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Over the last two years I have been honored to serve as President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. I thank you for this privilege. It has been an absolute pleasure to work closely with my partners, Seth Katzen and Wendy Berger, as well as the entire JFD staff. We are truly blessed to have such talented and dedicated professionals in our community!

Please join me for the Jewish Federation of Delaware’s 82nd Annual Meeting, chaired by Lisa Dadone-Weiner, on Thursday, June 8th at 6:30pm in the Siegel JCC auditorium. We will welcome incoming President, William Wagner, and present Toni Young with the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award. There will be a special check presentation to our 10 Create A Jewish Legacy partners representing our five beneficiary agencies and five synagogues. All attendees will also receive a copy of the 2016-2017 Report to the Community as well as the Best Jewish Delaware Executive Summary. A Wine & Dessert reception will immediately follow with all dietary laws observed.

We must continue to work to make sure we continue to have a vibrant Jewish community in the future as well as sustained support for Israel and for World Jewery. I hope I have the opportunity to thank you in person for your ongoing support and commitment and look forward to celebrating what we, as one vibrant community, can achieve TOGETHER.
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The year 2017 is rich in anniversaries for the Jewish State. Over the next 12 months, Israel and Jews worldwide will mark the 120th anniversary of the First Zionist Congress, the centennial of the Balfour Declaration, and 70 years since the UN General Assembly Partition Resolution calling for two states for two peoples. Of all these momentous events, however, none will be more freighted with history than the 50th anniversary of the Six-Day War.

“Israel’s stunning victory in the Six Day War made it clear to the nations of the world that Israel was here to stay and that the Jewish people had firmly taken control of their own destiny,” stated John Elzufon, JCRC Chair.

Jennifer Steinberg, JCRC Committee Member and JCPA Frank Fellow, added, “The Six Day War occupies a particularly challenging place for me in that it is both historically relevant and currently relevant as the events of 50 years ago are still influencing evolving policy in the region.”

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The legacy of this war, in which the Israel Defense Forces shocked the world and itself by routing the combined Arab armies of Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, and Lebanon in six days and more than quadrupled Israel’s territory, will be a time of both jubilant celebration and somber reflection within the Jewish community and Israel.

Even as we take stock of both the positive developments and the negative consequences of Israel’s decisive victory, we must look ahead and renew our commitment to a two-state outcome between Israelis and Palestinians.

To be sure, the victory brought numerous benefits to the fledging Jewish State. In the first two decades since Israel’s establishment, during which Jerusalem was divided and occupied by Jordan, Jewish holy sites were desecrated and access was denied to Jews. The war changed that reality. After 2,000 years, Jews were once again able to pray at their most holy site, the Kotel. The reunification of Jerusalem is, indeed, a moment worthy of celebration, if not triumphalism.

The added territory also gave Israel bargaining chips with the Arab world. And while the Arab states initially refused to negotiate, 13 years later Egypt—the largest and most powerful Arab country—came to the table and made peace with Israel. Under the treaty, Israel returned the Sinai, an area more than two and a half times the size of Israel. The peace treaty has stood the test of time. In the first 25 years of its existence, Israel had four major wars with the Arab world. Since it made peace with Egypt, it has had none.

Notwithstanding these favorable developments, the war also undeniably created numerous unresolved challenges. Israel’s battle for survival left the Jewish state in control over the lives of millions of Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza. This situation has caused enormous trauma and suffering on both sides. As the late Israeli leader Shimon Peres observed, “The Jewish people weren’t born to rule over another people.” The conditions fed into the perception that Israel, not the Arab world, was primarily at fault for the conflict. It has been used as a pretext for committing terrorism against and ostracizing Israel in international bodies. Left unresolved, it’s hard to see an end to such targeting of Israel, however unfair.

Indeed, while the anniversary will likely be used to portray Israel as a “permanent occupier,” a close look at the historical record shows that Israel has often sought to achieve peace with the Palestinians and the wider Middle East. Israel engaged in direct negotiations with Palestinian leaders on numerous occasions, beginning in the 1993 Oslo Accords. Interim agreements have resulted in numerous territorial concessions. Israel withdrew completely from Gaza in 2005. On three occasions from 2000-2008, Israel made or agreed to three comprehensive offers to the Palestinians, all either rejected or ignored by the Palestinian leadership.

Despite ongoing challenges, Israel has developed a working administrative and security relationship with the Palestinian Authority, creating relative security for both sides.

The anniversary is a painful reminder of how far we all still need to travel to find a true and just peace. Getting there will require Israelis, Palestinians, Jews, and Arabs to look at our shared history and redouble our efforts to create two states for two people, living side by side in peace and security. No matter the current obstacles, the two-state solution remains the only viable option for stable and long-term Israeli-Palestinian peace.

Rather than retreat into recriminations, we can take action to support a two-state solution. Such action might include:

- Supporting Israeli and Palestinian civil society leaders in building an infrastructure of peace through people-to-people initiatives. While such efforts will not by themselves create peace, they create the bonds of trust that can lead to true peace in the long-term.
- Urging both parties to act in a two-state solution compatible fashion. For Palestinians, that means ceasing incitement against and delegitimization of Israel and refraining from using the UN to pressure Israel. For Israel, that means limiting construction to areas that will not be part of a potential future Palestinian state.
- Encouraging both parties, when the moment is right, to resume direct negotiations leading to a comprehensive conflict-ending agreement resolving all outstanding disputes.

Let this anniversary be a reminder that we must move forward to create a better future for both peoples.
More than 50% of the gifts raised from the Annual Campaign come from Women’s Gifts—over $800,000 annually. Our Women’s Philanthropy Division wants to inspire ALL women in our community to give to their full potential, which is the reason this Spring’s WOW event featuring Linda Kaplan Thaler sharing her story of how she and her agency leveraged kindness and grit to reach their full potential, was ever-poignant.

The over 120 women who attended this year’s luncheon had time to network, schmooze, and share before event co-chairs Jill Engel Flambaum and Ginger Weiss took the stage to welcome everyone and thank them for their time and commitment to making the event a reality. This year’s event also included the new Woman of Valor Award in memory of the work of the late Andrea Dobkin Rogosin Levine. Suzanne Grant, past president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and incoming National Campaign Chair for Jewish Federations of North America presented this year’s award posthumously. Andrea’s husband, Richard accepted the award on her behalf. In the future, this award will be given to a woman who has demonstrated a commitment to making a difference in our Jewish community through her passion and dedication.

This year’s WOW featured speaker, Linda Kaplan Thaler is best-selling author, motivational speaker, and founder of the The Kaplan Thaler Group, a New York-based advertising agency. Her story is both her personal story as well as that of her firm and the people who work there. Through kindness and grit, The Kaplan Thaler Group rose to the top of the advertising profession, creating campaigns for Clairol Herbal Essences, Aflac, Toys "R" Us, and other brands. Linda’s overall message was that taking advantage of opportunities, being passionate and treating others the way you want to be treated are just some of the ways women can make opportunities for themselves and meet their personal and professional goals.

The women’s philanthropy division is thankful to Federation’s Annual Campaign Co-Chairs and active Women’s Philanthropy members, Barbara Blumberg and Lisa Dadone-Weiner for taking the lead to help our community raise the funds to do our important work. This year’s WOW event truly empowered those who attended not only to get involved, but to become future leaders. Women’s Philanthropy is simply amazing.
What will your Jewish legacy be?

We have made a legacy commitment for our daughter. We see it as our obligation to insure that this community, from which we derive so much, continues to thrive.

~ Gina and Josh Schoenberg

Create A Jewish Legacy is a program of Jewish Federation of Delaware’s Jewish Fund for the Future and is funded in part by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

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For more information about Create A Jewish Legacy, contact Rachel Jacobson, Create A Jewish Legacy Program Coordinator, at (302) 427-2100 or Rachel@ShalomDel.org.
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$150 Get Together grants help build social connections and empower parents to offer Jewish experiences to share with their friends and other families

By JFD Staff

Delaware and Brandywine Valley-area families raising Jewish children will now have more opportunities to participate in Jewish life, thanks to a grant opportunity recently awarded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF). The grants will be distributed to members of PJ Library, the flagship program of HGF that offers free Jewish books and programs to more than 125,000 families around the world.

Delaware and the Brandywine Valley is among a select group of PJ Library communities in the US and Canada chosen to participate in the Get Together grants program, an opportunity that will give local families up to $150 to create their own experiences to get together with friends.

Get Together grants are designed to help build social connections among families and encourage them to engage in Jewish life, programming, or learning. In the past, Get Together grants have been used for Shabbat-themed experiences, baking or crafts, book clubs, and parent-only evenings. Get Togethers happen when families want to experience them, and how they want to experience them.

“PJ Library of Delaware and the Brandywine Valley is honored to receive this grant, and thrilled to be part of the global PJ Library community reaching hundreds of thousands of families,” said Jamye Cole, PJ Library Coordinator at Jewish Federation of Delaware.

“PJ Library’s impact goes well beyond the more than 170,000 books we send out each month across the US and Canada,” said Judi Wisch, Director of Community Engagement for PJ Library. “We have worked closely with our local partners for years to help advance Jewish family engagement, and now we are able to add financial support to help ensure the success of great initiatives created by families.”

