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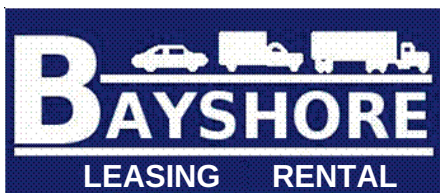


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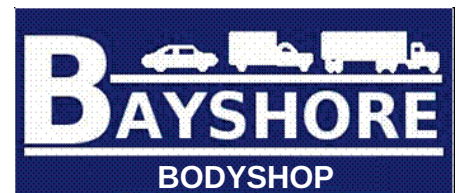
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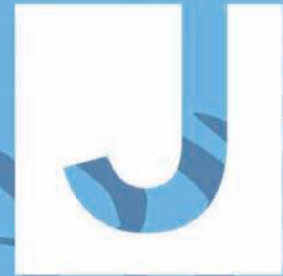


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The theme of this month’s issue, “Families,” is an appropriate paradigm for Jewish Federation of Delaware.

As the community convener, we must position ourselves and our beneficiary agencies to effectively meet the ongoing needs of our community today but also plan for tomorrow. The world is changing at a rapid pace and we must constantly adapt and evolve to **connect, engage, and inspire** our diverse populations from baby to *bubbe*.

Federation is addressing these issues to ensure our collective future remains bright. Our community has access to a vibrant pre-school through the Siegel JCC’s Early Childhood Center; family engagement through Shalom Baby, PJ Library; a K-5 Jewish day school education through the Albert Einstein Academy; Jewish overnight camping through One Happy Camper; active teen programming through BBYO and C-Teen; supplemental Jewish education through our seven state-wide synagogues; connecting with college students at UD Hillel and UD Chabad; and building our young adult engagement through our CONNECT: Young Adult Network.

Last month, our teens led a meaningful Yom Hazikaron commemoration coordinated through Community *Shlich*a, Daniella Buchshtaber, and our Israel & Overseas Committee. Our Jewish Community Relations Committee also assisted in coordinating two Yom HaShoah programs.

Federation will continue to meet our mission to address issues, meet needs, and set an agenda for the future.

Federation’s ongoing efforts of building community are achieved through a vibrant Annual Campaign that supports immediate needs as well as planned giving through Jewish Fund for the Future and our *Create A Jewish Legacy* program that ensure our collective future.

Please join us at our Annual Meeting on June 6th and help us celebrate the various achievements we accomplished over the past year as well as installing our new Officers and Board of Directors. Attendees will also receive a copy of our 2018-2019 Impact Report to the Community that highlights the myriad ways Federation improves the world.

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WE ARE FAMILY

By Seth J. Katzen
Chief Executive Officer



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ISRAEL AND GAZA: An Historical Perspective

By John Elzufon, Esq.
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Over the first weekend in May, nearly 700 rockets were launched from Gaza into Israel resulting in Israeli airstrikes on targets in Gaza.

As I type this, an Egyptian sponsored cease-fire is holding. This is not the first conflict between Israel and Gaza. As it is unlikely to be the last, some basic historical facts must be reviewed to put this fighting into context.

The creation of Israel resulted from a vote of the United Nations General Assembly on November 29, 1947 to partition the British Mandate of Palestine into two states—one Jewish and one Arab.

Israel declared its independence on May 15, 1948, making it the first Jewish state in almost 2,000 years. The next day, Israel was invaded by five Arab armies whose leaders rejected Israel's offer to live in peaceful coexistence and vowed to "drive the Jews into the sea." The ensuing war resulted in hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing before the fighting. Thus began the creation of the Palestinian refugee plight. Without forgetting that Israel's treatment of Palestinians is subject to legitimate criticism, the fact remains that if Israel's foes had, in 1948, accepted her offer of peace, the states of Palestine and Israel would, this month, be celebrating their 71st birthdays. There would be no Palestine refugee issues, no settlement issues and no border issues.

Following a unilateral blockade and the massing of Arab armies on her borders, Israel's third war with its Arab neighbors occurred in 1967. As a result, Israel gained control of Gaza (from Egypt) the West Bank (from Jordan) and the Golan Heights (from Syria). Soon after a cease-fire was reached Israel offered to return the newly conquered land in return for peace negotiations. The Arab League met in Khartoum, Sudan and on September 1, 1967 issued its famous three no's: no peace with Israel, no recognition of Israel, and no negotiations with Israel.

It was at that point that settlement activity in the West Bank began in earnest. Those who argue that the presence of settlements is the reason why there is no peace are wrong. From 1948 to 1967, all building in Israel occurred within the borders defined by the 1949 armistice. There was no building in the West Bank because it was controlled by Jordan. Yet, there was still no peace. To be sure, the presence of settlements is a complicating factor, but it is not, and never has been, the root cause of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. The root cause has always been the refusal of Israel's foes to recognize her right to exist as a Jewish state—the only Jewish state on this planet.

A surprise attack on Israel on the holiest day of the Jewish year provoked the 1973 war with Egypt and Syria. In 1979, Egypt and Israel signed a peace treaty. Israel dismantled settlements in the Sinai and withdrew, returning the Sinai to Egypt. The treaty holds to this day. "Land for peace" worked.

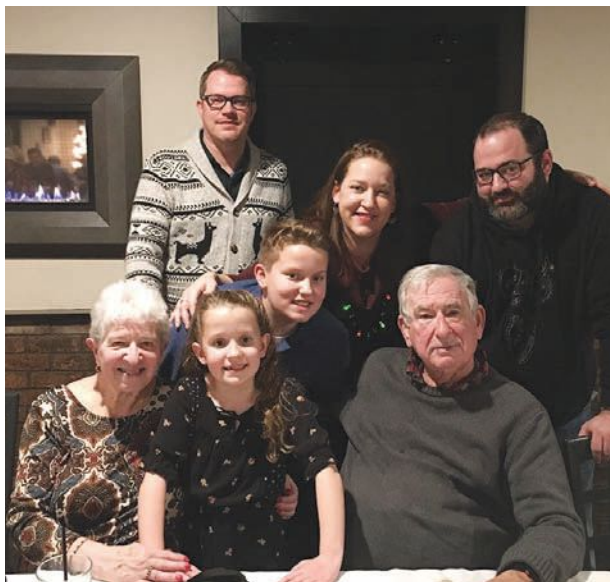
In 2005, hoping that "land for peace" would work again, Israel voluntarily left Gaza. This time it did not work. In 2006, Hamas assumed control of Gaza. Hamas was formed in 1987 and has, as its core reason for existence, the destruction of Israel, which it unapologetically pursues—regardless of consequences—even to itself. Hamas has been declared a terrorist organization by many nations including the United States, Israel and Canada. The recent attacks are the latest of many and will continue as long as Hamas, whose charter rejects negotiation, controls Gaza.

Sadly, Gaza is in dire straits but it would not be if the millions of dollars poured into Gaza were used for infrastructure, schools, and job creation instead of being appropriated by Hamas to build tunnels into Israel with the intent to kill Jews. Israel restricts shipments to Gaza only because Hamas uses all resources available to further its goal to destroy Israel; it does not restrict shipments of essential items such as food and medical supplies. Caught in the middle are the Gazans.

Defending Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state is not just a Jewish issue in the United States. There are only 7 million Jews in this country. Support for Israel is deeply rooted in our Christian community, especially the Evangelical Christians who number over 100 million.

Americans understand that support of Israel benefits our country; such support does not imply dual loyalty. Israel is America's first line of defense against the forces of radical Islam, exemplified by Iran, that seek to destroy our country. America is the "Great Satan." Israel is the "Little Satan." Just as Hitler knew he had to defeat Britain to win his war, so do the forces that wish to destroy America know they must first defeat Israel.

For all its complexities, the situation in the Middle East boils down to two basic hypotheticals. What would happen if Israel's foes laid down their weapons? We know the answer: there would be peace. What would happen if Israel laid down its weapons? We know that answer too: there would be no Israel.



Robyn, Wade, Seth, and Ella Poore, with Robyn's parents, Rita and Larry Klepner, and her brother, Richard Klepner PHOTO COURTESY OF R. POORE

PJ LIBRARY: BRINGING THE FAMILY TOGETHER

By Robyn Poore, PJ Library Recipient

My mother signed us up for PJ Library years ago after our son was born, and it has been an invaluable resource for our family ever since.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware proudly launched this innovative program in the fall of 2011 and has more than 370 monthly subscriptions. PJ Library in Delaware and the Brandywine Valley is for children ages 6 months through age 8. Our daughter, Ella, is 7 and receives her books through PJ Library.

Our son, Seth, is 11 and now receives books through PJ Our Way (PJOW), a program that also offers the gift of exceptional books with Jewish themes, but for children ages 9 through 12. PJOW was launched here in Delaware in 2015. The books include monthly titles that the kids choose themselves.

We are an inter-faith family; I am Jewish, my husband is not. Therefore, it's particularly important for us to make sure we are exposing our two children to stories that reflect the history and beliefs

of both my Jewish ancestors and my husband's roots. We want our children to understand the religious and cultural backgrounds of their whole family, and PJ Library has served as a useful tool to do this. We incorporate storytelling into our daily routine, mostly at bedtime, therefore the books we receive are the perfect, extra opportunity in which to explore and provide knowledge. The books elicit discussion and provide answers to our many questions.

The books have not only served as an ideal bridge for us to connect to our family roots, but have also allowed us to recognize meaningful lessons in our world today. The books tell important religious stories, and continue to reinforce life teachings that fall within our belief systems.

I am truly grateful to have this wonderful resource and recommend PJ Library to those families who want to share the gift of quality books with their children. PJ Library and PJOW has touched our family and woven important messages into our lives through the books they provide to us. Thank you, PJ!



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Noam Glikzman and Daniella Buchshtaber PHOTO BY JAIDY SCHWEERS

On Sunday, May 5, more than 100 members of the community including students from University of Delaware Hillel celebrated the Shlichim Wedding of Daniella

Buchshtaber and Noam Glikzman at Congregation Beth Shalom.

This was a true collaboration led by Rabbi Michael Beals along with clergy from our state-wide synagogues who also participated

in the service. We believe it is the first wedding of two *schlichim* in the country!

Although it was not easy for the two to be so far from home on such an important day of their lives, the couple shared that at that moment the community was their home.

“Although we understood that our immediate family and friends from Israel would not be with us, the fact that this community took on such an important part in the ceremony—offering us both so much love—made it feel more like a home, as if we were marrying a family,” shared Daniella.

The hour-long ceremony was a beautiful integration of Jewish traditions and practices, all of which culminated into a complete reflection of the couple.

Noam added that, “Under the wedding canopy, rabbis spoke from the Torah and from the Baal Shem Tov. They spoke on love, *chuppah*, and *kiddushin*. We read vows that we wrote to one another.”

“Our principles married us instead of our parents that day.”



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By Delaware Business Now

Jewish Federation of Delaware has earned the highest ratings from the top three evaluators of nonprofits; a Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator, a Platinum Seal of Transparency from GuideStar, and a Top-Rated Award from GreatNonprofits.



The Jewish Federation is currently the only nonprofit in Delaware to earn the highest ratings from all three industry evaluators.

The Federation received its fourth consecutive Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator.

GuideStar is the largest source of nonprofit information, connecting people and organizations with information on more than 1.8 million IRS-recognized nonprofits. Federation has earned the Platinum Seal of Transparency since 2017.

GreatNonprofits, a developer of tools that allow people to find, review, and share information about nonprofits and charities, announced the Jewish Federation has earned the Top-Rated Award since 2012.

