civil war, in which Jewish independence came to an end 2,000 years ago, deterred many from entering into the heart of the problem of peace and the territories. The famous statement by Moshe Dayan after the Six-Day War, "I am waiting for a telephone call from the Arabs," became a cornerstone of Israeli policy, leaving to Arab initiative to determine the arrival of the

most important and critical hour for the state – the hour for determining the final borders.

But in the last few years, some of the repressed questions burst through the surface in a dangerous and frightening way, and they endanger not only security, but the sociopolitical fabric of the society that has been sustained here through years of hard work. Therefore, the hour has come to simply make the determination.

Today, in Israel there are clear political forces capable of implementing the determinations without fear from anyone. There is a right-wing government, headed by a multi-powerful prime minister who had been considered part of the extreme right and today clearly admits that he recognizes the fact that Israel cannot rule over another people forever – and that in the end, a Palestinian state will be established. A prime minister like this has a clear majority for new policy.

Accordingly, the first deed that has to be done this year is to define a clear political boundary between us and the Palestinians – whether by mutual agreement, which still seems virtually impossible, or by unilateral Israeli withdrawal. Perhaps this first boundary, with official passages existing at each border control point, will not be congruent at all points with the final border. However, they will mark the beginning of the clear separation between

two national entities – the intempering of which has become intolerable, and the major reason for the ease with which terror can run rampant in Israel.

Zionism means borders. This fundamentally changes the classic Jewish situation of perpetually living without borders, and constantly crossing borders.

Following two and a half years of a bloody, murderous intifada, both sides implore for separation, exhausted by empty words about possible coexistence, integrating the blood cycles of the two nations for yet more bloodletting – one of the other.

The occupation of Iraq by the coalition forces, and the realistic possibility for replacing the heinous regime of Saddam Hussein with a democratic regime that will not be inclined toward war against Israel, removed a major threat. This will allow Israel to be much more relaxed and secure in a unilateral withdrawal from the West Bank.

The physical, territorial border will also better facilitate the cohesion of a national Israeli identity, and the creation of a more appropriate and healthy relationship between the Jewish majority and the other minorities – different religious and national minorities.

The fact that a distinctly moderate, secular party, Shinui – with separation of religion and state engraved on its banner – won so many votes

in the last elections not only allowed it to be a distinguished partner in the current government, but also to stipulate its sitting in the government on the condition that the ultra-Orthodox parties not be included.

This opens a new and fascinating possibility for Israel to work out a more ethical balance of relations that traverses the span of religious and secular members of the society. No more parasitism of entire religious sectors on the back of the secular public, but rather relations of equality that will demarcate clearer boundaries between religion and politics, between legitimate cultural activity that relies on the traditions of the Jewish people and perpetual economic parasitism.

These dramatic reforms are not a dream, but rather a possible reality. For the first time, there is a clear political majority in the Knesset that can not only bring about the realization of these changes, but also well understands that if these new borders are not put in place, the deteriorating security will continue to accelerate economic decline – and the poverty, unemployment and terrorism will result in the disintegration of the new Israeli nationalism, created from the hard work of the founding fathers.

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JEWISH LIFECYCLES

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By Barry Wexler

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After a child's B'nai Mitzvah, further study and learning is strongly encouraged. Indeed B'nai

Mitzvot is not viewed as an end point to ones Jewish learning, but rather as a stepping stone to further understanding. It was quite reasonably thought, that the fertile young minds of our 16 year olds were far more capable of grasping the sometimes complex and difficult concepts of Judaism. Confirmation was born out of a desire to encourage further education. Through an advanced program of sacred study, communal worship and deeds of loving kindness, our young people prepare themselves to again relive the experience of revelation.

Confirmation is also referred to as "graduation" or the more Jewish-sounding "Bikkurim". Some refer to confirmands as "Sar Torah".

The actual ceremony can be most moving and impressive. The young men and women, attired in white or blue robes, march down the aisle. The whole sense of the ceremony is a recreation of a sense of standing at the foot of Mount Sinai. A standard feature of the service is the floral offering, reminiscent of the Shavuot festival in olden days. On that sacred occasion, the Israelites brought the First Fruits of their harvest to the Temple in Jerusalem. The students, in similar fashion to their B'nai



Mitzvot experience, lead the entire service. Not as individuals but as a group- as a nation of Israelites. There is song and prayer, much joy and nachas.

This Shavuot Congregation Beth Emeth will celebrate their 89th Confirmation service. Thirty two young people will be confirmed. They honor us with their commitment, hard work and dedication to Judaism. May they be blessed with strength and wisdom. Alyssa Adkins
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A Confirmand's Reflections

By Bryan Wexler
Class President

We recited the Sh'ma together at our Consecration Service. We all watched each other celebrate our B'nai Mizvot. Here we are today (32 of us total), about one month from Shavuot, getting ready to partake in what will be one of the most memorable moments of our lives... our Confirmation. Since

Consecration and the beginning of our Jewish education at Beth Emeth in first grade, the class has grown in size, knowledge, character, and friendship. Bonds have been developed that will never be broken.