Part of a strategy to expand Jewish engagement in the U.S. and Canada, these grants are funded through the PJ Library Alliance. Partners in the Alliance include the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, the William Davidson Foundation, the Marcus Foundation, Inc., the Jim Joseph Foundation, the William & Audrey Farber Philanthropic Fund; the Diane & Guilford Glazer/Jewish Community Foundation of LA, Carl & Joann Bianco, the Howard & Geraldine Polinger Family Foundation, the Susser Family Trust, Walter, Amee, Sarah & Aaron Winshall, and two anonymous partners.

Applications open on Monday, May 22nd and close Friday, June 30th.

For more information, please visit pjlibrary.org/GetTogether or contact Jamye Cole at jamye@shalomdel.org. Families with children ages 0-8 can receive free books every month by signing up for PJ Library at pjlibrary.org. Children ages 9-11 can choose a free chapter book or graphic novel every month by enrolling in PJ Our Way with a parent at pjourway.org.

PJ Library and PJ Our Way™ families currently living in Delaware and the Brandywine Valley are invited to apply to host a Get Together.
Federation, under the auspices of our JCRC and HEC, coordinated two Yom HaShoah Programs on Monday, April 24th. A midday program was held downtown at Freedom Plaza led by our Rabbis and Cantors that was also attended by Senator Chris Coons, Bonnie Wu, Representative for Senator Tom Carper, Attorney General Matt Denn, and NCCO Executive Matt Meyer. The evening program at the Siegel JCC was attended by nearly 100 community members including Governor John Carney, Congresswoman Lisa Blunt-Rochester, and NCCO Executive Matt Meyer who issued a Proclamation for Yom HaShoah – a day of remembrance of the Holocaust and the Heroism.

1. Crowd gathers at the Holocaust Memorial Sculpture at Freedom Plaza  PHOTO BY STEVE GONZER
2. Rabbi Yair Robinson, Senator Chris Coons, and DERECH President Rabbi Michael Beals
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3. Rabbi Michael S. Beals, Rabbi Elisa F. Koppel, Cantor Elisa Abrams, Rabbi Yair D. Robinson, and Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt
   PHOTO BY STEVE GONZER
4. Crowd gathers for evening program
   PHOTO BY WENDY BERGER

YOM HAZIKARON
PHOTOS BY RABBI MICHAEL BEALS

Community Shlicha, Dana Berman, coordinated a meaningful Yom Hazikaron program on April 26, 2017 led by Delaware teens

1. Yom Hazikaron participants gather for a photo
2. Yom Hazikaron participants
Federation's Israel & Overseas Committee coordinated a wonderful Yom Ha'Atzmaut "Blue & White" night in celebration of Israel's 69th Anniversary. It was a festive evening with music, dancing, and a delicious Israeli-inspired dinner. More than 120 members of the community attended, representing Federation, our five beneficiary agencies, and five area synagogues. Special thanks to the I&O Committee and Co-Chairs, Michelle Margules and Gael Szymanski, as well as Community Shlicha, Dana Berman.

1. Celebrating independence
2. Israeli Singer Hadar McNeill
3. Reiłko Kayne, Ivy Harlev, Lauren Danneman, Barry Kayne
4. Seth J. Katzen, Robin Kauffman Saran
5. Richard Levine, Caryl Marcus-Stape, Emily Rogosin
6. Aviad Ivri, Consul for Cultural Affairs in North America, and Sharon Ivri
7. Enjoying dinner and entertainment

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Our annual Women of Wisdom (WOW) Spring event was held on Thursday, April 27th featuring Linda Kaplan Thaler. The luncheon was an overwhelming success due to the efforts of Event Co-Chairs Jill Engel Flambaum and Ginger Weiss, Wendy Berger, Senior Director of Philanthropy, and an active WOW Committee.

1. Barbara Blumberg, Jennifer Steinberg, Arlene Wilson, Lisa Dadone-Weiner
2. Kimberly Felzer and Jennifer Fisher
3. Ellisha Caplan and Basha Silverman
4. Jill Engel Flambaum, Linda Kaplan Thaler, Ginger Weiss
5. Marcia Kimmel and Karen Legum
6. Leni Markell, Berta Kerr, and Regina Kerr Alonzo
7. Connie Sugarman, Robin Kauffman Saran, Suzanne Grant
8. Suzanne Grant and Phyllis Aerenson
9. Meredith Rosenthal and Iris Vinokur
On May 11, 2017 professional and volunteer leaders representing Delaware’s five beneficiary agencies and area synagogues participated in a meaningful workshop led by facilitator Naphtali Hoff, PsyD about Making the Case for Change.
Federation, in collaboration with our beneficiary agencies, hosted a Hate Crime Prevention Forum, coordinated with the U.S. Department of Justice and their Community Relations Service. The program included county, state and federal law enforcement representatives, providing another avenue for ongoing education and preparedness.
1. We had a wonderful Shalom Baby/Albert Einstein Academy/Early Childhood Center Yoga program on April 30th. Thank you so much to Le Petit Yogi!
2. Jamye Cole, our PJ Library Coordinator, attended the annual PJ Library Conference on April 24th. She had the opportunity to share a meal and some discussion time with PJ Library founder, Harold Grinspoon.
3. During our yoga program we learned about healthy snacks. Ari Shaver loved our Jamba Juice smoothies!

On May 17, 2017 Federation's Young Leadership Division held a guest bartending fundraiser at BBC Tavern and Grill.
1. Jaidy Schweers and Andrew Rosen
2. Seth J. Katzen, Wendi Weingartner, Felisha Alderson, Mona Duwell, and Amie Baker
3. Paige Alderson and Revital Braun

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KUTZ HOME  PHOTOS BY SALLY GOODMAN

1. Kutz resident, Shirley Cooper caught up with Sherry Simmons before hearing Wilmington Mayor Michael Purzycki speak.

2. The Kutz Home Auxiliary co-presidents, Sherry Simmons and Michael Tannen chat with resident Anne Cherrin at the Donor Luncheon held at Harry’s Savoy Grill on May 3rd.

JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE  PHOTOS BY STEVEN DOMBCHIK

1. Past President Roger Levy (right) presents President Dan Kristol with a Certificate of Appreciation as he concludes his tenure.

2. Dr. Roger Horowitz, director of The Center for the History of Business, Technology and Society, shared stories from the Hagley collections.


TEMPLE BETH EL  PHOTO BY SHARON FULLERTON PHOTOGRAPHY

Matt Menashes, CEO of Society of American Foresters, poses with his father, Stan Menashes, after giving a presentation about forest management at TBE’s Men’s Club Breakfast.

ALBERT EINSTEIN ACADEMY  PHOTO BY ELLY ALEXANDER

Einstein Students gather in the Garden of the Righteous on Yom HaShoah.

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Each spring semester, the University of Delaware Hillel commemorates Holocaust Education week. Like our religion, our traditions in remembering the six million stay the same every year. This year, local Rabbi Michael Beals spoke to the Delaware community coincidentally on Israel Independence day. He shared the words, “The Jewish people need a homeland of their own.” Through our week of education on the Holocaust, we shared the survivors’ stories to ensure these series of events may never happen again.

1. Holocaust survivor Ann Jaffe speaks at the Kristol Center for Jewish Life about her wartime experience while living in Nazi-occupied Poland during WWII. Students were left inspired to retell the stories of survivors so that they continue to be passed on from generation to generation in order to avoid a repeat in history. PHOTO BY EDEN ZILKER

2. UD students volunteered to read the names of the Jewish Holocaust victims on the Trabant Patio for six hours, honoring and representing the six million Jewish people who perished. PHOTO BY RACHEL GORDON

3. Each of the 1,100 flags on the Central Green represents 10,000 innocent people who perished in the Nazi camps. Each color represents the reason for which they were persecuted. PHOTO BY RACHEL GORDON

4. In partnership with the local Alpha Epsilon Pi chapter, UD Hillel commenced the first Walk to Remember silent march on the University of Delaware’s campus green. PHOTO BY EDEN ZILKER

5. Rabbi Michael Beals, of Congregation Beth Shalom, uses his background in history and international relations to discuss the importance of religious refuge from the perspective of both the victim and the persecutor. PHOTO BY RACHEL GORDON

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623 athletes and 113 coaches represented 17 delegations from 6 states in the 2017 Mid-Atlantic Junior Maccabi Games hosted by the Siegel JCC in Wilmington, DE. A day filled with good sportsmanship and Jewish pride, the morning kicked off with an Olympic-style Opening Ceremonies featuring a number of speakers and parade of athletes.

1. Athletes from the Delaware delegation enter the 2017 Jr. Maccabi Games Opening Ceremonies
2. It truly takes a village – the Siegel J is so grateful to the over 200 volunteers who supported the Games!
3. Games staff Anna Saul, Andrea Morrison, and Katie Glazier
4. Delaware takes on Greater Baltimore in the Boys’ Soccer tournament
5. Jr. Maccabi Games Chairs Michelle and Russ Silbergleid address the crowd
6. Honored speaker Rona Caplan, who designated that funds from her late husband Mark J Caplan’s Youth Sports Fund be used to support the Games
7. Ivy Harlev (Executive Director, Siegel JCC) with peers Amy Krulik (Executive Director, Kaiserman JCC) and Barak Hermann (CEO, JCC of Greater Baltimore) during the Jr. Maccabi games
8. The delegations of athletes enjoy the Opening Ceremonies
1. Noah Auerbach and his “Special Friend” are all smiles at ECC Special Persons Day
2. Emily Robbins’ “Special Friend” loves the drawing she made for ECC Special Persons Day
3. Alex Petrin and Jona Goldstein enjoy participating in the ECC Passover Seder
4. Nandi Gilmore-Kirksey lifts her glass for the blessing over the wine at the ECC Passover Seder

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2017

By Einstein Staff

BENJAMIN APPLEBAUM is the son of Katharine and Donald of Boothwyn, PA, and will attend Wilmington Friends next year. Ben loves reading the Harry Potter series. He enjoyed learning about the Civil War and going to Gettysburg. He said that he will miss his teachers and the way his friends can make him laugh.