“Jewish Federation is currently the only nonprofit in Delaware to receive the highest ratings from all three nonprofit industry evaluators,” stated Seth J. Katzen, Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. “This recognition validates our financial health as well as our ongoing commitment to accountability and transparency.”

JFD RECEIVES TWO 2019 COMMUNICATOR AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

By JFD Staff




The Jewish Federation of Delaware has been selected a winner of two awards in the 25th Annual Communicator Awards (CommunicatorAwards.com), the leading international awards program recognizing big ideas in marketing and communications.

The 2019 Communicator Awards featured an incredible pool of entries, making it the largest and most prestigious award competition of its kind.

Federation received Awards of Excellence for its *Shalom Baby Logo* in the Non-Profit Identity category and for its 2017-2018 *Gratitude Report* in the Non-Profit Annual Report category.

“It is an honor to be recognized for creative excellence among a competitive field,” stated Seth J. Katzen, Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. “Receiving two Communicator Awards is a testament of our work that effectively touches the hearts and minds of our valued supporters.”



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HOLOCAUST THING

By Barbara Markham
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Barbara Markham is an extraordinary human being who possesses a warm heart and kind soul. As you will see, her passion to ensure that future generations, “Never Forget,” emerges from the wellsprings of her heart.

What you are about to read is a reprint of words Barbara spoke at this year’s Yom Ha’Shoah event, in its entirety.

Steve Gonzer, Chair
Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee



Barbara Markham speaks during Yom Hashoah at Freedom Plaza PHOTO BY JESSICA BERLIN

Seven years ago, I was teaching about post-World War II politics, when a student commented, “It seems to me that once the U.S. recognized Israel, all of Israel’s enemies became ours. Is that because of the Holocaust thing?”

I was interested in the expression of the “Holocaust thing.” I began to canvass students about their knowledge of the Holocaust. They knew very little. Most had heard of Anne Frank, some knew of Elie Wiesel. There was no course in our curriculum that addressed the Holocaust. Their U.S. History course ends at 1945 and the Holocaust was given minimal treatment if any. This omission prompted me to develop what became two genocide-related electives, one dedicated to teaching about the Holocaust.

A study conducted by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany reported that 41 percent of Americans and 66 percent of millennials say they don’t know about the Auschwitz death camp where more than a million Jews and others, including Poles, Roma people, and gays were executed. And 22 percent of millennials say they haven’t even heard of the Holocaust.

One of the first workshops I attended, many years ago, was one conducted by Steve Gonzer where he presented some videos

from his collection of recorded eyewitness testimonies of Delaware survivors and liberators. Steve told us how his interest in the Holocaust emerged from questions he would ask his grandmother about the sepia-toned photos of relatives he never met, frozen in time and preserved on her wall. Learning that these innocents perished during the “war” spurred him to look for Holocaust survivors whose stories might fill in the empty spaces where some of his family had been lost. Steve searched for stories from those who remembered. Over time, the project, supported by the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee evolved into the “No Denying” documentary currently available in every school in Delaware. I cannot talk about my Holocaust course without mentioning Steve’s role, not only because he comes to Padua every year to present his work and talk about the experience of filmmaking, but because Steve taught me that what I was trying to do was extremely important.

In the years since, I devoted my summers to professional study and travel in order to craft and enhance my curriculum on the Holocaust. I looked for stories that would interest students and draw them to real people. One book that was always a success, especially with reluctant readers, is Mengele twin survivor, Eva Kor’s *Surviving Dr. Mengele*. I had the privilege of travelling with her CANDLES group to Poland. This past year, we received grant money from the Arnold D. Kerr Holocaust Education Endowment Fund, which is under the auspices of the

Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee, to bring Eva to Padua Academy for a program open to the entire community. In consulting with experts from the Echoes and Reflections and *Facing History* projects, I chose books, readings, films and even a graphic work as part of the curriculum. One of my colleagues in the art department asked me to help raise awareness about the Holocaust to her students who participated in, and have received many honors at the Mordechai Anielewicz art competition, in Philadelphia. I am also proud to say that because of my course, many students have chosen a Holocaust topic for their independent History Day projects. Thanks to the generous support from the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee, Padua Academy also sponsored two after-school workshops on the Holocaust and Human Rights which we opened to teachers from other Wilmington schools as well. But of course, it is the survivors themselves who truly bear witness to the truth of the Holocaust. Wilmington residents' Holocaust survivors, such as the late Dorothy Finger, and Ann Jaffe have shared their stories of survival in the forests of Poland. Most recently, we have invited Professor Jan Rocek to speak, a survivor of Auschwitz and Theresienstadt, who in his 90s still drives to Padua Academy from Greenville.

For the last two years, Padua has hosted students from Cologne, Germany. As part of their stay, they share a class period with my Holocaust students. This past year, I arranged a viewing of *The Last Days of Sophie Scholl*, a German film about college students who participated in the Holocaust resistance group, the "White Rose." Most of the German students were familiar with the "White Rose" and it was fascinating for students to discuss the ways in which the Holocaust is taught in both countries.

In addition to travels to Germany and Poland, I have been part of *Bearing Witness*, an interfaith education program in conjunction with the Philadelphia ADL and the Diocese of Wilmington. We meet annually for lectures on Holocaust topics. This program also sponsored my first trip to Israel in 2015 where I finally visited Yad Vashem.

My second trip to Israel was through the Institute for Holocaust Educators, based at Yad Vashem. In those three weeks, we had lectures, trips, and met scholars and survivors, including one of Anne Frank's childhood friends and a Jewish person saved by Oscar Schindler.

One of the highlights of my personal and professional life occurred during one of my experiences at Yad Vashem's Institute for Holocaust Educators. Ephraim Kaye, the Director of the International Seminar for Educators left us with an important mandate, "**Teach it right.**" When I met survivors and asked them why they were willing to share such personal tragedies, they would say, "**Don't let our stories die.**"

Currently, there are no more than 8 Holocaust survivors living in Delaware. The voices of those who remained after the slaughter of

more than 6 million members of the Jewish faith are growing silent. We must pass the torch to future generations and continue to remember and "Never Forget."

Today, on Yom HaShoah, the "Day of Remembrance," I wish to close with an excerpt of a prayer written by Rabbi Shelia Weinberg who wrote, "One God, we pray to you: Grant us a vision of unity, may we see the many in the one and the one in many. Help us to see clearly. Guide us gently and firmly toward each other toward peace."

It is this prayer that I have in room 324 as a reminder of why I teach the Holocaust, how very humbled I am in this endeavor, how I continue to travel and study in my commitment to 'Fram Kaye's mandate: "**teach it right.**"



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Throwback Delaware



The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware salutes Delaware's Jewish Veterans and is pleased to serve as the home to preserve the history of the Jewish War Veterans of America Department of Delaware. We are honored to have veterans on our board and vow to maintain the memories of those who served and sacrificed in military service from the Delaware community.

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV) is America's oldest continuously active veterans organization. Civil War veterans founded the organization in 1896 and since then, JWV has served as the "patriotic voice of American Jewry," working to support veterans and combat bigotry.

On January 6, 1989 the Jewish Voice reported on the opening of the Jewish War Veterans' National Museum of American Jewish Military History in Washington, D.C.. Learn more about the museum at NMAJMH.org and about the Jewish War Veterans, USA at JWV.org.

Learn about Delaware's Jewish Veterans from the Civil War to the present at the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware's website, JHSDelaware.org/jewish-voice. If you have a story to share, please contact the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware.

— Gail Pietrzyk
Archivist, Jewish Historical Society of Delaware



The entrance to the Jewish War Veterans exhibit "Lives Under Fire" at the recently opened JWV Museum. (Photo: Mark Dreyfuss)

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PUBLISHED JANUARY 6, 1989 Jewish War Veterans Open Museum

The Jewish War Veterans, USA, National Memorial, Inc. (NMI) opened its new Museum and Exhibit to an assembly of Jewish veterans and Jewish community leaders last month at 1811 R Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The preview was attended by approximately 150 persons.

The museum was created from office space on the first floor and provides 2100 sq. ft. of exhibit space. In addition, a conference multi-purpose room was built on the basement level for meetings, lectures, films, and other educational programs.

The premier exhibit "Lives Under Fire" is a comparative examination of Jewish contributions in World War One to those during the Vietnam Conflict. It compares life in America in 1918 and 1968, as well as in the Jewish Community and American Military of both time periods.

The focal point of the exhibit is the contribution of the Jewish soldier to both

wars. Six individuals are highlighted as examples of Jewish combatants. The displays for each of the six show personal uniforms, memorabilia, awards and medals along with a biography and audio presentation. "It is an exhibit that not only is made to stimulate thought and discussion of these two periods," said Mark Dreyfuss, Museum Director/Curator, "but a celebration of the common Jewish soldier and his contribution to each war's efforts."

The JWV National Memorial was chartered by Congress in 1958 to maintain a Memorial and Museum in honor of all Jewish servicemen and women. The Museum is open to visitors and tourists Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will soon be open on Sundays.

The entrance to the Jewish War Veterans exhibit "Lives Under Fire" at the recently opened JWV Museum.



WOW

WOMEN OF WISDOM LUNCHEON

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On Wednesday, May 15, JFD Women of Wisdom (WOW) Luncheon attracted 115 women to support Federation and hear from Janice Kaplan, author of *The Gratitude Diaries*. We learned how to live gratefully and when you find gratitude, the ordinary becomes extraordinary. Thank you to our co-chairs; Sue Komins, Elisa Komins Morris, and Debbie Komins Ross; the WOW Committee; and our generous sponsors.



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- 1 Wendy Berger, Senior Vice President Financial Resource Development; Jennifer Steinberg, Women's Philanthropy Co-Chair; Debbie Komins Ross and Sue Komins, WOW Event Co-Chairs; Janice Kaplan, Guest Speaker; Elisa Komins Morris, WOW Event Co-Chair; Barbara Blumberg, Lion of Judah Chair; and Michelle Silberglied, Women's Philanthropy Co-Chair
- 2 Bonnie Solomon, Hedy Mintz, Suzanne Grant, Stacy Horowitz, Phil Miller, Connie Sugarman, and Elisha Caplan
- 3 Linda Jaworski and Wendy Cutler
- 4 Lynne Ellick, Paula Pernick, and Iris Vinokur
- 5 Meredith Rosenthal and Iris Vinokur
- 6 Judi Rosenberg, Susan Kreshtool, Marcy Mirmelstein
- 7 Guests engaged during presentation of Social Action Plan
- 8 Janice Kaplan signing books

YOM HASHOAH

PHOTO CREDIT: JESSICA BERLIN



On Thursday, May 2nd, more than 85 individuals congregated in Freedom Plaza, Wilmington, to remember the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

The event was organized by the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee, an affiliate of Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Delaware Rabbinical and Cantors Association. Among those in attendance were, The Honorable Governor, John Carney, The Honorable Mayor of Wilmington, Michael Purzycki, and State of Delaware Attorney General, Kathy Jennings.

- 1 The Honorable Mayor of Wilmington, Michael Purzycki
- 2 The Honorable Governor, John Carney
- 3 Rabbi Michael Beals, Rabbi Steven Saks, Cantor Elizabeth Flynn, Rabbi Elisa Koppel, and Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt



GOVERNOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY M. BEALS

With Jewish leadership, this year's interfaith Governor's Prayer Breakfast was more poignant than usual, falling on Yom HaShoah and on the week following the Chabad Poway synagogue shootings. Rabbi Michael Beals, the Chair of the Delaware Council of Faith Based Partnerships, and Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, as JCRC Chair, are both strong supporters of these interfaith efforts.