Much of the post-B'nai Mitzvah class, better known as Confirmation class, has been spent focusing and discussing current events, their

effects on us, and all Jews around the world. Week in and week out, I have looked forward to our Sunday class with Rabbi Grumbacher where many interesting thoughts and opinions have been shared by each member of the class. This past year we have been discussing the meaning and importance of Confirmation. Confirmation has different meanings for everyone. To

some it is another step in their Jewish education. To others it is just another life cycle event. Finally, to other students in the class, it is a spiritual occasion in their lives, which will remain in their minds and hearts forever. None of these beliefs are wrong, which is part of the beauty of Confirmation and Judaism. (As Jews, we have the ability to make our own choices and have free will.) Yet, the general consensus of our class about the meaning of Confirmation is that it is a time to praise and thank G-d for the beauties and wonders of life, and to reaffirm our faith and loyalty to not only G-d and Judaism, but to ourselves.

The class spent a substantial amount of time probing for the perfect theme for the service, and we found it! Brad Strauss, a member of the class, suggested that our theme be L'Chaim (To Life). The immediate response from the group was a chuckle, but we soon came to realize how perfect L'Chaim would be for our theme. L'Chaim identifies our class. We are full of life, joy, energy, and love. We also came to the conclusion that there was no better time to celebrate life than Shavuot, and Confirmation.

This year's Confirmation class has been the greatest group of people I have ever studied with. In fact, numerous people at Beth Emeth have stated that the Confirmation Class of 2003 is "one of the best Confirmation classes ever". Each member of the class has worked,

and will continue to work extremely hard in preparing their part(s) for the Confirmation service that will be celebrated on Shavuot. I have watched every member, unique in his or her own special way; develop over the past several years. We have developed into capable, knowledgeable, and caring young adults, and I take great pride in saying that our soon-to-be celebration as Confirmands is well deserved. As a class, **we are ready!** We plan for this service to be an everlasting memory for all those who attend.

The Beth Emeth Confirmation Class of 2003 would like to invite you to attend our Shavuot Service at Beth Emeth (300 West Lea Blvd. Wilmington DE, 19802) on June 6th at 1:00 PM. Please join us as we once again confirm our faith in G-d, thank G-d for the 10 Commandments, and most importantly thank G-d for life.

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech ha-o-lam, sheh-heh-cheh-ya-nu v'ki-y'ma-nu v'hi-gi-a-nu la-z'man ha-zeh.

We praise You, Eternal G-d, Sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

L'Chaim!

The Beth Emeth Confirmation class of 2003 would like to thank Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, Cantor Michael Mandel, all of the Hebrew and Sunday School teachers, and our families for their guidance, support, and caring.

Levinson to become a Confirmand at Beth Shalom

Micah Nathaniel Levinson, son of Marilyn and David Levinson, will be confirmed at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington on Friday, June 6, 9:30 a.m., the first day of Shavuot.

Micah attended the Tatnall School from kindergarten through 8th grade. During his last three years at Tatnall, Micah also attended the University of Delaware, accumulating credits towards a degree in History. Micah has just completed his sophomore year at St. Andrew's School in Middletown, Delaware, where he is a leading scholar and participates in the school's crew and dramatic arts programs.

He is an Eagle Scout who has worked with students, rabbis and adult leaders in the Jewish community to compile a study guide for the Ner Tamid Award which can be earned by Jewish scouts.



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Mazel Tov to Delaware Gratz Grads



Amanda Denemark



Amanda Doroshow



Emily Oblath



Nicole Samuels



Ezra Temko



Amy Wagner

AMANDA DENEMARK is a senior at the Charter School of Wilmington where she has received the Krinsky Award and is a member of the National Honor Society. Amanda is a member of Beth El where she serves as a Hebrew School aide and conducts children's services for the High Holidays. Amanda is the daughter of Cindy and Bob Denemark and plans to major in philosophy at Brandeis University and hopes to someday work for Amnesty International.

AMANDA DOROSHOW is a senior at Concord High School where she has been a member of the Associative Student Body and a Student Mentor in the Future Education of America program. She was selected to represent Gratz in the 2001 HOBY leadership conference and has participated in Panim al Panim, the Jewish Civic Initiative Leadership

Conference and was a Student Ambassador with People to People (Costa Rica) in 2002. Amanda enjoys playing volleyball and softball. She participated in the 2000 and 2001 Maccabi Games and was a member of the 2002 All Star Volleyball team. Amanda plans to attend the University of Delaware, perhaps majoring in psychology. Amanda is the daughter of Eric Doroshow and Aida Wasserstein.