MAXWELL BLOVAD is the son of Lauren and Michael of Wilmington, DE, and will attend Springer Middle School next year. At Einstein, Maxwell discovered a love for drama and singing. This year he played the part of Pooh in the spring musical Disney Winnie the Pooh Kids. Maxwell said, “I will always remember our class in Gettysburg when we were all sitting around the campfire bonding and having a great time singing, telling stories, and just having the best experience ever.”

ELIANA GILLESPIE is the daughter of Lauren and Anthony of Wilmington, DE, and will attend Talley Middle School’s IB Program next year. Eliana loved going to Chesapeake TEVA outdoor learning at the Pearlstone Retreat Center in fourth grade, especially going to the creek and petting the goats. She hopes Einstein exists for a long time because she wants to be a teacher at Einstein.

HARRY LONG is the son of Jeffrey Long and Thitirat Rattanpradit of Wilmington, DE. Harry joined the class in fourth grade and easily became one of the gang. Harry loves nature, science, and reading. Harry enjoys learning Hebrew and quickly caught up to his classmates.

MAYA PERRY is the daughter of Sarah and Jonathan of Wilmington, DE, and will attend Cab Calloway School of the Arts next year. Maya loves knowing everyone in the whole school. She appreciates how the students were included in certain decisions, like in Student Council and the Green Team. “I think including us helped us understand how hard it is to make decisions,” she noted.

TALIA SAKS is the daughter of Anne and Rabbi Steven Saks of Wilmington, DE, and will attend Kohelet Middle School next year. Talia enjoys Israeli dancing and Art. She said she loved celebrating the holidays with her friends and especially liked the theme Einstein Goes Outdoors because “it allowed me to go outside more often.”

ANDREW SWERINGEN is the son of Ekaterine and Steven of Wilmington, DE, and will attend Springer Middle School next year. Andrew was in the spring play each year since kindergarten, playing roles such as Mr. Salt in Willy Wonka Jr. and Captain Shang in Disney’s Mulan Jr. Andrew said he will miss socializing with his classmates.

SOPHIE WINAKER is the daughter of Ali Mendelson and Rabbi Jeremy Winaker of Wilmington, DE, and will attend P.S. duPont Middle School’s Gifted Program next year. Sophie said she enjoyed learning about the Silk Road in fourth grade because “it was such a team effort and helped us learn about researching.” She added that she will miss her friends who "all have their own personality, preferences, and opinions.”

Join Us at Einstein Graduation June 7

Albert Einstein Academy’s fifth grade class will graduate at a commencement ceremony at Congregation Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth at 6:30 PM on June 7, 2017. Family, friends, alumni, and community members are invited to attend.
Jewish Family Services of Delaware, like so many nonprofit organizations, relies on our dedicated volunteers to help deliver a community of care to our clients.

Since the launch of JFS’ Refugee Integration Support Effort (RISE) in January, 29 local faith communities and volunteer groups and hundreds of volunteers have joined our efforts to help refugee families live and thrive in Delaware.

Recognizing the statewide effort, HIAS (JFS’ national resettlement partner) honored JFS RISE with an award for Outstanding Community Engagement at their National Conference.

“Our community has come together to welcome and stand up for these families,” says JFS’ CEO Basha Silverman. “It is humbling and exhilarating to lead the effort that is pulling people together.”

In the six months since launching RISE, JFS Delaware has settled four refugee families from Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and Central Asia. For each new family, JFS staff and volunteers work together to find and furnish their first apartments, help their children enroll and start school, and guide them through the process of learning English and gaining employment.

“Our volunteers are incredibly generous giving their time and their skills to help our clients transition to life in Delaware,” says Sarah Green, JFS’ RISE Program Coordinator.

“Whether they are coaching a refugee in the search for their first American job, tutoring a child in English for school, or providing a 15 minute ride to the doctor that would have taken an hour on the bus, their help is invaluable,” Sarah continues.

Heidi Rowe of Middletown became one of JFS’ first volunteer ESL Tutors in February. “I lived in Spain at the age of 46, with limited Spanish – and I struggled like crazy to learn the language while I was there,” she explains.

Heidi understands what it is like to live in a foreign country without knowing the language. “I wanted to help in any way that I could,” she says. “I thought the best way I can do that is to use my skills as a teacher to help them learn English.”

According to Sarah, the intensive English language instruction and one-on-one tutoring makes a big difference for newly arrived refugees.

Speaking of one teenaged client who enrolled in high school shortly after her family arrived in Delaware, Sarah has seen marked improvement in her English fluency. “She didn’t speak much when her family first arrived, but after two months, she is much more confident,” Sarah explains. “High school is hard for everyone. But after all she and her family has been through to get here, the fact that she is socializing in English, that she is learning and enjoying school – it is huge.”

To get involved, visit jfsdelaware.org/rise or contact Sarah Hoover at shoover@jfsdelaware.org or (302) 478-9411.
By Michelle Silberglied
President, Siegel J Board President

Once again, this year, just as each of the past 24 years, Dan Klein and Richard Levine will be surrounded by an impressive gathering of community and corporate leaders to support the Siegel JCC at our milestone 25th Annual Sports Classic golf event. Dan and Richard have tenderly built these relationships over the course of twenty-five years, while raising a staggering $3 million for the J community.

As we celebrate and honor Dan and Richard’s 25 years of service on Monday, June 5th, we recognize that we have some big shoes—or golf cleats—to fill. Dan and Richard have created a circle of giving from both Jewish and non-Jewish corporations that is unparalleled. In fact, over 18 of the companies that have been a part of this tournament’s fundraising efforts have been supporters virtually from the beginning! It is incredible to think of the many business and leadership changes the JCC and our sponsor organizations have gone through over 25 years.

Twenty-six years ago, while I was an undergrad at the University of Wisconsin, then President of the JCC Board, Richard Levin and Executive Director, David Sorkin, attended a regional meeting of JCCs at the Cherry Hill JCC. At the time, the Cherry Hill JCC was running a golf tournament (which were all the rage then) that raised approximately $25,000 by tapping into outside sources like businesses and corporations, and attracted people who weren’t in the “traditional” circle of JCC givers. Richard and David knew our JCC could really use this new type of fundraiser. Being in the middle of a fitness center renovation at the time, they put the thought on hold until Mark Caplan was installed as JCC President. Richard and David urged Mark to give this new endeavor a try. They recruited avid golfers, JCC Board member Dan Klein, and Jewish Federation of Delaware Board member Richard Levine as co-chairs, and the Sports Classic was born!

Since that first successful Sports Classic featuring golf, tennis, and lawn bowling in 1993, the JCC has seen 12 Board Presidents, 3 Executive Directors and of course countless dedicated staff members over the 25 years. Each of those lay leaders and staff members can attest to the many, many benefits our J has seen as a result of the $3 million raised by Dan and Richard and their dedicated committees.

Each year, we have strived to improve the quality of our 32-acre facility and the excellence of our pre-school and youth services, adult programs, fitness, aquatics, and summer camp offerings. The funds Dan and Richard have brought in have also provided much-needed scholarships, and enabled countless community members to enjoy our programs and services. As a parent, I recognize how much of my own children’s youth was spent at our terrific JCC, and how much of what we offer is due to the efforts of Dan and Richard and the Sports Classic.

Many of the leaders of our Sports Classic sponsor organizations are now getting ready, just as Dan and Richard, to pass the torch to the next generation. Our new community leaders as well as our J leadership have their own unique circles of influence, and will be looking for creative and different ways to potentially engage an even larger donor base, and continue to raise funds for the future of our J guided by the shining example set by Dan and Richard.

As the next co-chairs who will attempt to fill those golf cleats, Joshua Schoenberg and I look forward to greeting past, current, and future friends of the J on the Wilmington Country Club patio on June 5th for our cocktail celebration honoring and thanking Dan, Richard, and their many supporters for making our J the incredible center it is today.
A GUTTE NESHUMAH

By Chaplain Mollie Epstein

MEET ED ZUKOFF . . .

Ed embodies the attributes of a “Gutte Neshumah” – a good soul, a decent person with a good heart, a mensch among mensches. He can be found in various places in the community giving of his time, his energy and of his compassion.

Ed began his tenure at the Kutz Home as a volunteer in 1991. In that capacity, he interacted with residents with varying degrees of need and provided friendly visits and support. In 1993 he was formally engaged as the lay leader for all Shabbat and holiday religious services at the Kutz Home, a post he maintains.

A native of Peabody (pronounced, PEA’-buh-dee”) Massachusetts, Ed arrived in Delaware with his parents on September 1, 1976. He remembers the exact date, as it was just prior to him becoming a Bar Mitzvah. His family joined the Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Synagogue (AKSE), where Ed studied under the tutelage of Rabbi Leonard Gewirtz (z”l). Working with Rabbi Gewirtz, Ed learned the elements of the Shacharit service and gained the capacity to lead the service, as well.