STANDING WITH POWAY

PHOTO CREDIT: BRADFORD L. GLAZIER

On Tuesday, April 30 the community gathered at Chabad of Delaware for "Standing with Poway." We stood with our Jewish community as well as our Christian and Muslim brothers and sisters in solidarity. Governor Carney and County Executive Matt Meyer were also in attendance and spoke out against hate.



- 1 Governor John Carney and Rabbi Chuni Vogel
- 2 Rabbi Motti Flikshtein
- 3 County Executive Matt Meyer
- 4 Solidarity with Poway

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

PHOTO CREDIT: WENDY BERGER

Our community celebrated Yom Ha'Atzmaut and Israel's 71st Anniversary with festivities and Israeli food. Special thanks to the Israel & Overseas Committee and Federation staff for organizing this free community-wide program that attracted more than 100 people.



1 Yaniv Malka, Noam Malka, Noam Gliksman, and Eli Malka 2 Tessa Steinberg and Noam Malka 3 Todd Silberglied and Russ Silberglied 4 Moni McCracken, Daniella Buchshtaber, and Charles McCracken 5 Celebrating Israel's 71st



JEWISH TEEN PHILANTHROPY INITIATIVE

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY SHARI DYM

Delaware Jewish Teen Philanthropy Initiative Meeting with JFD's 5 beneficiary Agencies.

In front kneeling : Jesse Miller, Ivy Harlev, Shari Dym, Rosi Crosby, Micah Harlev, Maddie Driban, Jayson Alonzo, Alex Goldman, Phili Miller, Brian Dym, Corinne Wiley, Donna Schwartz, and Marla Cooper



SHLICHIM WEDDING

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On Sunday, May 5, more than 100 members of the community including students from University of Delaware, Hillel celebrated the Shlichim Wedding of Daniella Buchshtaber and Noam Gliksman at Congregation Beth Shalom.

1 Wedding party on the bimah **2** Seth J. Katzen, Daniella Buchshtaber, Noam Gliksman, Donna Schwartz



SHALOM BABY SHOWER

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1 Rabbi Beals, Rabbi Saks, and PJ Library Coordinator, Jamye Cole enjoy welcoming new families to the community

2 Alexandra Pratz and her son Jacob get some information from Wingmom



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CONNECT CHOCOLATE SEDER

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Federation's CONNECT: Young Adults Network hosted a Chocolate and Wine Seder at Park Plaza Condominiums in Wilmington. Engaging and connecting with young adults in our community ensures the next generation of community leadership.



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1 Elana Friedman, Daniella Buchshtaber, Benjamin Lasner, and Lizi Bear 2 Alli Rys, Maddie Driban, Matt Grindle, Katie Curzon, and Alec Arbelo 3 Liz Flynn, Thomas Pack, and Ross Rudnitsky

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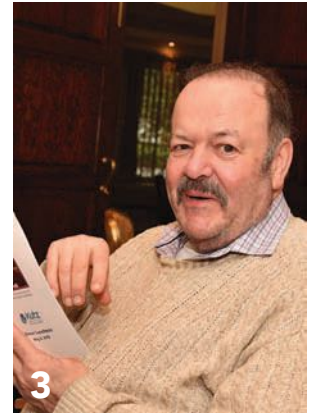


1 Israel Fest at UD Hillel PHOTO BY HILLEL 2 David Schulman reading names at our Six hours of reading for Six Million on Holocaust Remembrance Day PHOTO BY KAYLA EISTENTHAL 3 Sarah Machlis eating Shakshuka at a Passover dinner PHOTO BY HILLEL 4 Flags outside of Memorial Hall representing the 11 million who perished in the Holocaust PHOTO BY HILLEL 5 Students celebrated Israel's birthday in the middle of campus with Israeli food, music, and info about the country PHOTO BY HILLEL

KUTZ AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

PHOTO CREDIT: DONNA HARLEV

1 Auxiliary Board Member, Sherry Simmons took time out from selling raffle tickets to welcome Kutz resident **2** Lodge Lane resident enjoying the program **3** Lodge Lane resident peruses the program booklet **4** Kutz resident enjoyed the luncheon with her sister, past Auxiliary president, Bobbi Levitt and her niece **5** Lodge Lane resident interacts with the speaker, Sarah McBride, as Sarah signed her book



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TOP LEFT: Danna Miller Levy standing next to the Dedication Plaque after the unveiling (plaque reads "In loving memory of their mother Leanora Kalcheim Miller dedicated by Danna Miller Levy and Andrew L. Miller and their Families 2019")

LEFT: Three generations of Miller-Levy family members under the Pergola

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J SPRING EVENTS

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The J campus has been busy this season! Kids grades K–7 enjoyed Spring Camp’s fun and interactive activities throughout spring break. The ECC children had a festive Passover Seder together on April 18, and on May 3. Guests and relatives of ECC children spent a wonderful morning together for Special Friends Day.



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1 Elite Physical Therapy helped JFS kick off the Pantry Partner program in January 2 Aldersgate UMC's impressive Soup-er Bowl Food Drive collected enough items to serve all 3 JFS locations! 3 For the 11th year in a row, Boy Scout Troop 70 Peacemakers donated over 30 boxes of food to support the JFS Food Pantry 4 Pantry Partners come at all ages – thanks to the JCC Early Childhood Center for helping stock our shelves in February!

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WOMEN OF WISDOM



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HADASSAH HAPPENINGS



1 Seven members from the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah attended the Mid-Atlantic Leadership Conference at the Hard Rock Hotel in Atlantic City from April 28-29; from L to R: Joanne Tocker, Edina Buzgon, Sylvia Wagman, Suzy Grumbacher, Rhoda Dombchik, Arlene Eckell, and Sue Rohrbacher PHOTO SUBMITTED BY S. WAGMAN **2** Our own Rhoda Dombchik addresses the conference on the Topic of Annual Giving PHOTO SUBMITTED BY S. WAGMAN **3** Suzy Grumbacher describes a new Hadassah project, *The Full Circle Campaign, 360° of Healing* to over 125 attendees PHOTO BY MAX ROSENBERG **4** Speakers from the May 5th Hadassah event, *Celebrating One of our Own - Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, are (from L to R): Sylvia Wagman, President of Wilmington Hadassah, and panelists Judge Aida Waserstein, Justice Randy Holland, Ellen Meyer, and Gina Schoenberg PHOTO BY MAX ROSENBERG



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1 Ruthie Bernstein and Sarah Woodward (with kids Esther and Michael) unveil the plaque at TBE dedicating a tree in memory of their mother, Sandy Novick PHOTO CREDIT: SHARON FULLERTON 2 Religious School teacher, Cailah Ogden, takes her *gimmel* and *dalet* class outside on a Spring day PHOTO CREDIT: CAILAH OGDEN 3 TBE board co-presidents Linda Oster and Arlene Johnson lead a congregation meeting PHOTO CREDIT: SHARON FULLERTON

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2019 EINSTEIN GRADUATES

By Einstein Staff

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CAMRYN DIORIO is the son of Ricky Guy and Melissa DiOrio and grandson Daniel DiOrio of Wilmington, DE. Camryn will attend Springer Middle School next year. This is Camryn's first year at Einstein. His favorite subject is Math. He enjoys playing video games and will remember the new friends he made at Einstein.



ADELINE is the daughter of Hyphen and Brad of New Castle, DE. She will attend Christiana Middle School Honors Academy next year. Adeline loves books, animals, drawing, and writing. Her favorite subject is Math. She enjoyed playing Nala in the Lion King Kids spring play. Adeline noted, "I will always remember my friends and all of the things I have learned at Einstein."



MIRAV KATON is the daughter of Steve Katon of New Castle, DE. Mirav plans to attend Jewish Day School next year. She loves art and animals. Her favorite subject is Math. "I will always remember all of my friends."



GABRIEL LANKENAU is the son of Andrea Levy and Harold Lankenau of Wilmington, DE, and will attend Springer Middle School next year. Gabe loves playing basketball. His favorite subject is gym, and he likes his classes at Einstein because they are tiny. Gabe added, "I love my dog Amie and my sister Skye."



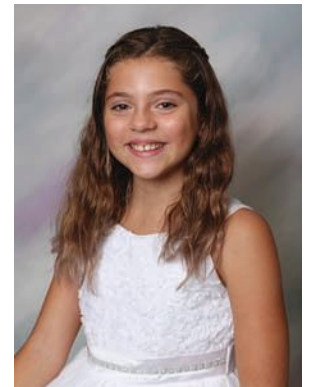
NOAM MALKA is the daughter of Sima and Yaniv Malka of Wilmington, DE. Noam hopes to major in drama at Cab Calloway School of the Arts next year. She enjoyed playing the part of young Simba in Lion King Kids this year. Noam said, "I loved the trip to Teva because I was with my friends learning about nature and animals."



SAMUEL MARKS is the son of Meredith and Arthur Marks of Wilmington, DE and will be homeschooled next year. Sam loves his dog Bruno. Sam joined the class at the end of last year. His favorite subject is Social Studies because "I like history, and my teacher is really nice."



SAMUEL PERRY is the son of Sarah and Jonathan Perry of Wilmington, DE and will attend St. Edmond's Academy next year. Sam's favorite subject is History. He noted, "I will remember the amazing trips to Teva, Valley Forge, Treehouse World, and so many other places." He will miss his friends at Einstein.



BROOKLYN VORHAUER is the daughter of Rachel Burroughs and Adam Vorhauer. Next year she is going to A. G. Waters Middle School in Middletown, DE. Brooklyn said, "My favorite subject is Science because we get to do fun and crazy experiments. I will remember all of my teachers and friends at Einstein."



Einstein Academy is a Beneficiary Agency of Jewish Federation of Delaware.



The Albert Einstein Academy fifth grade class will graduate at a commencement ceremony at Congregation Beth Emeth at 6:30 PM on June 12, 2019. Family, friends, alumni, and community members are invited to attend.

A NETWORK OF SUPPORT FOR EVERYONE

By Madeline Driban
Development & Communications Associate, JFS

At one time or another, we will all face obstacles that feel insurmountable, whether it's a personal mental health challenge, a loved one's illness, a community tragedy, or the permeating acts of hatred and violence that have left communities around the world grieving and in crisis.

In these troubling times, we need each other more than ever; we need to be educated in the best ways to love and support our friends and family through tough times.

We are all responsible for one another.

Inspired by fundamental Jewish values, Jewish Family Services (JFS) supports people of all backgrounds – regardless of religion, race, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or special need. JFS has the unique privilege of representing the tzedakah (justice), compassion, and loving kindness of the Jewish people to the broader community; many JFS clients are not Jewish, but all of them learn what it means to be Jewish – the beauty of our traditions, the strength of our commandments, and our commitment to tikkun olam, building a better world. Through counseling and support services, individuals and families are assisted through some of the most challenging and vulnerable times of their lives.

With communities around the world mourning lives lost in acts of violence and

hatred, we are left to comfort each other in the faces of fear and uncertainty; community spaces are reinforcing their security measures as we all hold our breath for the next senseless attack. People are struggling in more ways than we can see or imagine, and JFS is more committed than ever to the mission of supporting, educating, and healing the community.

“We have seen an increase in the need to address anxiety, depression, suicide, and addiction, among other challenges,” says Jane Galli, JFS’ Director of Outpatient Behavioral Health. “Our counseling staff is responding in immediate and personalized ways, working closely with parents, students, educators, and community leaders.”