EMILY OBLATH is a senior at the Charter School of Wilmington where she is a member of the Key Club, Spanish Honor Society, the National Honor Society and the school swim team. She recently received commendation as a National Merit Scholar. In the community, Emily is a member of Beth Emeth where she is a Sunday school cadet aide and participant in the youth choir and post-confirmation class. Emily is the daughter of Deborah

Oblath and the late Steven Oblath and hopes to attend St. Mary's College of Maryland.

NICOLE SAMUELS is a senior at Kennett High School where she is an honors student, a member of the school's literary magazine (Farrago) staff and Future Business Leaders of America. She received an Editor's Choice Award for her poem published in the International Library of Poetry's *The Colors of Our Dreams*. She was selected to participate in Pennsylvania's Free Enterprise Week and is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students". In the community, Nicole has been an active member of AKSE's Chaverot and leads Junior Congregation on a regular basis. She enjoys babysitting and frequently helps out at the AKSE Shabbat morning co-op. Nicole is the daughter of Sam Samuels and

plans to attend West Chester University.

EZRA TEMKO, the son of Robert and Victoria Temko, is a senior at the Cab Calloway School of the Arts in Wilmington where he plays soccer and volleyball. He has participated in Mock Trial and the American Legion Boys Nation program, was selected to be the school HOBY rep and is a member of the National Honor Society. Ezra has been selected to represent Delaware in the Senate Youth Scholarship Program and has served as an intern in Senator Biden's and in Governor Minner's offices. Ezra is currently president of the Newark BBYO. At Beth El, he is the choir accompanist and a kindergarten teaching assistant. He plans to attend college in the Fall and eventually become a public official/politician.

AMY WAGNER is a senior at Unionville High School where

she serves as president of the school community service organization and co-president of their mentoring program. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, UNITY, and SADD. Amy is also a reporter for Unionville's Indian Post and secretary of ECHO. In the community, Amy is a member of Beth Emeth where she is a cadet aide in Sunday school, member of the youth choir and post-confirmation class. She also serves as a student tutor for elementary school children. Amy is the daughter of Ellen and William Wagner and will be attending Bucknell University in the Fall.

Photos by Sam Samuels



MILESTONES

In Memoriam

CHESLER

Leon Chesler, 85, of Mt. Laurel, NJ died April 26th. He had been a member of Masonic Lodge #126 and Lulu Temple Shrine. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Sylvia (nee Spiegel); daughters, Gail Chesler, Elaine and her husband, Bruce Bialor and Robin and her husband, John Keir; sister, Sylvia Greenhouse; grandchildren, Wendy and David Lippe, Clayton and Graham Keir.

Graveside services were held on April 29th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. She family would appreciate contributions in his memory to a charity of the donor's choice.

GOLDEN

Sadie Golden, 88, of Dover, formerly of Wilmington, died April 29th. He was the daughter of the late Max and Gussie Lachterman Golden; sister of Martin Golden of Smyrna and the late Mary, Albert A. and Louis Golden, all of Wilmington. She was the aunt of Marcy H. Golden of Houston, TX, Mina G. Johns of King George, VA and Chad H. Golden of Dover. She also is survived by four great nieces; two great nephews and a great-great niece.

Funeral services were private. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Deborah Heart & Lung Foundation, c/o Mary Weinstein, 8602 Society Drive, Claymont, DE 19703.

MANDEL

Zoltan Mandel, 78, of Longwood, died May 6th. He is survived by his wife, Stella; son, Steven and his wife, Betsy; grandchildren, Michael and

Sarah; and brother, Bela and his wife, Francis; one niece and two nephews. Services were held May 8th at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel with interment in Beth Emeth Memorial Park. Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802 or to Hadassah, c/o Eva Weissman, 9 Devon Court, Wilmington, DE 19810.

SHAIVITZ

Dr. Stephen Adler Shaivitz, 63, of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, died April 22nd. Raised in Wilmington, he graduated from Pierre S. DuPont High School, Columbia College and the University of Michigan Medical School. He served his internship at the Philadelphia General Hospital and his residency at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City. Dr. Shaivitz was an officer in the Public Health Service in Washington, D.C. and a member of the National Board of Advisors of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. He was in the private practice of neurology in West Palm Beach, FL from 1971-2002.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Miller-Shaivitz; two sons, Eli Miller Shaivitz of Royal Palm Beach, FL and Adam Adler Shaivitz of Austin, TX; his mother, Rita Adler Shaivitz of Juno Beach, FL and his sister, Judith Shaivitz Ideker of Knoxville, TN.

Services will be scheduled at a future date. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society or the American Cancer Society.