Ed comes from a family in which Judaism and Zionism are embraced wholeheartedly. Ed has made three trips to Israel. The first was a six-week joint program with the JCCs of Wilmington, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and Philadelphia during the summer of 1980. Next, he joined Volunteers for Israel in September 1982 – during the first Lebanon war. The purpose of that program was to help support Israel’s agriculture industry, as so many of the farm workers were engaged in the war effort. February through May 1983 found Ed enrolled in a Kibbutz Ulpan Program. He participated in the intensive Hebrew course and worked on Kibbutz K’far Ruppin in the Beit She’an Valley.

He also had the opportunity to tour the country. It is quite evident that Ed was and is a fervent supporter of Israel. He says that he has a love for the country and for B’nei Yisrael worldwide.

Ed studied at Brandeis University where he was a regular attendee at traditional conservative religious services. He was an active member of BZA (Brandeis Zionist Alliance) – a group supporting political and social Zionism. Ed graduated in 1986 earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics.

Today, Ed Considers himself an ambassador of the Jewish community. He volunteers his time at several facilities including Rockland Place and The Mary Campbell Center. In fact, Ed is the coordinator of the annual AKSE Dec 25th project at Mary Campbell. This ongoing project provides the Center with volunteers from AKSE who assist the residents in opening their Christmas gifts. It also frees
some of the regular staff to observe their holiday with family and friends.

Ed is an active member of AKSE where he belongs to the Chug Ivri (Hebrew Club), attends Rabbi Saks’s weekly “Parsha and Pizza” study group and occasionally assists Rabbi Saks in leading the Kabbalat Shabbat service. Ed says that the weekly study group is very helpful for him in formulating ideas for his weekly D’var Torah at the Kutz Home.

Ed enjoys helping the Kutz Home residents cherish their Jewish heritage to the highest degree. In speaking with Ed, he said that he “... makes every effort to be top notch in compassion and decency along with being competent in Jewish religiosity and exuding love and making the entire staff and residents feel they are important and they are all essential.”

Ed cares for all of the residents of the Kutz Home. He makes it a point to introduce himself to each newly admitted resident. Activities Director, Bernice Edwards, had the following comment about Ed. “Ed is very committed to his responsibility here and to the residents. He knows just about every resident by name.” Ed offers to say a Misheberach prayer during services providing Jewish and non-Jewish residents the opportunity to put a name on the list. He senses that they have a good feeling that prayers are being said on their behalf.

Kutz resident, Mrs. Cohen, says “Ed is very good at what he does. With a little seminary training he could be a good rabbi. You can tell that he likes what he does.” Kutz resident, Mrs. Kraft, says “Ed helps us to learn the Torah portions.”

Ed reminisces about the first Seder he conducted at the Kutz Home. It was 1994. He remembers how beautiful and heartwarming it was to see the Dining Services staff following along, each with his/her own Haggadah. At one point over the years, it was suggested that our residents could help with readings during the service. Since then, Ed has offered readings during the Seder and also during Shabbat services. This practice affords the residents a feeling of inclusion. On Shabbat, Passover, the major and minor holidays, Ed considers the Kutz Home family to be his family. To him, Kutz is a very special congregation.

Karen Friedman, Executive Director, had the following to say about Ed: “We are blessed to have Ed here. He is a true asset to our Kutz family. Ed is so devoted to our residents and dedicated to the important role he has in their lives.”

As for me, the Chaplain for the Kutz Home, I treasure Ed Zukoff and the significant gift he is to our residents and our facility. He is genuine in his interactions with the residents and staff. He is knowledgeable, kind, compassionate, and caring.

In two words, a Gutte Neshumah.
For the seniors? The feeling of uncertainty, excitement, and curiosity is common.

For May 2017 UD graduate Peri Sanders, her adventure begins by living and teaching in Netanya, Israel through the MASA Israel Teaching Fellows program.

Her decision to move to Israel was inspired by her Birthright Israel trip with UD Hillel two years ago. The experience immersed her into the culture and customs. Sanders, taken aback by the beauty of the Jewish homeland and the program itself, shared how she almost immediately felt comfortable being in Israel.

“It helped to have Israeli soldiers on the trip who were the same age to connect with and learn about the similarities and differences between their lives and ours,” Sanders recalls. She built everlasting connections, and is eager to reminisce on the memories she made on Birthright when she returns.

Without UD Hillel she may not have had the opportunity to travel to Israel, which would influence her decision to live there after graduation. Sanders expressed her interest in learning and adapting to the Israeli education system. Sanders, filled with curiosity, is ecstatic to use her skills from her Delaware education courses and student teaching placements. Although confident, she knows that there is always room to improve, and ultimately to gain confidence in the classroom.

“I am prepared to work tirelessly and learn from everyone I meet in Israel to create the optimal classroom environment for my students,” she added. Wanting to connect with students, she looks forward to taking Ulpan classes to learn more Hebrew.

The fear of a new job, lifestyle, and home can be daunting. She discussed the challenges that being away from close friends and family for 10 months will bring. Luckily in Israel, Sanders has already established a great support system—her boyfriend. They met on her Birthright Israel trip, something she never imagined happening. Two years later, they are in a happy relationship despite the distance.

Graduating with a degree in education, she became stuck wondering what was next. When thinking about post-graduation, Sanders yearned for a place to be traveling and teaching. Her thoughts drifted to the idea of participating in a program in Israel with other like-minded individuals.

To give back to the Hillel community which gave her so much, Sanders joined the Senior Class Committee. For Sanders, she sees current Hillel staff member, Nicole Wasilus, as a mentor. She is also grateful for Hillel’s weekly student newsletter – which is where she discovered the MASA program.
North Wilmington is known for being a great place to raise a Jewish family. There is an incredible Jewish preschool and Jewish day school in the area for your kids, and plenty of programs for adults through the Jewish Federation and Jewish Community Center. It is a perfect place to be once you have a family.

However, for those of us in the “in between” stages of being out of school, but are unmarried and do not have kids, there can be fewer opportunities to connect with other young, single Jews near Wilmington, especially for those new to the area. This was a struggle that Dana Berman, Dan Metz, and myself all found as young, unmarried graduates in the area. So we created a meetup group called the Young Delaware Jews (YDJ) for people in our stage of life to connect with each other, and to the Wilmington Jewish community.

Our YDJ group has slowly grown since its creation about two years ago. And with some trial and error with activities and timing, along with some funding sponsored by the Siegel JCC, the Young Delaware Jews has begun to take off! The group now has 58 group members on its meetup page and about a dozen other participants in its programs. We wanted to create a place for young Jews in the area to connect and be a part of Jewish life. Unfortunately today, many Jews in our age range (22-32) are unaffiliated and do not participate in the amazing Jewish organizations in the area. Surprisingly, we have been able to reach many unaffiliated Jews in the area through our Shabbat Dinners. Regardless of affiliation, many young Jews can appreciate the idea of coming together to meet other Jews over a Shabbat meal. The group now rotates members hosting Shabbat dinners and pot-lucks every few weeks, welcoming all to join us in a meal celebrating new connections and friendships in a way that is comfortable for young unaffiliated Jews through a traditional Jewish custom.

Looking to meet young, single Jews in Delaware? There’s an app for that!

For more information about the Young Delaware Jews go to our Meetup page or contact Joshua Rudley at Joshua.rudley@yahoo.com.
50 JERUSALEM FACTS FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS REUNIFICATION

By Eliana Rudee/JNS.org

Israelis celebrated the 50th anniversary of Jerusalem’s reunification May 23-24. In recognition of the holy city’s semi-centennial milestone, here are 50 facts highlighting the rich tapestry of Israel’s capital:

**REUNIFICATION**
1. Jerusalem Day is an Israeli national holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem in the 1967 Six-Day War.
2. During the Jordanian occupation of Jerusalem, Jews were not allowed to access their holy sites, including the Western Wall.

**History**
3. Jerusalem has been attacked 52 times, captured and recaptured 44 times, besieged 23 times and destroyed twice over the course of 3,000 years.
4. Israel is the only country to enter the 21st century with a net gain in its number of trees, and you can enjoy them over a picnic or barbecue in the Jerusalem Forest.
5. The name “Jerusalem” most likely comes from “Urusalim,” a word of Semitic origin meaning “Foundation of Shalem (wholeness)” or “Foundation of God.”

**REligion**
6. Jerusalem has more synagogues per capita than any city in the world.
7. Jerusalem is the only city in which some 15 different Christian communities live alongside one another, according to the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies.
8. Jerusalem is considered the eternal capital of the Jewish people.
9. Jerusalem is the third-holiest city in Islam, outside of Mecca and Medina, both in Saudi Arabia.

**TOURISM**
10. Jerusalem is mentioned more than 600 times in the Hebrew Bible, but not once in Islam’s Quran.
11. In the Middle Ages, Jews were banned from Jerusalem by Christians, and Muslims later lifted the ban.
12. There are more than 70 different Hebrew names for Jerusalem in Jewish scripture.

**GOVERNMENt**
20. Although all branches of the Israeli government are headquartered in Jerusalem, the city is not home to any foreign embassies. President Donald Trump is considering moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

**ARCHAEOLOGY**
21. The 2.5-mile-long walls around Jerusalem’s Old City were built in 1536 by Suleiman the Magnificent.
22. Jerusalem has more than 2,000 archaeological sites.
23. Archaeology proves Jews have lived in Jerusalem since 3000 B.C.
24. Archaeologists have found 3,800-year-old pottery in the City of David.