Holistic counseling and compassionate professional therapists can help individuals and families take charge of their lives during challenging circumstances. Treatment choices for mental health conditions will vary from person to person – even people with the same diagnoses will have different experiences, needs, and goals for treatment. It's important to find trusted counselors who are equipped to personalize therapeutic approaches to find the best solutions for each individual.

Delaware has a robust network of support services for emotional wellbeing and healing in which JFS continues to be a thought leader and expert. JFS is grateful to have support and resources from community partners to ensure the best possible outcomes for those we serve. Our impact is strengthened further by collaborations with sibling agencies under

Jewish Federation – the Siegel JCC, Albert Einstein Academy, Hillel at the University of Delaware, and the Kutz Home – and local congregations, which assist JFS in broadening its reach and building its capacity to make a meaningful, enduring difference.

“JFS is here and out in the community, meeting people where they are,” says JFS CEO, Basha Silverman.

“People shouldn't hesitate to call or ask for help. We all have our ups and downs and what we encounter in the world around us doesn't always make life easier – there are some things we just have no control over... it's hard to know what to do. But JFS is here to help in every way we can. I want JFS to be the safe, comfortable, trusted resource for everyone in our community.”

In these difficult and confusing times, we must remember our responsibility to love and care for one another. Instead of leaving each other isolated and paralyzed by the uncertainty of how to ask for help, we must make help more readily available to all.

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IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

By the Siegel JCC Staff

As the Siegel JCC launches its 2019 Annual Campaign, it's an appropriate time to consider:

If parents and grandparents pass down their values of giving, how likely are kids and grandkids to adopt this behavior?

The J spoke with three special women in the community who helped illuminate this question. All shared they were positively influenced by their parents and/or grandparents and as a result, have dedicated their lives to *tzedakah*.

We know that giving is fundamental to the Jewish faith. In fact, *tzedakah* means "to give" in Hebrew. Giving can be achieved in several ways, such as by helping people, volunteering for an organization, or donating money.

Ruth Siegel and her husband, Bernard z"l, have been among the greatest benefactors of the Siegel JCC, which is named in their honor. Ruth remembers, "My parents, Reba and Ben



Families participating in "Fill a Truck" for victims of Hurricane Sandy in 2012 PHOTO BY J STAFF

C. Benjamin, contributed to everything Jewish in the Baltimore community. They were a strong influence on me." Ruth sees this quality in her children as well.

Michelle Silberglied, President emeritus of the Siegel JCC, was raised by grandparents and parents who were always very committed to the Jewish community. In fact, Lenny Rubin, her father, dedicated his life to working for the JCC and reached the pinnacle, as Vice President of the national JCC Association. "My father, Lenny Rubin, was passionate about the Jewish community and asked his family daily, "What did you do for the Jewish community today?" This has become the Silberglied family credo. Michelle's mom, Laura Rubin, continues her meaningful work as an advocate for the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association (CASA). "My kids already feel it's very important to them." She sees this quality in them by how active they've always been in

volunteering and participating in organizations such as BBYO and CTeen.

Rachel Harad, champion community volunteer, said that her parents, Charles and Goldie Rojer were incredibly philanthropic. "My father was a hidden child during the Holocaust. He felt in his own life he wanted to give back. He was still volunteering for Meals on Wheels just before he passed away." She sees this spirit in her three daughters who always look for ways to help. She recognizes that she was able to put "giving" into practice once she had a better idea of her identity and had a family of her own.

It is clear that parents and grandparents influence their children when it comes to giving their time and money. These women in our community have gone one step further by devoting their lives to helping others. It's a reminder to all parents and grandparents to realize the impact they are making on our next generation.



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SHRILL OF A SIREN, SPARK OF THE DIVINE

By Rabbi Steve Burnstein

JERUSALEM, MAY 2019

Shabbat morning Itamar Baruch came to our synagogue with about 50 friends and family to celebrate his *bar mitzvah*.

We were singing the beautiful line from Psalm 92, “*Tzadik k’tamar yifrach* - the righteous shall flourish like the palm” when our prayer was interrupted by the unexpected shrill of a siren. It was the warning of a rocket launched by Hamas toward our location. We struggled to fit everyone in our small bomb shelter (my office).

We nervously waited.

My wife, Varda Livney, was away at The Tent, a workshop of the PJ Library. She was one of some 20 authors and illustrators of Jewish books selected to attend. So, as I’m trying to calm everyone at the *bar mitzvah*, I’m also worried about my children (ages 18 and 16) who are home alone.

My daughter, Gabi’s room is a shelter. My son and about eight neighbors ran to her room. I couldn’t reach them by phone. As is usual, the phone lines can’t handle all the traffic at the same time. I sent them a message to call me and turned my phone ringer on.

By this time, I wasn’t worried about the rocket, as we heard and felt the iron dome defense system shoot it down. I kept my phone on as we returned to the sanctuary and I tried to calm everyone and restart the service.

We moved to Psalm 150 and sang: “Praise God with the shrill of the cymbals, with the blast of the cymbals - hallelujah, *btziltzilei btziltzilei truah*.” Everyone smiled nervously at the irony and appropriateness of the text. I commented that none of us would forget Itamar’s *bar mitzvah*.

My phone rang and I quickly apologized and explained to an understanding congregation as I answered my son’s call – and breathed a sigh of relief.

Itamar chanted his Torah portion, Kedoshim, beautifully. The previous night we were joined at Kehilat Birkat Shalom for Kabbalat Shabbat by about 80 young people in Israel participating in the URJ Heller High.

In my sermon I focused on the lines from the Torah portion: “Love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord. . . . When a stranger comes to live in your land, do not mistreat him.” And continues, “Treat the stranger the way you treat your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were strangers in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.”

My thoughts drifted as I started humming “when will they ever learn, when will they ever learn” from Pete Seeger’s “Where have all the Flowers Gone?” We sang it together in Hebrew and English at our *kabbalat shabbat* service.

I’ve heard the blast of the siren and ran for shelter too many times before. When will we ever learn?

I woke up this morning with the sun shining and news of a ceasefire. Hopefully an initial step toward a lasting peace. I pray for true leaders — Palestinian, Israeli, and international — with the hearts, souls, courage and strength to take bold steps toward peace.

May we work together with our neighbors to build a world of justice, compassion, and peace. May we learn together with our sisters and brothers in order to rid the world of hate, fear, and violence.

And may we recognize that each of us is created in the image of God, with a spark of the divine.



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REACHING THE MOON AND BEYOND

By Leah Garber
Vice President, Director, JCC Israel Center



This past Spring, Jewish people gathered around festive Pesach Seder tables and recited from the Haggadah: *“In every generation, a person is obligated to see himself as if he had left Egypt.”*

Pesach, known as the celebration of our freedom, marks the redemption of the Israelites after hundreds of years of slavery in Egypt. The Israelites were not alone in their liberation from Egypt over 3,500 years ago—we all were.

More than anything, the Exodus from Egypt granted humankind the concept of “freedom,” both physical and spiritual.

Seventy-one years ago, David Ben Gurion, Israel’s first prime minister, declared the rebirth of the Jewish State. Since that day, May 14, 1948, the Jewish homeland, like a

boat on stormy water, has been shaken, tossed and slammed by vicious waves. Nevertheless, just like a boat, we have also seen plenty of sunshine, blue skies and blessed winds. Never in our 71 years has the boat capsized, nor has the spirit of our Jewish State ever broken.

Repeatedly, miraculous acts of spiritual strength, moral vigor and intellectual abilities led us through dangerous water, steering our path not only to survival, but also to prosperity, to thriving, to becoming light upon the nations, to reaching the tomorrow, today.

This past Pesach I sat at our Seder table feeling more liberated than ever. The State of Israel, with its notorious sense of *chutzpah* (nerve), reached the moon!

We have broken every possible barrier: our desert blooms, our faucets run desalinated water. Our technological achievements provide solutions to problems worldwide and improve everyone’s quality of life.

We repair the world, all of it, including the worlds of our hostile neighbors—and we reach the moon!

SpaceIL is the first recipient of the \$1 million Lunar XPrize Moonshot Award. Israel is the seventh country to get to the moon, and the fourth country to reach the lunar surface.

In the final moments of Beresheet’s—the Israeli spacecraft, meaning “in the beginning”—four million-mile journey, approximately 488 feet above the moon’s surface, engine problems caused the landing failure, just as the spacecraft touched the moon. As we saw on the livestream, the spaceship, “reached the moon, but not in the way we had hoped.” We may have not landed as hoped, but we certainly launched not only Beresheet, the first Israeli spaceship, but also a new desire, now joined by millions of Israeli dreamers,

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mostly children, to reach the moon—and beyond. The work on Beresheet II has already begun. We will eventually land with pride; we always do.

However, reaching the heavens is not Israel's only great achievement at the moment. In a world-first, Israeli scientists have created a live heart in a revolutionary new 3D-printing process that combines human tissue taken from a patient's own biomaterials and cells. Israeli scientists once again are paving the way for new technology that would make it possible to develop any kind of tissue implant from one small, fatty tissue biopsy.

Being the light unto the nations means more than technological developments and mind-blowing achievements. It requires our spirit and ethics to join forces and define our liberated being to be what it is.

The outgoing Israeli minister for culture announced that in honor of Israel's 71st anniversary, the mothers of three Israeli boys who were kidnapped and murdered by Palestinian Arab terrorists in 2014 would take part in this year's torch-lighting ceremony marking Israel's Independence Day.

These courageous three women became a symbol of unity, through their ability to rise from sorrow and personal mourning to the holy task of unifying and rebuilding. They were able to look ahead to tomorrow, through teary eyes today.

Only a liberated soul, one that would not surrender to terror and evil, or refuse to give up and break, can rise from ashes. This exemplifies what being a free people really means.

The Ethics of our Fathers (Pirkei Avot) (6:2) teaches us, "No person can truly be considered free, except the one who engages in the study of Torah." Allowing myself a

different interpretation, Torah in a wider sense, offers us a way to push our intellect, delving into the profundities of the human spirit, always reaching beyond, pushing away any physical or spiritual boundaries. That is what true freedom is about!

Standing beside those three mothers at the torch-lighting ceremony this year was Morris Kahn, the Israeli billionaire and funder of SpaceIL and Kfir Damari, one of the company's founders. On one hand, we had the triumph of the human spirit; on the other, the triumph of our imaginations.

Beresheet took off to the moon with the message *Am Yisrael Chai*, the people of Israel live, on board. Thanks to dreamers and believers, the people of Israel are indeed *chai*, alive, today more than ever, thriving to better than tomorrow, as a free people in our free land.

"We choose to go to the moon... not because [it is] easy, but because [it is] hard ... because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept ... and one we intend to win."

—President John F Kennedy, 1962



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Q ■ How can we ensure there's 'Jewish' in the Jewish family?

A ■ RABBI MICHAEL BEALS
Congregation Beth Shalom

Uchtavtam al mezuzot baytecha u'visharecha
You shall inscribe them on the doorposts of **your homes** and on your gates.

—Deuteronomy 6:9

Within the twice-repeated daily recitation of the *Shema*, the central prayer of the Jewish faith, we have the formula of how to keep the “Jewish” in Jewish Family. I even bolded the key operational words: “*baytecha / your homes.*”

To put back the “Jewish” in Jewish families, we must, Must, MUST, refocus the center of Jewish life. Outside of the Orthodox community, the center of Jewish families is the synagogue. That is where we celebrate High Holy Days and bring our children to get a Jewish education. In our grandparents’ or great-grandparents’ time – it was called *cheder* (rhymes with “HAY there!” with the “h” guttural like Chanukah). But in our grandparents’ and great-grandparents’ times, the synagogue afterschool Jewish education program was supposed to ENHANCE and SUPPORT the Jewish life that was happening in the home – NOT REPLACE IT!