SIMON

Howard H. Simon, 62, died Monday at University of Maryland Medical Center following heart surgery. A 1963 graduate of the University of Delaware, Mr. Simon was inducted into the Delaware Alumni Association Wall of Fame in 1988 for outstanding professional contributions. He was further honored in 1996 by the University College of Business and Economics as an outstanding alumnus. A founder of Simon, Master & Sidlow Certified Public Accountants, Mr. Simon was a past President of the Delaware Society of Certified Public Accountants, as well as past Chairman of CPA Associates International. He was a former member of the Advisory Board to the Accounting Department at the University of Delaware. He was a frequent lecturer on financial and accounting matters and authored many articles on financial and accounting topics for professional journals and newspapers. In 1983 Mr. Simon was the recipient of the AICPA Public Service Award. He was the past President of the Board of the Americans for Competitive Enterprise System. He served as the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of The Tatnall School for ten years and was an active Board member of the Delaware Center for Horticulture and the Delaware Council on Economic Education. For the past

year, Mr. Simon served as the Business Manager for the Delaware Council on Gambling Problems.

Mr. Simon was past President of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and continued to serve as a life member of its board of governors until his death. He served as Vice President Delaware Region and as a member of the National Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund and was the past Chairman of the Delaware State Committee for Israel Bonds. He was honored with the Israel Bond Shofar Award in 1993. He was past President of B'nai Brith, past Vice President of the Jewish Community Center, Co-Chair of the Jewish Federation of Delaware Operation Exodus Campaign and past Chair Delaware Region, National Conference of Christians and Jews. He was an active fundraiser for many worthwhile Jewish and secular causes including the United Way of Delaware.

Mr. Simon is survived by his wife of thirty-five years, Arlene, two daughters, Michelle of Wilmington and Jennifer of New York City and a brother Edward Simon. He is also survived by his two adored schnauzers, Licorice and Molly. He was preceded in death by his brother Marvin and parents, Rose and Michael Simon. Funeral services were held on April 30 at Adas

Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation. The family requests contributions to the Simon Endowed Scholarship Fund, University of Delaware Lerner College of Business & Economics, 303 MBNA America Hall, Newark, DE 19716 or Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation.

WEINER

Karl Weiner, 90, of Pittsburgh, PA, passed away on Monday, April 21st. Born in Strojinetz, Bucovina, (now part of the Ukraine) he was one of 10 siblings. He was a veteran of World War II and after the war, settled with his family in Rumania. In 1960, he and his family immigrated to the USA, settling in Pittsburgh, PA. There, he owned and operated the kosher meat market, Mayer and Sons, located in the Squirrel Hill section.

Mr. Weiner is survived by his wife of 63 years, Bronia; three children and their spouses, Sam and Marilyn Weiner of Wilmington, DE, Marcel and Sue Weiner of Dallas, TX and Roselyne Weiner-Schulman and Mark Schulman of Silver Spring, MD. He also leaves six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on April 25th in Pittsburgh. Contributions in his memory may be directed to either Congregation Beth Shalom, 1800 Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802 or to the American Cancer Society.

Standing room only crowd hears survivor's unique story Continued from page 6



Regina Alonzo Kerr, daughter of a survivor and chairperson of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Committee, addressed the standing room only crowd.



Prior to her moving presentation at the new Brandywine Hundred Library, Eva Mozes Kor (left) spoke with Connie Kreshtool, a member of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee, Samuel H. Asher, executive vice president, Jewish Federation of Delaware and Committee members Dr. Willard and Mrs. Jean Tucker Fletcher.



In a particularly poignant moment, presenter Eva Mozes Kor and George Preston, husband of the late Halina Wind Preston, compare the numbers that identify them as Holocaust survivors.

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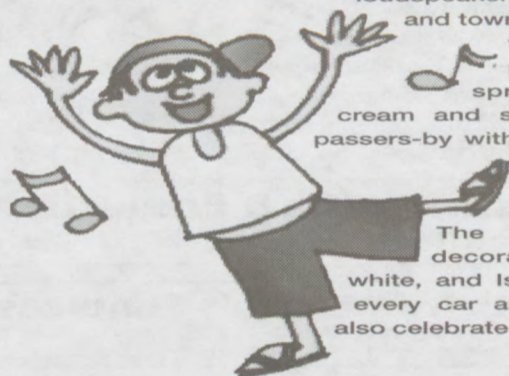
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having PARADES and watching fireworks. On Yom Ha'atzmaut many citizens get to know the LAND by going on nature hikes and spending the day outdoors at picnics and barbecues. Often the Israeli navy and airforce put on special shows for the public.

Jewish people who DON'T LIVE IN ISRAEL also celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut because Israel is the HOMELAND for all Jews. They dance Israeli dances, eat falafel and sing *Hatikvah*, Israel's national anthem of hope. Many wear blue and white (the colors of the Israeli flag). Even outside of Israel there are parades and rallies to SUPPORT the land of Israel.

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