**EDUCATION**
25. Jerusalem has separate educational and religious systems for its Christian, Muslim and Jewish populations.

**HOLY SITES**
16. Jerusalem’s Mount of Olives is home to 150,000 Jewish graves, dating back to the 1400s.
17. Under Israeli rule, Jews are not allowed to pray on the Temple Mount, their religion’s holiest site.
18. The Old City of Jerusalem is divided into the Muslim Quarter, Christian Quarter, Jewish Quarter and Armenian Quarter.
19. The Dome of the Rock is not a mosque, but an Islamic shrine located on the Temple Mount.

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Her bylines have been featured in USA Today, New York Daily News, Forbes and The Hill.
Israelis celebrate Jerusalem Day (Yom Yerushalayim), marking the reunification of the holy city, at the Western Wall in June 2011.

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CULTURE
26. Jerusalem has one of the highest-rated nightclubs in the world: Haoman 17.
27. There are 26 wineries in Jerusalem, according to United with Israel.
28. Bob Dylan held his eldest son Jesse’s bar mitzvah at the Western Wall.
29. The actress Natalie Portman was born in Jerusalem.

DEMOGRAPHICS
30. Jerusalem is Israel’s largest city in both landmass and population.
31. Jerusalem's population is comprised of 61 percent Jews, 36 percent Muslims, 1 percent Arab Christians and 1 percent non-Arab Christians.
32. While the country's self-identified “secular” Jewish population is 44 percent, Jerusalem's secular Jewish population is just 19 percent.
33. Of Jerusalem’s Muslim population, 62 percent identify as religious and just 1 percent identify as not observant.
34. Jerusalem has had a Jewish demographic majority since 1864.
35. Jerusalem represents about 0.001 percent of the landmass of the Middle East.
36. Eighteen percent of Israel’s Arab population lives in Jerusalem, compared to 8 percent of Israel’s total Jewish population.
37. Eleven percent of Jerusalem homeowners are foreign residents, compared to 3 percent in Israel at large.
38. Thirty-four percent of Jerusalem’s Jews identify as haredi.
39. Nearly 37 percent of all Jerusalem families live below the poverty line, which represents 61 percent of all Jerusalem's children.
40. Jerusalem is home to more than 400 high-tech companies.
41. The number of high-tech start-ups in Jerusalem has grown from 200 to more than 600 since 2012.
42. Fourteen percent of the Jerusalem workforce is self-employed.
43. Arab families in Jerusalem are almost three times as likely to live below the poverty line compared to Jewish families in Jerusalem. This is attributed to a large difference in number of years in education.
44. Seventy-nine percent of Jewish women in Jerusalem work, compared to 70 percent of Jewish men.
45. Women in Jerusalem earn 25 percent less income than the average man, compared to 46 percent less in Tel Aviv.
46. The Jerusalem-founded company Mobileye, bought by Intel this year, was part of the largest-ever acquisition of an Israeli technology company.

IMMIGRATION AND MIGRATION
47. This year, a noticeably high proportion (almost 50 percent) of newcomers to Jerusalem were 20-34 years old.
48. Of those who move to Jerusalem, 38 percent come from Beit Shemesh and Tel Aviv.
49. Brazilian immigration to Jerusalem tripled during the past year.
50. The new immigrant population of Jerusalem—those arriving in the past 20 years—represents about 13 percent of the city’s Jewish population.
GARNET VALLEY
TEENAGER DEDICATES BAR MITZVAH TO RIGHTeous GENTILE

By the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous

Noah Goldstein of Garnet Valley, PA is dedicating his June 26th Bar Mitzvah at Robinson’s Arch in Jerusalem to Wladyslawa Dudziak, as part of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program developed by The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR). The JFR, a non-profit organization dedicated to identifying, honoring, and supporting non-Jews who rescued Jews during the Holocaust, has recognized Wladyslawa, and her family, who hid Rozia Beiman, disguising her as a cousin in Kajetanowka, Poland during the Holocaust.

Noah is trying to raise $18,000 for the JFR to help with their efforts to support righteous gentiles who saved Jews during the Holocaust. He plans to invite Beiman and her family, who reside in Israel, to join him at his Bar Mitzvah in Jerusalem.

Preteens who participate in the JFR’s Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program are given the opportunity to learn about and honor the selfless acts of these rescuers through “twinning,” a process in which the Bar/Bat Mitzvah is matched with an individual rescuer whose story he or she finds meaningful. This enables the children to learn more about, as well as recognize and appreciate the heroic deeds of rescuers. The youngster is presented with a twinning certificate and may relate the extraordinary story of heroism at the synagogue during their ceremony.

“For our bar and bat mitzvah program is a great way for young people to learn the story of very special people who risked their lives to help others. This JFR education program is popular with young people looking to add even more meaning to this special day,” said JFR Executive Vice President Stanlee Stahl. “We are proud of the work Noah has done and for allowing us to share in this special day with him and his family.”

When Germany invaded Poland in September of 1939, life changed for the Jews of Poland. Sara and Joseph Beiman lived with their six-year-old daughter, Rozia, in Lublin, Poland, and employed members of the Dudziak family as additional help in the home. In 1942 Rozia’s parents left her with these housekeepers when they travelled to Krakow in order to obtain forged documents for the family to pass as Christian, but were arrested by the Nazis and presumably sent to their deaths at the nearby Majdanek concentration camp. Due to the German occupation of Lublin, the Dudziak’s sent Rozia to live with their family in nearby Kajetanowka. The family told their neighbors that Rozia was a cousin from Lublin. Since Wladyslawa was the child closest in age to Rozia, she was given most of the responsibility for caring for her. In 2012 the JFR reunited Wladyslawa Dudziak with Rozia Beiman, who now lives in Israel with her family, at a ceremony in New York.

As it moves forward, the JFR continues its work of providing monthly financial assistance to more than 400 aged and needy Righteous Gentiles, living in 20 countries. Since its founding, the JFR has provided more than $38 million to aged and needy rescuers—helping to repay a debt of gratitude on behalf of the Jewish people to these noble men and women. Its Holocaust teacher education program has become a standard for teaching the history of the Holocaust and educating teachers and students about the significance of the Righteous as moral and ethical exemplars.

For more information, or to help Noah reach his goal, please visit: www.gofundme.com/NoahHelpsJFR

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017
Light candles at 8:07 PM
Shabbat, June 3, 2017
Shabbat ends at 9:14 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017
Light candles at 8:11 PM
Shabbat, June 10, 2017
Shabbat ends at 9:19 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2017
Light candles at 8:14 PM
Shabbat, June 17, 2017
Shabbat ends at 9:22 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017
Light candles at 8:16 PM
Shabbat, June 24, 2017
Shabbat ends at 9:24 PM
BAR MITZVAH

On Saturday, May 13, 2017, DANIEL MARK JUPITER was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Daniel is the son of Drs. David and Diane Jupiter, and the younger brother of Nathan and Arielle Jupiter. He is the grandson of Estelle Jupiter of Milford, Connecticut and the late Ralph Jupiter, as well as the grandson of Helen and Leonard Zelinka of Mountaintop, Pennsylvania.

Daniel is a seventh grade IB student at Talley Middle School in Wilmington, Delaware. Daniel enjoys playing baseball and is currently playing for Brandywine Little League as well as Talley Middle School. He is also a talented saxophone player in the Jazz band at school. He collected supplies for Family Promise for his Bar Mitzvah project. He is looking forward to attending Camp Harlam this summer as well as serving on the BESTY youth group as communications director as he begins his confirmation studies at Congregation Beth Emeth this fall. He will also be traveling to Colorado for a vacation with his Aunt Sharon this summer.

In the future, Daniel would like to become a professional baseball player, or, a sports broadcaster as an alternative. He is grateful for all the time and energy spent by Rabbi Robinson and Cantor Stanton in preparing him for his Bar Mitzvah.

My name is EMILY SIMON and I’m a seventh grader at Sussex Academy in Georgetown, Delaware. My family lives in Lewes and belongs to Seaside Jewish Community in Rehoboth Beach. I celebrated my Bat Mitzvah on March 25, 2017. As part of becoming a Bat Mitzvah, I worked with my local branch of JFS (Jewish Family Services) to construct and run a food bank. After a few meetings and multiple food drives, a group of volunteers and I were able to get the food bank up and running, making a difference in our community. I’m very proud of what we’ve done for this food bank to help those in need. In addition to the feeling of helping others, I enjoyed the experience. I hope that my service has impacted others as much as it has affected me and I’d love to do work with JFS again in the future.

Mazel tov to SHIRA AVIVA BEALS who will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Shira is the daughter of Rabbi Michael and Dr. Elissa Green Beals and the younger sister of Ariella. She is the granddaughter of Alan and Rita Beals of Tustin, California, and Esther Green of Beverly Hills, California. Shira is a 7th grade honor student at Cab Calloway School of the Arts, where she is a double major in Visual and Vocal Arts. She is also a proud graduate of the Albert Einstein Academy.

Shira is involved in many activities. She had the starring roles of Charlie in *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* and Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz* at Einstein. She is currently singing with the Wilmington Children’s Chorus (Select Choir), and both sang and danced in the Delaware Children’s Theatre production of *Aristocats*.