We simply put too much on our synagogue Hebrew schools, expecting them to fill up the Jewish educational needs of our kids and grandkids, with the home being where Jewish people live, but not necessarily where Jewish things happen.

To put the “Jewish” back in Jewish family, we MUST first put the “Jewish” back into

“Jewish” home. Aside from a *mezuzah* on each non-bathroom doorframe throughout the home, to serve as constant reminders of Jewish values, a Jewish home should have a kosher kitchen, the bookshelves should be lined with Jewish books – from historical fiction and novels to *siddurim* and *chumashim* – and a little Rashi commentary thrown in for good measure – all available on Amazon. A Jewish home should have a beautiful *mizrach*, helping family members to orient east towards Jerusalem when they pray, other Jewish art, a framed wedding *ketubah* for those family members who are married, and the smell of freshly baked *challah* on Friday afternoons before Shabbat.

Putting the “Jewish” back into Jewish family is going to be inconvenient for those of our readers who live distinctly assimilated Jewish lives. And I would argue for both Jewish grandparents who long to have Jewish-identifying grandchildren, and Jewish parents who wish to have Jewish-identifying children – the inconvenience is worth the effort AND you do NOT need to everything all at once – be progressive Jews – take it on slowly, bit-by-bit, but keep moving forward! And in today’s day and age, with interfaith families, please welcome the non-Jewish partner’s sacred efforts to put the “Jewish” in their Jewish families as well. Often, it is the non-Jewish partner who endeavors to put the Jewish into their blended Jewish families – and their efforts are perhaps even MORE holy than the born-Jewish parent, because they need to stretch so much further.

RABBI PETER GRUMBACHER

Rabbi Emeritus,
Congregation Beth Emeth

You cannot “ensure” anything without a lot of labor, without a commitment to preserving our faith and folk. And you have to also define “family.” What we have always understood as family in generations past is not the same as today and surely will not be the same tomorrow.

Our leaders in all the branches of Judaism cannot dismiss the changes we are seeing. Whether we officiate at mixed marriages, they are a given. Whether or not we “approve” of gay marriages, they today are a given. Whether we scratch our heads when we think about single-parent families, they are a given.

We should open our hearts as well as our minds to these families. We should warmly welcome all into our various communities, religious and otherwise. We might not “ensure” the continuity of Judaism as the identified religion in a family, but if we don’t practice acceptance then we can most probably kiss that family goodbye. As has been written, in this day and age every Jew is a Jew-by-choice whether or not they are converts or cradle Jews; surely if there is no connection felt by a family, why bother?

But traditional or not, the family has to do its share to labor (and I mean “labor” even more than “work”) in the fields of Jewish identity. It is not the job of the clergy though we know that rabbis and cantors have often made the difference in how a Jew - especially a Jewish child - relates to his/her community. Clergy and the synagogue can be vital resources just as Federation and other agencies can inspire commitment through the values mirrored in what they offer, but the bottom line is that Judaism is a do-it-yourself religion; not only can we do it ourselves, but we must do at least a share of it ourselves.

The home is the first line of defense, as it were, in holding together the Jewishness of a family. If the home is the center of commitment there’s a chance to ensure that the Jewish family will remain Jewish and pass the love of what we represent to the next generation... and that’s the best we can do.

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HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE EVENT CENTERS ON RECENT SYNAGOGUE SHOOTINGS

By Sophia Schmidt, *Delaware Public Media* (delawarepublic.org)



Attendees placed stones on a Holocaust memorial statue in Wilmington

PHOTO BY SOPHIA SCHMIDT/
DELAWARE PUBLIC MEDIA

On Thursday, May 2, elected officials joined faith leaders and members of Delaware’s Jewish community in remembering lives lost in the Holocaust at a Yom HaShoah ceremony in Wilmington.

Speakers emphasized the importance of teaching younger generations about the Holocaust to prevent history from repeating. They also condemned more recent anti-Semitic violence in the U.S.

Gov. John Carney invoked the recent synagogue shooting in Poway, California, which killed one person and left several others injured, and a shooting last fall at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh that killed 11 people.

“Year after year I’ve been coming to this event, and I keep hoping that it will feel less urgent,” he said. “The synagogue shootings in California and in Pittsburgh make the importance of today all the more clear.”

Rabbi Steven Saks of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth is president of the Delaware Association of Rabbis and Cantors. He says the recent violence gave added meaning to Thursday’s event.

“It only reminds us of the importance of making sure that when we say ‘never again,’ that unfortunately this evil does exist,” he said. “We have to do everything in our power as Americans to come together and to stand

united against that type of intolerance.”

Seth J. Katzen, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), says his organization began providing active shooter trainings to First State synagogues in 2017 after several bomb threats were made to the Siegel Jewish Community Center in Talleyville. He says JFD has additional safety programming in collaboration with Delaware State Police planned for later this month.

According to the Anti-Defamation League’s annual audit of anti-Semitic incidents in the U.S., Delaware experienced two incidents in 2018— down from 13 in 2017.

THE GIFT OF SPIRITUAL LIVING

By Frankie Moses, *Jewish Community PR and Chair of the Seder*



Carole Golub and Ron Stern participate in the candle lighting ceremony

PHOTO CREDIT: ROBERT WELSH

The celebration of Passover, the Festival of Freedom, is the most cherished of Jewish holidays.

The Seder, a combination banquet and religious service, has been the highlight of the holiday held on the first and second nights of the week long observance.

The Jewish Community of Maris Grove, a Retirement Community located in Glen Mills,

Pennsylvania, hosted their annual Interfaith Seder for their members, their families, non-Jewish residents and friends—155 attendees in all at. The story of the Israelites’ forty-year journey from slavery to freedom was told by 50 members as each read from the Haggadah, the groups original Seder prayer book.

The tradition of the Seder is to assure the continuance of Judaism. Each generation must teach their children the inspirational precepts of living a Jewish life in order to thrive and grow. The Seder service is a show, tell and taste experience, as the story of the Exodus from Egypt is told, to capture the imagination and interest of children. This was our goal at our Seder and we were happy to have children present to look for the Afikomen and to chant the four questions.

After the traditional Seder meal, the Seder ended with the singing of Seder songs and several adaptations of familiar tunes about Seders.



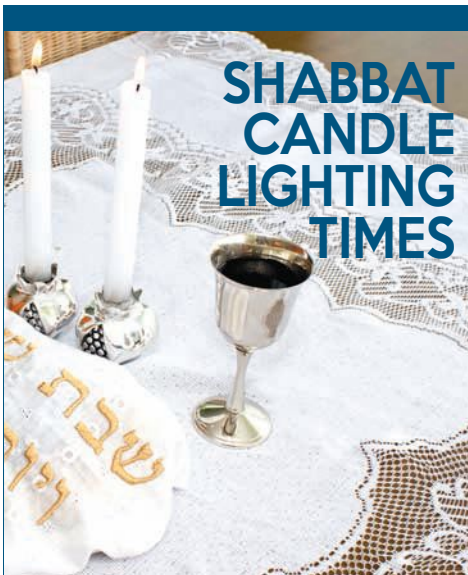
Overview of the Interfaith Seder at Maris Grove

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This was a special Seder because it marked 13 years of Seders at Maris Grove. The large number of participants and guests also showed the growth of the Jewish Community from 2007 with a group of seven members to 2019 with a membership of 120.

The Jewish Community at Maris Grove continues to grow. An effort is made to include some of the traditions of the Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform members of the community and invites their participation.

Retirement and senior independent living in a spiritual environment is a gift.



SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019
Light candles at 8:05 PM
Shabbat, June 1, 2019
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Shabbat, June 15, 2019
Shabbat ends at 9:21 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2019
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Shabbat, June 22, 2019
Shabbat ends at 9:23 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019
Light candles at 8:16 PM
Shabbat, June 29, 2019
Shabbat ends at 9:23 PM



Sonia Schorr Sloan PHOTO BY JENNIFER CORBETT

ACHIEVEMENT

SONIA SCHORR SLOAN

On March 16, Sonia Schorr Sloan, native Delawarean and active community member, was honored to receive the Delaware Democratic Party, Alexis I. du Pont Bayard Award for over 70 years of service to the Democratic Party of Delaware. This award is the party's most prestigious award and was presented by Senator Chris Coons on behalf of the Party.

On April 15, Sloan received the Jefferson University College of Life Sciences Lifetime Achievement Award for being the first woman ever to receive a degree from Jefferson Medical College, and the first to receive a degree from its new graduate school, Master of Science, in 1950.

Sloan's dedication to her community spans many years, covering not only the Jewish community, but also impacting all of Delaware. She was the founding member of the Board of the ACLU, the Wellness Community, the Public Allies, and the Delaware Financial Literacy Institute among others.

Sloan has been inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women and was awarded the Order of the First State, the highest honor given by the State of Delaware.

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THE JEW-ISH FAMILY

By Rabbi Jeremy Winaker, *Head of School, Einstein Academy*

If you have read the Book of Genesis, you should not be surprised.

Even Abraham, “the first Jew,” had a very mixed family. True, the nuclear core was there: Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac. Sarah’s handmaid Hagar and Abraham’s son by her, Ishmael, were around, too, for a while. Less remembered is that after Isaac marries Rebekah, Abraham remarries creating a new family with Keturah who bore him six sons. As God promised, Abraham is the father of many nations. While the Torah indicates that we should only consider Isaac’s line as Jewish, I would venture to say that if Abraham were living today, so much more of his family would be. The Jewish family today is a complicated notion.

The Jewish family today is racially diverse, structured in all sorts of arrangements, and inclusive in ways that defy the boundaries of Jewish law. I see it in every set of enrollment forms at Albert Einstein Academy: two generations back or adopted today, Jews are people of color; grandparents are guardians and inter-married non-Jewish parents are committed to raising their children Jewish; and people with no Jewish ancestry are so attached to Jewish values that they practice more Judaism than some who are born Jewish. That is just a sampling from our local Jewish day school.

You might think a Jewish day school population would appear homogeneous; not so at Einstein. In my five years at the school, we have seen Jews of so many hues that students have meaningfully reflected on skin color as inconsequential in their relationships. With so many differences and with a values focus on individual uniqueness, students report that they do not think about skin color. Who makes up the variety of Einstein’s racial composition? Jews of Moroccan descent, Jews of Ethiopian descent, Jews of Guatemalan descent, Jews of Russian descent, Jews of Puerto Rican descent, Jews of European descent, and Jews of African-American descent. Adding to the diversity is the mix of first-generation to third-generation descent and often a mix of two or more of these ancestries. That multitude is just the student body.

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“The more we connect, the more we see **our common commitment**, the more our **diversity** will be an **asset**.”

The Jewish families of our student body indicate not just the ancestral diversity that produces it but also an array of family structures in which our students live. While we have plenty of “traditional” nuclear families with two parents raising their children, we also have families with grandparents serving maximally as guardians and minimally as part of a team of familial adults co-parenting. School events draw multiple crews supporting students and, again, demonstrating that “family” structure looks different for all sorts of reasons.

The Jewishness of a family also defies the clear boundaries that Jewish law has drawn. Today’s Jewish family often includes at least one grandparent who is not Jewish; does that make the grandchild growing up in a Jewish home and attending a Jewish day school any less Jewish? No. What about the family that has not lived as Jews for generations but that sits *shivah* when a relative dies? Clearly, by Jewish law, the family is not automatically Jewish, especially if they are practicing another religion. On the other hand, families who take on Jewish values and practices, who Biblically might be considered “resident foreigners,” represent a postmodern variation I suggest we call Jew-ish. In the context of community today, and even in the world of Abraham, Jewish families and Jew-ish families are part of a larger family. Perhaps that family is less a tribe than it is a band, nevertheless it is what Jewish looks like.

The Jewish family in popular culture is just as varied. We have *Shtisel*’s lovingly human

portrait of an ultra-Orthodox family with a widower patriarch, his bachelor son who loves an older woman, and his daughter whose husband is up to no good on an extended business trip. *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* may be set in the past, but Midge and Joel’s relationships bring together an assortment of family arrangements (I cannot say more without a spoiler). *Transparent* has a transgender parent who visits the Kotel, the Western Wall in Jerusalem, while her children are drawn to politically polar opposite experiences in Israel. Network television’s *Modern Family*’s family has multiple opposing units within it, though not a Jewish one; but, its Jewish creator acknowledges that much of the material comes from his home life, making it somewhat Jew-ish. In each of these shows and many more I did not mention, pop culture uses pathos and humor to help us appreciate intra-family complexity precisely because that complexity is so real.

Today’s Jewish family is composed of disparate individuals, in multiple structures, and is somehow still Jewish and still family. The defining feature throughout these variations on family is the Jewish approach to relationships; commitment is the key to Jewish family. Committing to one another—to be responsible for one another or to argue passionately with each other, to forge deep

ties or to forgive the unforgivable—is the Jewish enterprise we call family.

We can and should marvel and wonder at the diversity of the Jewish family today, and we need to pay more attention to what Jewishly makes a family. The valuing of others, the commitment to them, and the resulting relationship does more than create a family, it creates a sense of belonging for us ourselves. We become grounded within that extended family unit, we find our value in our family’s values, and we are thereby enabled to open the family to new connections.

This rootedness in an identity that comes from a commitment to family is precisely what allows us to play Jewish geography. When we know who we are and where we came from, we also know that somehow we are connected to someone new through some chain of other “members of the tribe.” In the contemporary world of greater Jewish diversity we might need to cast a wider net to find our mutual connections. We certainly should.

The more we connect, the more we see our common commitment, the more our diversity will be an asset. It is just like the students at Einstein whose experience of diversity led them to focus on what was more important, our values. It is just like Abraham starting again and again. Jew, Jewish, and Jew-ish, our family is who we are because of how we live it. In the end, the complexity is not surprising and is rather really very simple, the Jewish family is what we actively make it with our values. They are what defines us.

RAISING THE JEWISH FAMILY

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY



The Felzer Family
Kimberly, Jeffrey, Ben, Eden, and Stella

By Elisha Caplan

Committee Co-Chair, j-VOICE Monthly

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L'dor v'dor. From generation to generation. When we talk about Jewish families, the idea of passing along the things most important to us about Judaism and Jewish life have been the focus for generations. The way that focus plays out in real life is constantly evolving and changing.

Enter 2019. Between running to and from school and extracurriculars, setting the balance between hi-tech and lo-tech fun, trying to maintain connections with friends and family both near and far, putting healthy meals on the table (or bagging them for a rushed meal between activities), modern parenting is a 1000-piece puzzle, and it could be easy to lose the “Jewish” piece in the process, but many families do it.

I took the opportunity to interview a few local parents about their own Jewish upbringing, the Jewish families they have built, and what aspect of their Jewish heritage and values they most hope their children carry on for the next generation. Here’s what they had to say:

KIMBERLY FELZER

I was raised as a secular Jew in a heavily Jewish suburb of Philadelphia. We belonged to a conservative synagogue, and as such, I was in Hebrew School twice a week. We always went to temple on the high holidays, and I was always proud of my Judaism.

We were not a particularly observant family - we did not observe Shabbos or keep a kosher kitchen. For us, it was more about the cultural aspects of Judaism—the food, the traditions, and being with family for the holidays.

ELISHA: How do you think “the Jewish family” has changed since you were a child?

KIMBERLY: It’s hard for me to say how I think things have changed. Coming from such a Jewish area as a kid, and with the community being so spread out here, it really is comparing apples to oranges. With that said, it seems as though families prioritize synagogue less than they used to. Fewer families seem to make time to send their children to Hebrew school, and many are reluctant to pay membership dues. Synagogues seem to be struggling. Families prioritize children’s extracurricular activities first, and then Hebrew School second. These are issues that organized Judaism will have to address.

ELISHA: How would you describe your own Jewish family?

KIMBERLY: I think my Jewish family today is proud. My children know how special and important it is to embrace their Judaism. They love when we have Shabbat dinners with our community friends, or holidays with the family. They love the smell of homemade *challah* in the oven, brisket, and Kugel. Benjamin and Eden absolutely love Hebrew school on Sundays at Chabad—much more than I ever did. But I will be the first to admit, that I need to prioritize being more active than we are right now, especially because we are one of a very small handful of Jewish families in our school district.

AARON GOLDSTEIN

I was raised in a Conservative congregation, located in Bridgeport, Connecticut. While the congregation was rather large, it was one of only a few in the area. The Jewish community in Connecticut was rather small but very close knit.

ELLISHA: How do you think “the Jewish family” has changed since you were a child?

AARON: I think the major change in the Jewish family has been a steady movement away from dogmatic religion in general. Because Jews are an ethnicity, being Jewish does not always mean being extremely religious. We can carry on our traditions by celebrating our holidays and feasts and teaching our children about who they are and why it is important to carry on the traditions themselves.

ELLISHA: How would you describe your own Jewish family?

AARON: We are affiliated with a reform temple because it most directly relates to our family makeup. My wife is Catholic, and our congregation does not view that as an obstacle to my children being seen as Jews. I really wish that the exclusive nature of some aspects of our religion ended. They can push people away instead of bringing them together. We love our Jewishness and celebrate the holidays and look forward to the bar and bat mitzvot of our children.



FEATURE
FAMILY

The Goldstein Family
Aaron, Tanisha,
Jonah, and Alli

DANA HOROWITZ

I was raised in a relatively secular home that was not very observant, but with a strong Jewish identity. We didn't keep kosher or Shabbat, but we celebrated all the holidays and were members and relatively active in our conservative synagogue. I attended Hebrew school and had a *bat mitzvah*. I also spent ten summers at a Jewish, Zionist summer camp (Young Judaea).

ELLISHA: How do you think “the Jewish family” has changed since you were a child?

DANA: Since I was a child, I think Americans overall have pulled away from religion including Jewish families which have become less observant. I think women working has played a big part of this as women tend to run the home and having a full-time job leaves much less time to prepare a Shabbat dinner, observe traditions, attend synagogue, be observant in general. I also think interfaith marriage has affected the identity of Jewish families in that it has become much more common and families have to divide their limited resources among two faiths instead of just Judaism.

ELLISHA: How would you describe your own Jewish family?

DANA: We are about the same as what I grew up with, we don't keep kosher or Shabbat, but do celebrate all of the holidays. We haven't joined a synagogue yet, but may do so in the next few months. I plan to send my children to religious school, have them *bar mitzvah* and hope they attend Jewish summer camp. My family's strongest tie to Judaism and the Jewish community is the JCC. My children have both gone to the JCC preschool and we often go to their social events. My closest friends are ones (I've) made through the JCC as Jews. I really wish that the exclusive nature of some aspects of our religion ended. They can push people away instead of bringing them together. We love our Jewishness and celebrate the holidays and look forward to the bar and bat mitzvot of our children.

ELLISHA: What aspect of Judaism or Jewish values do you most want your children to carry on?

DANA: I think the most important Jewish value that I would like my children to carry on is the ability and encouragement to reason, think, and ask questions. I also want my children to have the concept of



The Horowitz Family
Adam, Dan, Dana, and Emily

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The Ball-Rich-Jacobson Family

Kristian, Ellie, Elizabeth, Micah, and Toby



ELIZABETH RICH

I was brought up in a fully integrated Jewish immigrant family. Three of my grandparents survived the Holocaust, and the other hid in plain sight while smuggling Jews out of Hungary. My father was born in a DP (aka. refugee) camp after the war. While my family was committed to their Jewish identity, they were very wary of being separate and distinct from Americanized religious holidays like Easter and Christmas. So, we grew up with Friday Shabbat, Christmas, Easter Egg hunts, Passover, *B'nai Mitzvahs*, the whole thing. We lived in a small Jewish region, and I was the only Jew in my grade at my temple and I never thought much about it. We also did most of our celebrations at home or in *Chavurot* (friend groups), so I didn't grow up with the idea that Judaism is something that happens in a specific place. I loved that we talked about God and faith

and ritual regularly, not just at designated times.

ELLISHA: How do you think “the Jewish family” has changed since you were a child?

ELIZABETH: That’s hard for me, because my family was Jewish and integrated (pretty common for Holocaust survivors), so my idea of a Jewish family is one that believes and celebrates cultural and religious values within a community. I feel like this is happening more and more as the idea of Judaism as a separate and distinct part of your life starts to fade. It seems to be more integrated into the day-to-day and less around single moments in time or times of year.

ELLISHA: How would you describe your own Jewish family?

ELIZABETH: Well, I married a self-described Buddhist atheist with a Lutheran background and a very secular name, but I would still say we are very strong in our Jewish identity. We celebrate almost every week in some way, most of the time with friends, but it’s so integrated into the evening that it’s a part of who we are. The kids feel it if we don’t light candles or have *havdalah*. We send our kids to Sunday school and participate in temple events, and I have found over the years what makes the family feel connected is the connection to others outside and in the world. I would be the first to admit, that I need to prioritize being more active than we are right now, especially because we are one of a very small handful of Jewish families in our school district.

ELLISHA: What aspect of Judaism or Jewish values do you most want your children to carry on?

ELIZABETH: Community, family, history. A sense of place in the family story. The fact that God is everywhere, and there is no one right way to be close to your faith.

The Miller Family

Philli, Jesse, Spencer, Oliver, and Lily



PHILI MILLER

I grew up pretty traditional in a mixed marriage. My father isn't Jewish but he always celebrated with us and we never did anything with his religion. I started out in an Orthodox day school and eventually ended up in public school. I was a part of an Orthodox youth group in middle school and decided to go to a Modern Orthodox high school. Over time,

I became more religious, many of my friends were already (religious), and the town we lived in had an Orthodox community. Jewish home life was celebrating holidays with family and going to synagogue occasionally. Since then I've gone through many different changes in my religious life. I think that's part of the Jewish journey, finding what works for you and your family.

ELLISHA: How would you describe your own Jewish family?

PHILI: The Jewish family to me now also includes friends. Friends that we celebrate with. It isn't just immediate and extended family celebrating holidays and doing “Jewish” things. While there was always a community aspect to me, for the Jewish family, I think the more at-home personal side has become more open to others. My husband comes from an Orthodox family so spending Shabbat and holidays with his family

is very different then what it was for me. For me it was about the food and the company whereas for him it was more about the rituals associated with them. Blending that together and finding what works for our family has been an interesting journey.

ELLISHA: What aspect of Judaism or Jewish values do you most want your children to carry on?

PHILI: We want our kids to celebrate a holiday meal with family and friends but also understand what and why we are doing certain things. (I'd like them to) build more on the holiday then just the social aspect, but not too extreme. I think having parents with separate religious backgrounds makes it an interesting blend of Judaism for our kids; they get to see parts that if we only did it one way they wouldn't usually see. I think the exposure is important for when they become older and explore on their own what Judaism means to them.