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Rather than preparing for one mitzvah project in honor of her bat mitzvah, Shira prefers to live a life of mitzvot. Around the mitzvah of lifney tsayvah takum, (respect for the elderly), Shira has accompanied her father in presenting Shabbat services for seniors at Rockland Crossing and at the Kutz Home, as well as bikkur holim hospital visits where she has sung to the ill, and comforted elderly widows at funerals and shivas. She has practiced the mitzvah of tsa’ar ba’alei hayim (kindness to animals) by reading to, grooming, and petting dogs and cats at the Delaware Humane Association. In conjunction with Beth Shalom, she has read for homeless children at Family Promise, and she has raised funds as an American Doll model and through Shalom Corps, has helped provide breakfasts for the Ronald McDonald House.

Mara Raskin  PHOTO BY RABBI MICHAEL BEALS

ACHIEVEMENT

Mazel tov to Congregation Beth Shalom congregant, Mara Raskin, who was honored in April as Habitat for Humanity’s Volunteer of the Year! In the past, CBS worked with other houses of worship, in building homes for the homeless. Mara was specifically honored for her special work with the Family Support Committee, which does intense and specialized work with families transitioning out of homelessness and becoming home owners. We are all so proud of Mara.

Bernie Freimark  PHOTO SUBMITTED BY B. FREIMARK

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY!

BERNIE FREIMARK is a Holocaust survivor escaping Germany and arriving on Ellis Island in Sept 1941. He is a Graduate of Stuyvesant High school and City College of New York.

Bernie has been married for 52 years, has a son, daughter-in-law, and a granddaughter.

He has traveled extensively and is still involved in Real Estate after 44 years. Bernie has received numerous top-company listing awards, and several salesperson-of-the-year awards with Weichert Realtors. Bernie is now with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, and Fox & Roach, Realtors. He Previously worked for the DuPont Company as a research chemist.

Bernie, thank you for all your love. Happy 80th birthday!

– Lynda, Fred, Diane, and Liliana

GOOD NEWS?

• Submit a three to six sentence paragraph celebrating your simcha.
• Send your paragraph along with a high resolution .jpg photo to Jaidy@shalomdel.org.
• Remember, simcha announcements are free of charge!
DELICATESSENS GIVE US A TASTE OF NOSTALGIA.

Like a classic car or an old song, the smell and sounds of a deli conjures up memories of the good old days. The experience is often more about reliving an outing with a parent or grandparent than it is about the actual food.

Warren Rosenfeld, now in his early 60s and founder of Rosenfeld’s Jewish Delicatessen, believes that is why delis once again have become popular places to dine. Rosenfeld desired to give people that sense of nostalgia, so he opened his first deli in 2013 in Ocean City, MD. It was such a success that in April 2017 he opened his second location, this time in Rehoboth Beach, DE.

Jewish delis never went out of style, but neighborhoods changed and some delis lost their customer base. The Jewish deli had to find new markets as the population aged and scattered. Others in the business of making reubens and knishes inspired Rosenfeld to open up shop. He saw success stories in south Florida as the population aged and moved down that way. There is even a Jewish deli, Goldman’s, in Key West. For Rosenfeld, success is not about the money. It’s about much more.

Rosenfeld is motivated by having something to do and somewhere to go every day. At 57, he retired after multiple careers that spanned 33 years—he was the managing partner of a law firm, a real estate developer, and CEO of a technology company. For all of those years, Rosenfeld worked upwards of 70 hours a week. When he retired in May 2012, he had no plans, and just thought that he wanted to be retired. After six weeks, he realized that he was bored and didn’t want to return to anything he had previously done. Rosenfeld grew up at his parents’ restaurant, a diner in downtown Washington, DC. He longed for the hustle and bustle and bonds formed with customers, so he decided to do what he knew he loved.

Rosenfeld opened a deli.

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Rosenfeld was also motivated by putting Judaism in places where it was not normally found. Rosenfeld is a Wexner Heritage Foundation graduate, an organization which only asks that its graduates pay the religion forward. Rosenfeld thought opening a Jewish deli was a good way of achieving that. What better way of exposing people to Judaism than through food. A deli’s menu tells a story about culture, history, and rituals. Rosenfeld has a theory, "If it belongs in a Jewish food museum (if there was such a thing), then we'll carry it." There are some items at Rosenfeld’s that just don't sell all that well. However, they are still on the menu. Rosenfeld believes that a real Jewish deli should have a vast menu because of the memories and lessons it brings to people of all backgrounds.

Perhaps Rosenfeld’s greatest motivation is honoring those who have inspired him along the way. The Papa Joe Reuben, for example, is named in honor of his maternal grandfather. It’s more than just a sandwich made up of corned beef, pastrami, cole slaw, Russian dressing and Swiss cheese; it’s a way to feel closer to his grandfather. In fact, many of the kosher-style menu items are named after grandparents, parents, children, siblings, in-laws and other friends and family. The dessert section is called “Hans Rosenfeld’s Favorite Desserts” in honor of his father who passed away 20 years ago. For Rosenfeld, there’s nothing sweeter or more motivating than hearing people place orders by name, and then to hear the cooks shout out those names as the orders are ready. In Rehoboth Beach, the menus double as a family album—the top of the menus are lined with photos of those who have inspired Rosenfeld—Sali Rosenfeld, his paternal grandfather who was a baker; his mother and father who were restauranteurs; and his immediate family including Rosenfeld, his wife Dana, their son Scott, and their son Jordan with his wife Renee. Family is the main ingredient that keeps Rosenfeld going.

Rosenfeld’s has nearly a half-dozen different kinds of Reubens, and by far, they are the most ordered items. In 2016, the deli sold more than 20,000 Reubens just in the Ocean City location. Even bigger plans have been cooked up at the new Rehoboth Beach location. It is much larger than the Ocean City locale, features about 75 seats, a more spacious deli counter, a greater variety of packaged goods, a frozen Kosher section and a bigger bakery. Rehoboth Beach also has a full liquor license, huge dinner selection, and specials each night that focus on German and Eastern European dishes.

So in between your Thrasher’s French Fries and Kohr Bros. Frozen Custard, you can now nosh on a latke or schnecken from Rosenfeld’s.
Seaside Jewish Community: THEN AND NOW

By Buddy Feldman
Co-President, Seaside Jewish Community

The population of Southern Delaware is expanding as many retirees are attracted to its beaches, cuisine, cultural activities, and relaxed lifestyle.

Among this influx are many Jewish residents looking to continue their Jewish heritage in their new homes.

The membership of Seaside Jewish Community is expanding as well to meet the needs of these new residents.

Seaside had its origins in January, 1997. Peter Wise, the owner of Pierre’s Pantry, a small deli in Rehoboth Beach, had a feeling that there were Jewish residents in the area who were looking to connect with each other. He was the subject of an article in the Cape Gazette newspaper in which he voiced this desire. Peter received almost 100 responses to the story. He hosted Seders at his deli on the first and second nights of Passover for those who had expressed an interest.

Those attendees were invited to a meeting in June, 1997 at the home of Harvey and Allyn Fruman and the Seaside Jewish Community was organized. Shabbat services were held at various members’ homes, in the Parish Hall at All Saints Episcopal Church and then in the current Seaside building which was rented and then purchased.

Services were led by different volunteers and guest Rabbis until 2009 when Beth Cohen, one of the volunteers, was asked to be the part time Religious Leader. In January, 2016 Rabbi Beth fulfilled a lifelong ambition when she received her rabbinical ordination.

What a change has taken place in 20 years. There is now a Jewish presence in all aspects of community life in Southern Delaware.

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Seaside Jewish Community has over 400 members with an extensive schedule of worship services, educational programs and social activities. Our religious school will mark this year six Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations.

Seaside is actively involved in interfaith activities. In early 2009 Seaside joined with five other faith communities to form the Progressive Interfaith Alliance of Southeastern Delaware (PIA). Out of that partnership has come many opportunities for Seaside members to volunteer in community programs offering aid to the needier residents of Southern Delaware.

Our High Holiday services are held in the worship space of PIA member the Epworth United Methodist Church. Our members have also joined with the Food and Love program at Epworth to help host the International Student Outreach Program dinner on Tuesday nights in the summer and the Sunday afternoon Soup Kitchen for all in need of food and love.

Thanks to the special relationship between Seaside and PIA member, the Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church, there are 100 cemetery plots in St. Peter’s cemetery in Lewes that are designated as the Seaside Jewish Community section.

Our members were instrumental in encouraging the Jewish Family Services of Delaware to open an office in Lewes. Two of our members are on the Board of Directors. The programs that Jewish Family Services offer are open to all in the area.

Seaside sponsors an annual Oy Vey 5K race that attracts over 100 runners. The race is famous for the Noodle Kugels our members provide to the participants after they complete their run.

Two members of Seaside were elected to the Cape Henlopen School District Board of Education. Local school and government officials are now more aware of the Jewish holidays.

Much has changed in the Jewish life of Southern Delaware since an article in the paper 20 years ago was needed to attract and establish an organized Jewish presence.

What has not changed is the mission that Seaside has stood for since its very beginning. We are a community that is inclusive and egalitarian. Our goal is to provide a communal home that supports and fosters Jewish identity and nurtures a sense of belonging to all.
I’VE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT I AM FORTUNATE TO HAVE GROWN UP JEWISH IN AMERICA, WHERE I HAVE FOUND GOOD COMPANY AND CAMARADERIE WITH MY FELLOW JEWS AS WELL AS ACCEPTANCE BY MY NON-JEWISH PEERS, AND THUS I HAVE MORE OR LESS BEEN INSULATED FROM THE MANY CHALLENGES FACED BY JEWS THROUGHOUT HISTORY.