The Perry Family
Sarah, Jonathan, Maya, and Sam



JONATHAN PERRY

I was brought up in a conservative congregation with 1400 families outside of Boston, Massachusetts. In my house, we celebrated Shabbat dinner most weeks and kept “pseudo-kosher.” I did USY, had a Bar Mitzvah, went to Israel and continued attending Hebrew School into High School and went to (Camp) Ramah for five summers.

ELLISHA: How do you think “the Jewish family” has changed since you were a child?

JONATHAN: With intermarriage as common as it is, the identity of the “Jewish family” has changed in being more defined by actions/mitzvot observed and less simply by affiliation to a congregation. I think it mirrors a similar change in the nuclear family and the trending lessening of involvement in the greater Jewish community and individual congregations.

ELLISHA: How would you describe your own Jewish family?

JONATHAN: Our family practices a form of modern Judaism that is Reform-affiliated for its values of egalitarianism and ethical direction. We occasionally have family Shabbat dinners, generally observe the holidays and both children have been to Jewish Day School. But we don’t emphasize rituals and prayer; it’s more about the belonging to a community and the motivation to live a better ethical life.

ELLISHA: What aspect of Judaism or Jewish values do you most want your children to carry on?

JONATHAN: To appreciate those who came before them. To value life in all forms and try to make the world a better place because of their actions. To be intentional in how they choose to live their own lives. To not be afraid to ask good questions to understand things better.

The Platsis Family



LIZ PLATZIS

My dad’s side of the family came to the US from the Ukraine in 1890, and they became more secular with each generation. My mom is a Jew by choice. For most of my childhood, we lived in Vineland, NJ and attended Congregation Beth Israel, where I went to Hebrew school and had my *bat mitzvah*. When I started 9th grade, we moved to Turnersville, NJ, where there was no synagogue and no Jewish community, so during my high school years I was disconnected

from Judaism other than holidays with family. During college, this trend continued. In my 20s, I was hired to teach high school English in a Jewish day school, and at that point I started to embrace Judaism as an adult. As a result of this experience, I jumped at the chance to send my children to Einstein Jewish Day School.

ELLISHA: How has “the Jewish family” changed since you were a child?

LIZ: There are so many more ways for kids to be engaged today. Synagogues and other Jewish institutions provide more programming for young children. I think PJ Library and PJ Our Way play an important role, as they provide not only books but also activities and ways for Jewish families to meet and have fun together. I think we felt more isolated and surrounded by the dominant culture when I was a kid.

ELLISHA: How would you describe your own Jewish family?

LIZ: I am trying to regain some of what was forgotten during my ancestors’ generations, as they worked to assimilate into American culture and probably went a bit too far. My husband is a Jew by choice, and he is fully invested in having a Jewish family. We take advantage of the fact that Wilmington is lucky enough to have a K-5 Jewish day school, and where we have one current student and one graduate. We are also active members of Congregation Beth Shalom and I serve on the PJ Library Committee, and our kids participate in fantastic youth programming in both places. In the summer, our daughters attend Camp Gan Izzy at Chabad of Delaware. So we’re involved in a lot of Jewish places! I do my best to make sure that the kids feel involved, and not alone in being Jews since we are a tiny minority in the US.

ELLISHA: What aspect of Judaism or Jewish values do you most want your children to carry on?

LIZ: The value of perseverance can be seen throughout our religion and our history. It’s going to be needed to face the challenges of the Jewish community, and it will help my kids in their personal challenges as well.

Seven different families, seven different ways of being Jewish. Regardless of the approach, these Jewish parents are all focused on sharing their Jewish heritage with their children through similar means. Jewish education through formal and informal experiences, Jewish holidays, and Jewish food. At the end of the day, they want to pass on a feeling of connectedness to Jewish heritage and values and ensure their children become adults who again carry on Jewish tradition and values to the generation to come, *l’dor v’dor*.

FEATURE
FAMILY

What it meant to be Part of the Loper Student Family: PAINTING WITH ED LOPER, SR.

By Kerin Hearn

ArtSpace Committee Member and Loper Student



Edward Loper, Sr., Artist and Teacher, 1916-2011

PHOTO COURTESY OF JAMIE LOPER

One might ask why there was a resounding “yes!” when the Siegel JCC ArtSpace invited former Loper Students to show their work in *The Loper Legacy: Paintings by Artists Influenced by Ed Loper, Sr.*

What was the magic that drew nearly 40 artists to the exhibit, presented in conjunction with *The Loper Tradition*, a retrospective at the Delaware Art Museum?

The answer is complex. Painting with Ed was not simply going to a teacher for lessons. It was a commitment, sometimes life-long, to being part of a very special family of artists, with Ed as the head. He was the teacher, artist, mentor, father figure, and best friend.

Ed was first and foremost the consummate teacher. If one were to ask what he hoped his greatest legacy might be, his answer was always the same. “I want my students to know everything I know. I want my students to learn everything I have learned.”

Whenever he learned something new about painting, his students learned it right along with him. He was greatly influenced by the Barnes Foundation and taught his version of what he learned there. He took students to museums to study the work of Cezanne, Van Gogh, Juan Gris, and other artists he admired. Students traveled with him to paint in far-flung locations he found beautiful, such as Quebec City.

He taught his students to paint using line, light, color, and space. But, most of all, he wanted them to see color and paint color next to color.

His classes were an open forum to discuss anything. He loved politics and would drop controversial tidbits. As far as race relations were concerned, it was probably in class that many white suburbanites learned what it was truly like to be a black man of his era in this country.

But, most of all if you painted with Ed, a whole social life revolved around him and you were part of it. Home-style barbeques in his back yard, Holiday celebrations at student homes, his annual birthday party at the Du Pont Country Club, and picnics on the grass in Quebec were never just social for him. He talked about painting at them all.

THE TALE OF TWO LOPER STUDENTS

Painter Ann Jarrett would certainly get the award for painting with Ed for the longest number of consecutive years. As a young DuPont wife, she walked into her first class at the Walnut Street Y in 1953 and walked out of his very last class in his studio in 2009. Over the course of the years she painted with him in Quebec City, Rockport, Provincetown, Gloucester, and any other place he taught, with her husband and four children often in tow. When asked why so long, she said he was always teaching her something new and she would quit when she stopped learning. That day never came.

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The Fairy Catcher was inspired by the artist's niece
PHOTO COURTESY OF JANE KAVANAGH



Father Keno Chapel by Loper Student Thomas Mammen
PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

Retired Surgeon and Surgical Educator, Thomas Mammen calls Ed Loper the most influential teacher he ever had. Ed taught him to see colors in a new way that even helped him in laparoscopic surgery where he worked with camera images. One of Dr. Mammen's most treasured memories is his daughter sending him on a painting trip to Quebec for his 50th birthday. Only recently did he realize how much Ed influenced his children's art appreciation. His Daughter, Priya, analyzed Ed's painting, Market Street Mall, for a Tedx Talk and amazed him all anew on the beauty of Ed's art.

The Loper Legacy includes artists like these who painted with Ed Loper, Sr.—in his studio, along the Brandywine River, on trips to Quebec City and New England, or in classes at different locations. Some artists still paint in the Loper tradition; some have gone on to completely different styles. Some artists put work in the show so new that the canvas was wet. Others chose something from long ago. Some paintings show strong Loper influences; some have only faint vestiges remaining. Some artists are deceased or in nursing homes or otherwise unable to submit their own work—their children or grandchildren did it

for them. There is intergenerational work of both parent and child.

These artists have something in common. All were part of the unique Loper Student Family and their work shows the influences of this dynamic longtime Delaware teacher and artist.

THE KAVANAGH SISTERS

The Kavanagh Sisters grew up in a large Irish Catholic Baltimore family of seven sisters and two brothers. Two sisters, Jane, a sculptor and Nancy, a photographer, were always the closest to each other.

The artwork of the two sisters is in the ArtSpace Showcase. Though created separately sight unseen—Jane lives in Newark and Nancy in Baltimore—the pieces somehow harmonize and blend together.

Both sisters draw upon family, memory, and their Irish heritage for inspiration. Jane creates sculpture from clay, metal, paper, paint, and ink. Fairies in Milkweed were inspired by her sister's twin daughters, with one as the fairy catcher and one the releaser.

Nancy, a lifelong professional portrait photographer, embraced the digital world to create layered images, then paints with

encaustic or infuses the photo on metal. Their family business in Baltimore provides endless images of tools, warehouses, and heavy equipment to photograph.

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ANDREW L. MILLER

Wilmington - Age 78, passed away at home on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, surrounded by his family's love.

Born and raised in Wilmington, Andy was the son of the late Leanora (nee Kalcheim) and Richard Miller and was a 1958 graduate of P.S. duPont High School.

In 1962, Andy graduated from the University of Delaware where he majored in Economics and Accounting and was a member of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity. After graduation, he joined his family's retail furniture business, Miller Brothers, a company established by his grandfather Nathan Miller in 1900.

In 1975, Andy was named President and CEO of Miller's Furniture Industries, Inc. In 1995, the Tri-State Home Furnishings Association recognized Andy and Miller's Furniture with the 'Retailer of the Year' award. Before its close in 1997, Miller's Furniture was one of the region's best-known furniture stores.

In 1985, Andy began serving the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce and held roles as Member of the Executive Committee, Director, and Treasurer. He was also a past Board Chairman of the Better Business Bureau of Delaware, and past President of Jewish Family Services.

Andy met his wife Barbara Klein Miller at P.S duPont High School where he was well known as a drummer in both the marching band and a rock band. The high school sweethearts wed in 1963 and had three daughters: Sharon Miller, Elizabeth Gensler (Gary), and Nina Stone (Tucker). He is also survived by four beautiful granddaughters, Maya, Marissa, Eliana, and Piper as well as his sister Danna Miller Levy (Roger); his Aunt Sara Miller (Dick); brother-in-law, Dr. Gershon Klein; sister-in-law, Goldie Klein; and seven nieces and nephews.

Andy's friends and family will remember him fondly as the life of any party he attended. He was a devoted University of

Delaware football fan and looked forward to the Sunday NFL games on television. Andy spent his summers relaxing, boating, and fishing with his family in Bethany Beach. He was an avid reader and also enjoyed sharing his love for magic tricks with his granddaughters.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The Auxiliary of A.I. duPont Hospital, Family Assistance Fund (attention Volunteer Office) 1600 Rockland Road, Wilmington, DE 19803, the Leanora Miller Scholarship Fund at the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809, or any charity of your choice.

ARTHUR L. PODOLSKY

Wilmington - Age 69, he was born September 19, 1949 in Wilmington, DE, the son of the late Jeannette and Max Podolsky. Arthur became a Bar Mitzvah at Congregation Beth Shalom and attended Pierre S. duPont High School until he was sixteen years of age when he became ill with a cruel brain disease. Mentally disabled, he continued to live in Wilmington for the rest of his life.

Arthur is survived by his sister, Rochelle Kristol (Howard); his nephews, Adam (Kathryn), Evan (Kristina), Todd (Sharon), and Drew (Helena); his grand nephews and nieces, Jason, Ryan, Madeleine, Zachary, Dylan, Talia, Julia, and Austin.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to Brain & Behavior Research Foundation (formerly NARSAD), 90 Park Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10016-1301.

CYNTHIA ZUCKERKANDEL

Wilmington - Age 92, passed away peacefully on Tuesday April 30, 2019.

Born January 14, 1927, in Philadelphia, PA, Cynthia graduated from Girls High in Philadelphia and attended Moore College of Art in Fashion Design and Barnes Foundation program classes. She was a devoted mother, who championed natural childbirth and breastfeeding in the 1950's. Cynthia was a skilled pianist who loved art, fashion, classical music, and jazz. In the 1980's, Cynthia managed then-Congressman Tom Carper's military academy admissions recommendations and served on the

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The family thanks the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home for their loving care of our mother, Cynthia.

Preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Samuel; she is survived by her daughters, Karen Ackerman (Ken), Greta Borie (Stewart), and Amy Rose; four grandchildren, Jack, Nick, Katie, and Nate; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions in Cynthia's name to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809 or the Delaware Art Museum (www.delart.org).

JOSEPH SOMMERS

Wilmington - Age 93, passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 21, 2019.

Born in Atlantic City, NJ on February 18, 1926, he was the youngest of six children born to Bertha and Morris Sommers. He will be remembered for his selfless devotion to family, his ever present smile, and his concern for those less fortunate.

Family members wish to thank the staff of the Kutz Home.

Preceded in death by his loving wife of 69 years, Selma; his sister, Miriam; and his brothers, Herman and Harry; he is survived by two sisters, Freda and AnnaRae; three children, Dr. Alan Sommers (Nancy) of Scottsdale, AZ, Robin Lange (Ellis) of Silver Spring, MD, and Dr. William Sommers (Kathryn) of Centreville, DE; five grandchildren, Ashley, Jeffrey, Katie, Andrew, and Will; two great-grandchildren, Eloise and Catriona.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

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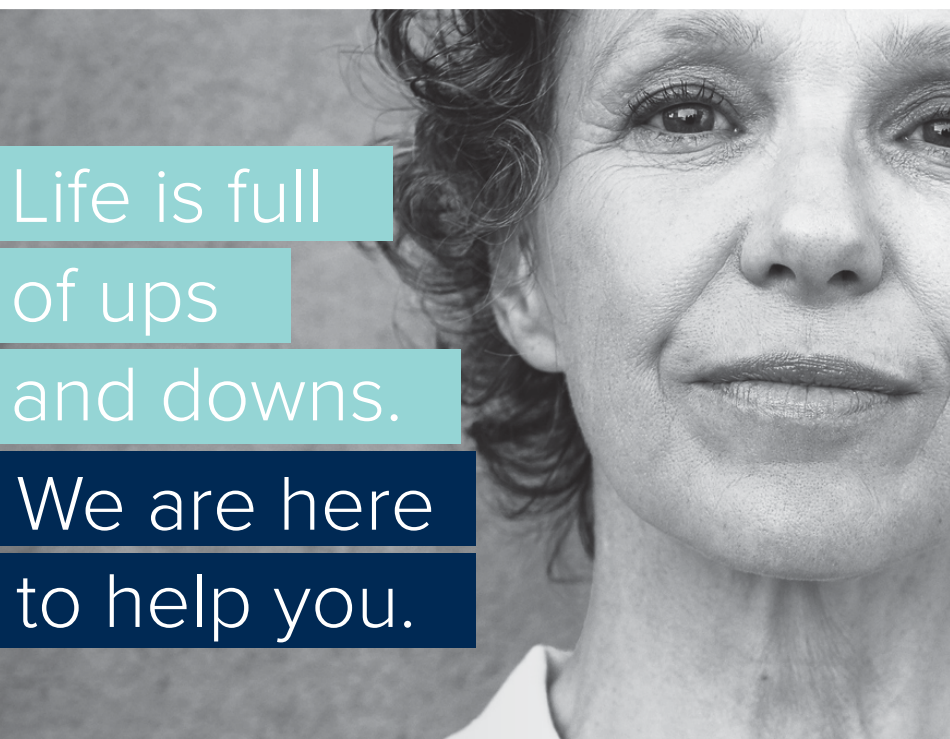
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- 6. Feed for hogs
- 10. Dunk
- 14. Colleague of Rashida (Tlaib)
- 15. A Mrs. Charlie Chaplin
- 16. Sound of music
- 17. Schnozz operatives
- 20. Kothb of note
- 21. Contact lens solutions
- 22. Treif in a can
- 25. Navy's C.I.A.
- 27. #1 draft pick Deandre Ayton, for one
- 28. Morning minyan item
- 31. Yomi preceder
- 34. Red vision
- 35. Name that can partner with Gail
- 36. World leaders often have large ones
- 37. Ireland's palindromic coronation stone, ___ Fail
- 38. What the green do with the items in 17, 28, 48, and 60-Across
- 42. ___-a-Lago
- 43. He raised Samuel
- 44. Mets div.
- 45. Noisy flight crew?
- 47. Biblical talk: Abbr.
- 48. What a new Jewish groom will often do
- 51. Word after "Borei", often
- 52. M.D.'s right hands
- 53. "Put a sock ___!"
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- 66. Kitchen or bachelor add-on
- 67. Two Prime Ministers
- 68. Tenant's payment
- 69. Lightly blacken
- 70. Piece of gemara

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- 1. Shred
- 2. Not 100%
- 3. Hornets, on the scoreboard
- 4. Disputed Asian land
- 5. Interested
- 6. Declaration from one who won't be outdone
- 7. Part of L.A.P.D.
- 8. Burden
- 9. Way to get high in Eilat?
- 10. Gertrude of rose fame
- 11. Cuckoo
- 12. Designer Klein
- 13. Something to clean up
- 18. Judaism no-no
- 19. Gulper's sound
- 22. Julia in the "Bourne" movies

- 23. Colony to be avoided
- 24. Dreyfus, e.g.
- 26. 12 months from today
- 29. "Curb Your Enthusiasm" character's nickname
- 30. Channel across the pond
- 31. Lessen
- 32. Sampras rival
- 33. Woodlands
- 39. Adds to one's coffers
- 40. 2016 W.S. losers to the Cubs
- 41. It may be beaten
- 46. Seder guest
- 48. Judaism's most ancient ritual
- 49. One who is aware
- 50. Poses
- 51. Computer menu option
- 54. Like an unshut door
- 55. Funny image, nowadays
- 56. Actor McGregor
- 57. Part of a pot on the table
- 59. Strong animals
- 61. TLV letters
- 62. Bulldog cousin
- 63. First name in ice cream
- 64. Cape Town's country: Abbr.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019

Musical Celebration of Israel and Jerusalem

6:30 PM

Siegel JCC

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth invites the community to Café Tamar, a musical celebration of Yom Yerushalayim and of the 71st anniversary of Israel's independence. Featured performers from throughout the community include violinist Eliezer Gutman, violist Juliana Castillo, pianists Lotus Cheng and Peter Popper, and soloists Cindy Goldstein, Talia Goren, and Noam Glikzman. Enjoy performances by the AKSE dance group, the Albert Einstein Academy Dancers, the AKSE Klezmer Band, and the Tamar Singers. Admission at the door: adults, \$12, children under 12, \$5. For information call 302-762-2705 or email office@AKSE.org.

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

27th Annual Siegel JCC Sports Classic

Noon-7 PM

Wilmington Country Club

Spend a day playing golf, tennis, or pickleball at the Siegel JCC's annual tournament benefitting the Siegel JCC's Youth and Senior programs. For more information, please visit siegeljcc.org.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019

85th Siegel JCC Annual Meeting

7-8 PM

Courtyard or Auditorium (if rain)

Please join us as we elect our new Board of Directors, review the past year's accomplishments and honor our award recipients. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact annasaul@siegeljcc.org.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019

JFS Memory Café

1:30-3 PM

Congregation Beth Emeth

A social gathering for people experiencing memory changes and their caregivers. Open to ALL; every 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

For more info or to RSVP, contact Karen Commeret at 302-478-9411 or kcommeret@jfsdelaware.org. Interested in volunteering? Contact Joyce Griffith at 302-478-9411 or jgriffith@jfsdelaware.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019

84th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware

7-8:30 PM

Siegel JCC - Auditorium

Please join Jewish Federation of Delaware in celebrating 84 years of committed service at our Annual Meeting. The meeting will include the installation of our 2019-2020 Officers and Board of Directors. Wine and dessert reception following the meeting. Cost is FREE to attend but please RSVP by May 31st at ShalomDelaware.org/AnnMtg or call (302) 427-2100. For more information contact Wendy@ShalomDel.org.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

Shavuot Reading of the 10 Commandments, Ice Cream Party and Kids Program

10:45 AM-12:15 PM

Chabad Center for Jewish Life

Come celebrate the most underrated holiday on the Jewish calendar, which commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai with a public reading of the 10 Commandments, an ice cream buffet Kiddush and a wonderful kids program! This program is FREE. Please visit ChabadDE.com/register to RSVP.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019

Albert Einstein Academy - Graduation Ceremony

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Congregation Beth Emeth

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THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019

Caring Group (Widow Support Group)

5:30-7 PM

JFS Wilmington Office

If you have lost a spouse and are looking for support from people who share the experience, please consider joining JFS' new Caring Group.

FREE to join, contact Pamela Stearn at 302-478-9411 or pstearn@jfsdelaware.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019

Family Bonfire & Music

7:30-9:30 PM

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Siegel JCC Member Appreciation Week

Siegel JCC Outdoor Campus
Join us for a week-long member appreciation celebration including a Block Party and Splash Shabbat! For more information, please contact courtneyhowe.@siegeljcc.org.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019

Jewish Federation of Delaware and Siegel JCC present: An Evening With Ari Hest

7-9 PM
Wilmington Brew Works
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By Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt,
Director, Jewish Community
Relations Committee

As I write this, we are still reeling from the tragedy in Poway, California, where a group of Jews were praying, observing the last day of Pesach, and about to say Yiskor.

The rest—you know.

In the aftermath, my instinct was to go to *shul*, to be with my community, to hug my children and grandchildren. I recalled that when I was a child, after the Six Day War broke out, we all went to *shul*; we *had* to be together. The same happened after the Yom Kippur War.

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For many of us, the Jewish community is an extension of our family, with a shared history, language, culture, and destiny, to which we are comforted by.

Just as we have to work at and nurture the relationships in our family, so too do we have to work towards building and nurturing the kind of community that we want it to be—and each person has his own view of what that community would look like. Yes, we need strong and committed leadership, but we also have to take personal responsibility for stepping up, for living our values, for becoming community activists, for giving time, energy, and resources, and most notably, for respecting the beliefs and choices of others.

As a rabbi, I've officiated at too many funerals where the relatives don't speak to one another, where one sibling hasn't talked to the other in 20 years. So they stop trying. How sad is this! They might not even remember why they aren't speaking. At community meetings, we often hear yelling, threats, and resignations—all because someone is passionately fighting for his/her own values and interests. Respectful discourse, compromise, and cooperation is often lacking and in its wake, little gets accomplished.

We live in a small community; we live in a small Jewish community. We feel vulnerable in a way that we haven't felt before. As a Jewish people, we are continually threatened by anti-Semitism, and are now even confronted by difficulties within the Jewish family itself. Sociologists tell us that the biggest threat to the Jewish community is apathy and assimilation. As diaspora Jews, we look to the strength of the State of Israel with the hope that, "If things get bad enough, we can always move to Israel." For most Jews, that is not a realistic option.

The state of our Jewish family is changing in non-traditional ways. In order to preserve the foundation of our heritage we, as a people with diverse values and sensitivities, need to lead lives with principles of kindness, integrity, and action—with open hearts and strong convictions. If we want the next generation to care, we need to provide the road map for them to follow. We need to give them the foundation to carry them in life and we need to work for the kind of community that we want it to be—safe, secure, and tolerant.

We can't hide from the current reality of life in America or the state of the Jewish community. As has always been our mission, "*Litakane olam*," to perfect the world in the image of G-d.

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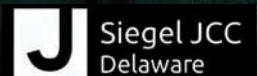
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