But after spending even just a few hours watching some of the movies that were presented at the second annual Jewish Film Festival in Lewes this past March, as well as chatting with some of the filmgoers, I suddenly got a powerful sense of those challenges as well as the complicated history of modern Judaism.

“For me, it’s a way of reconnecting with the Jewish community,” Peter Zoll, 74, a resident of Millsboro and retiree from the banking industry, said of the Film Festival. “These are all films with more or less the same themes of Judaism in different places, so I just find it very interesting the different takes that people have on Jews and the Jewish faith in general.”

These diverse perspectives were very apparent in the two films I attended, The People Vs. Fritz Bauer and Keep Quiet.

The People Vs. Fritz Bauer is set in 1957, 12 years after the end of WWII, and centers around the story of Dr. Fritz Bauer, an attorney general in Frankfurt who has been working tirelessly to find the infamous Nazi lieutenant colonel Adolf Eichmann and has received a crucial tip on the former Holocaust organizer’s possible whereabouts.

Obsessed with justice and frustrated by the glacial pace of his own nation’s officials’ efforts to punish Nazi criminals (many of whom are former Nazis themselves and whom Dr. Bauer fears will only warn Eichmann of his efforts), Dr. Bauer instead seeks the aid of the Israeli secret police force (Mossad) in Eichmann’s capture, which at the time was considered a treasonous act in West Germany.

Eichmann, as some may know and as the film depicts, was eventually captured in Argentina and sent to Israel, but Israeli authorities refused to extradite him to West Germany, much to Dr. Bauer’s dismay (Eichmann was tried, convicted, and executed in Israel in 1962; Dr. Bauer’s role in Eichmann’s capture wasn’t even revealed until years after it happened).

The other film I saw, Keep Quiet, was another eye-opener. It’s a documentary that follows the career of former Holocaust denier Csanad Szegedi, who in the early 2000s was a rising star in Jobbik, an extreme right-wing political party in Hungary, only to discover that his mother’s family was Jewish (and his grandmother an Auschwitz survivor), forcing him to leave his party and instead come to terms with his Jewish roots. It is a haunting yet revealing tale of just how extraordinarily difficult such a transition can be.

On the surface, both of these personal journeys couldn’t be more different. And yet the struggles of both Fritz Bauer and Csanad Szegedi nonetheless seem to be against a common opponent, that being a historical and societal reluctance—if not resistance—to confront the sins of the past.

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as well as their respective political climates. In Dr. Bauer’s case, the sins are those of his fellow countrymen; in Szegedi’s case, they’re his own.

Both films were shown before nearly packed crowds at the Cinema Art Theatre in Lewes and were among several motion pictures shown that originated from 11 different countries. The mission of the festival, according to its joint presenters the Rehoboth Beach Film Society and Seaside Jewish Community, was to “deepen awareness of Jewish cultures and experiences and to explore community differences and commonalities through the art of film.” Each of the films were preceded by brief introductions from their respective sponsors and followed by discussions among the filmgoers led by the sponsors.

Watching these two films, despite the protagonists’ respective journeys being separated by essentially two generations’ time, there seemed to be a poignant, chilling symmetry between Dr. Bauer’s quest for justice and Szegedi’s struggle to transition from rabid anti-Semite to sympathetic Jew. Either way, the Film Festival serves as a stark reminder of and a spotlight shown directly on the obstacles and struggles that Jewish people have faced and continue to face in their path toward being understood, accepted, and—one might hope—appreciated by the rest of the world.

“Every one of these films brings something to reflect on,” said Linda Blumner of Lewes, 72, a retired investigator for US Department of Labor and Civil Rights, who noted that the festival’s content speaks to her as a Jew as well as a career civil rights advocate.

Judy Stormer, a retired Department of Defense employee from Lewes whose ancestors fled Austria before the Holocaust, offered this perspective on the festival, which she attended with her husband Joe. “It’s important to us because the Holocaust is important,” she said. “Future generations aren’t really going to know anything about it, and I think movies like [The People Vs. Fritz Bauer] are fabulous, because they shed light on it,” she said. “It’s also very uplifting in a sense, as sad as it is, as horrible as it was, you get to see something good come out of something bad in some of the movies.”

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Unexpected Occurrences in Siegel JCC ArtSpace & MOSAIC ART IN THE SHOWCASE

By Kerin Hearn | ArtSpace Committee

UNEXPECTED OCCURRENCES IN THE NATURAL WORLD ARE REFLECTED IN DELONA SESERMAN’S SEMI-ABSTRACT MIXED MEDIA PAINTINGS IN THE SIEGEL JCC ARTSPACE. LISA DADONE-WEINER’S SMALL MOSAIC WALL HANGINGS OF HAMSA HANDS AND OTHER SHAPES ARE IN THE SHOWCASE.

AN ARTIST FOR ALL SEASONS

Romanian-born Delona Seserman is an artist for all seasons. She is a prolific semi-abstract painter who creates every day with acrylics, pastels, encaustic, and colored pencils; an imaginative photographer of multi-layered images of nature; a former New Jersey muralist; an interior decorator and designer here and in Romania; a docent at The Delaware Contemporary; and, most recently, a tour guide to Romania, with Delaware artists and an artist-in-residence in rural France.

Delona loves nature and taking long walks with her dog, Mulan, who digs up walnuts, seeds, and berries, which she takes home as inspiration for her paintings. Her cat, Sammy, takes over in the studio and might drag a piece of string across the wet paint in random shapes or play on the canvas. The unplanned nature of her work and the found natural elements she uses led to the title of her exhibition, Unexpected Occurrences.

Leisurely woodland strolls with Mulan are so very far away from Delona’s childhood in Brasov, Romania. There, at age four, her father taught her that a real, true artist does not need to wait for inspiration or the right materials. “If you feel like drawing, just do it… on a napkin, on any piece of paper, on the sand,” he said. American movies they watched together led her to dream of one day living in America.

Studying art was not easy in Romania, with few schools available, and competition and testing beginning as early as the 5th grade. Rigorous entrance exams left only study as an art critic available to her. She parlayed that into Diplomas in Fine Arts, Interior Decoration and Painting. She earned a BFA...
in French and Geography and taught both middle and high school.

In the meantime, she married and had two children. With a change in leadership and other political differences, life in Romania became politically unbearable for her family. So, after meeting requirements, they moved to Sparta, NJ to start life anew. Delona studied interior design, Feng Shui, and energy for homes. She became a muralist and was commissioned to paint murals in public places and private homes throughout New Jersey. She began working in interior design. But, then, after many years, she divorced and started all over again.

She eventually moved to Delaware with her newly found partner, Robert. Here, at last, she would have full time to devote to painting, photography, and to rest a bit. Well, almost. She and Robert are remodeling their condominium and Delona hand laid rocks to form the kitchen island. She made a mural of swirls of different colored stones and bits of pottery above the splashguard. In the center is a painting of her cat and dog enjoying life in Delaware.

And, then, there is her condominium in Brasov. She returned to Brasov recently after many years only to find it in questionable shape. So she began remodeling, while working on some interior design jobs there. Her dream is to one day make a small artist’s retreat where the beauty of her birth city and country can be shared.

SMALL MOSAICS IN THE SHOWCASE
If you have ever walked along South Street in Philly, you probably have seen the cracked mirror, pottery and stone mosaics covering many storefronts. When Lisa Dadone-Weiner’s daughter heard about the artist, Isaiah Zagar, giving a weekend-long workshop, she invited her mother along. And a mosaic artist was born!

Lisa began with large-scale mosaics in public and private installations. To share her art with more people, she converted to affordable, small wall hangings. Initially inspired by a Hamsa necklace her sister brought her from Israel, she embraced this popular symbol of protection that predates the Abrahamic religions. It is not Jewish, Muslim, or Christian, but is inclusive of all religions, and universal in its appeal. She has become known for her Hamsas, both generic and customized to represent an individual’s life and interests. A portion of their sale goes to peace seeking organizations in Israel. Now, she has branched out into other shapes and creates, hearts, wine bottles, fish and more.

Lisa was inspired by fish while snorkeling in the Red Sea
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Sweetness overwhelms, like the pleasant pop of a pomegranate seed
PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ARTIST
DOUBLE BILL

Puzzle is located on page 44
By: Yoni Glatt
koshercrosswords@gmail.com
Difficulty Level: Medium

ACROSS
1. Notable Frank work
6. Wedding fragments
11. Org. of Stern and Silver
14. Lauder of note
15. Tref sounds
16. It might be in a warehouse in Nevada, according to Spielberg
17. Bribe Leibovitz?
19. Ending with an "oo" or beat
20. Aaron Copland's was 551-20-4475: Abbr.
21. Paskez and Orbit makes it
22. Biblical preposition
23. Having Haman and Hitler for a meal?
24. "___ you!" (challenge one to dunk for two minutes in the Dead Sea, e.g.)
25. Comic Kane
26. Catatonic states (for Ariel Sharon and others)
27. Shows on Yes
28. ___ Mae Brown (Oscar winning role for Whoopi Goldberg)
29. -Cone that wouldn't last long in the Negev
31. Archangel (of death, at times) mentioned in Talmud
32. Shows on Yes
33. The "E" of E.L. Doctorow (or Degas)
34. Make like a shyster
35. Blue animated character in a 2011 film with Hank Azaria
37. Eliat tank?
38. ___ Hannah
39. Sacrifice site
40. The start and finish of 17, 23, 51, and 60-Across, e.g.
41. Carvey who played Garth for Michaels
42. Like a hero not (yet) recognized as a Righteous Gentile
43. A stunning sheitel?
44. A stunning sheitel?
45. Kind of Torah
46. Lee who directed Kevin Kline in "The Ice Storm"
47. A rock hit by Moses, for one
48. Southern Hem. country where kudu shofars are obtained
49. "Do we not have ___ father?" (Malachi 2:10)
51. Famous tower locale
52. Make a sacrifice impure
53. Peruvians that would have had an extra long night
54. Demand from one insisting a Seder finish already
55. Sefardic food on Passover
56. Like a shyster
57. ___ Gabriel
58. ___ long way (like the Jews in the desert)
59. Like a shyster
60. Deg. for one doing the books at Goldman Sachs
61. Reisman of Olympic fame
62. Readout in the ER, but not a Hatzalah ambulance
63. Actress Long in Ben Younger's "Boiler Room"
64. Translation that goes with "gum"

DOWN
1. B.S. from YU, e.g.
2. ___ air
3. Participated in a siyum
4. Make like one requesting to convert to Judaism
5. "Kens"
6. ___ long way (like the Jews in the desert)
7. Mamet writes it well
8. Per ___ (parnasah term)
9. Acts like a shnorrer, perhaps
10. Be'er Sheva to Dimona dir.
11. TV job for Fran Fine
12. Weisz, Garfield or Radcliffe, e.g.
13. Another way to spell Israel's Acre
14. Like a shyster
15. Perus that would have had an extra long night when Joshua stopped the sun
16. Passage from the Shulkhan Arukh
17. ___ Hannah
18. Make like a shyster
19. ___ air
20. ___ cone that wouldn't last long in the Negev
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Q: WHAT BOOK(S) IS/ARE ON YOUR LIST FOR SUMMER READING?

A: RABBI MICAH BECKER-KLEIN
Temple Beth El

This summer, I have a few books for the current period and it is always interesting to see if something else finds its way into my reading material.

I tend to strike a balance between history, comedy, spirituality, Jewish writings, science fiction, and narratives. On my list this summer is the current David Grossman novel, A Horse Walks into a Bar, translated from the Hebrew by Jessica Cohen (full disclosure—Jessica is a personal friend). Humorous in a dark sense. Grossman is one of the great writers of the contemporary Israeli generation of writers along with Amos Oz. His earliest work includes the non-fiction, The Yellow Wind, which explored Palestinian challenges and identity in the 1980s. Grossman's style of writing is engaging, emotional, and palpable. His own life story has impacted his writing and his approach to describing life in Israel. This is the first novel he has written that has been nominated for the 2017 Man Booker International Prize in literature.

The second book I am planning on reading this summer is Milk and Honey by Rupi Kaur published in 2014. This is a book of mixed prose and poetry about survival in adversity, written in four sections or chapters—Hurting, Breaking, Loving, and Healing—each one exploring a different aspect of the emotional impact of intense events that lead individuals to resilience. How each of us, through our lives chooses to cover and how each of us reveals is also a reflection of how we can heal. Kaur is a Canadian author, poet and multimedia artist. Her work explores her journey through the world as a woman, as an artist, and as a human.

The third one is Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson. While exploring the deep heart wrenching injustices within the criminal law system in ways that particularly highlight race, Stevenson also shares within explorations of realistic human experiences of love, support, understanding, and friendship so vital at times of despair and threat. It feels like it may have the energy of To Kill a Mockingbird with the issues of our day and our country once again relevant and close to the experienced reality of many of our citizens.

Hopefully the mixture of writing will keep me inspired, reflective, and relaxed this summer. Let me know if you chose to explore any of these books—maybe we can talk!

RABBI PETER GRUMBACHER
Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Beth Emeth

My good friend and colleague, Pastor David Mueller, formerly of Concordia Lutheran Church, and I brought two interfaith tours to Israel/Palestine across the years and are planning another one for 2018 (if you’re interested in joining us, let me know). When he and I walked into the Children’s Memorial at Yad Vashem, Israel’s Holocaust Memorial and Museum, the first name we heard mentioned was that of a child whose last name was Rockenstein. That happened to have been the name of David’s grandmother. He knew very little about her other than she had been Jewish before her conversion.

David and many others were at a discussion sponsored by Hadassah and Wilmington’s Lutheran community focused on a book entitled Hidden Inheritance, by Pastor Heidi Neumark. She grew up a Christian, passionate about her faith which was practiced in her parents’ home, only to find out later in life about the very Jewish background of her father’s family and their relationship to the Shoah.

Pastor Neumark’s story, the steps she took (beginning with Wikipedia) to learn about her past, reads like a detective novel. As Rabbi Margaret Moers Wenig wrote, joining other clergy in praise of the book, “With courage and compassion Neumark raises complex questions of identity and theology. This is a book for Christians and Jews and for all who live with family secrets and for all who struggle with the paradox of deriving life from a tradition that robbed others of life.”

I look forward to completing her account... probably before the summer. In any event I have found the few chapters I’ve read make Hidden Inheritance a true page-turner.

No, I don't only read "Jewish" books. I also read books “normal” folks read. For quite a while now I’ve been following the exploits of Michael Connelly’s character Harry Bosch, a Los Angeles detective. I also started That Woman, about Wallis Simpson, the Duchess of Windsor, for whose hand King Edward VIII abdicated the British throne. After seeing the movie, The King’s Speech with Colin Firth and Helen Bonham Carter, the entire subject became a fascinating one for me.
KAREN ANN (NEE KISHNER) BARD-GUINZBURG
Age 73, passed away Sunday afternoon, May 14, 2017 in Wilmington, DE.

Karen devoted her professional life to children as a special education teacher and administrator for the New York City Board of Education. After her retirement, she served as the Executive Director of the Ada Budrick Child Care & Learning Center in Boonton, NJ. She was a beloved wife, mother, stepmother, sister, aunt, grandmother and friend.

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DANIEL ELLIOTT BERRY
1946-2017

Daniel Elliott Berry “Danny” of Wilmington, DE passed away peacefully on Monday, May 15, 2017 after fighting cancer like a lion.

Danny was born in Boston, MA and never lost his Boston accent. He spent many happy summers at Nantasket Beach with his family and loved body surfing, riding bikes, frisbee, football, box ball, playing cards and checkers. He served in the US Army for 3 years, mostly in Germany, and he later told many funny stories about his army buddies and travels across Europe. He graduated with a degree in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, and worked for Babcock & Wilcox in Lynchburg, VA and later at PSE&G in NJ. He was also a property manager. Danny especially enjoyed meeting and talking to everyone, he was never at a loss for words.

He loved his family and community, and spent many hours volunteering as AKSE Synagogue Building VP, Men’s Club President, snow removal manager for the Brandywood Civic Association, and voting inspector for many elections. He had a positive attitude, big smile and there was never any job too big, especially if he could solve it with duct tape.

Danny is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sharon (nee Wasserman) Berry; his children, Alex Berry (Tracy), Shana Clavet (John), and Jennifer Gruber (David); and 8 grandchildren, Jackson, Aidan, and Emerson Berry; Campbell and Harper Clavet; and Avraham, Chava and Nosson Gruber. He is also survived by his mother, Lorraine Berry; his sister, Marcia Milesky; brother, Jeffrey Berry; and many other loving relatives and friends who supported him throughout his illness. Danny was predeceased by his father, Sidney Berry.

The family would like to thank all the caregivers and medical staff at U of Penn, Christiana Care, Seasons Hospice, Carpe Vitas Homecare, ManorCare Rehab, and Compassionate Care Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions may be made to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth or the National Brain Tumor Society (www.briantumor.org).

ANNETTE HART
Age 89, a native Wilmingtonian, passed away on Saturday, April 29, 2017.

Annette was known to all as "Netty" or "Mom-Mom". She was born October 31, 1927 and graduated from Wilmington High School in 1945. She was married to her beloved husband, Stanley Hart for 69 years and they had two children, Geoffrey and Robert. Netty worked as a secretary to the Vice-President at Farmers Bank after graduation from High School, took care of her family, and then later volunteered for the Junior Board at Wilmington Hospital. She and her husband spent winters in Boca Raton and for many years they traveled throughout the world. A unique soul,

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Netty enjoyed baking, playing golf and tennis. She will be greatly missed.

Netty is survived by her husband, Stanley; sons Geoffrey (Mary Elizabeth) and Robert (Sheri) and grandchildren, Jennifer, Shane, and Rita.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Netty’s name to Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care Program, 220 Continental Drive, Suite 101, Newark, DE 19711 or the Congregation Beth Emeth.

CLAIRE SYRA (RAVELSON) MICHELMAN
Age 87, left this life on May 10, 2017 to join Philip Michelman, her beloved husband of 45 years who passed away on February 17, 1996.

Claire and Phil met in Junior High School and shared a lifelong love. Claire was a devoted wife and mother who grew up in Worcester, MA and moved her family to Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and back to Delaware to support Phil’s career, before retiring to Ponte Vedra Beach, FL in 2001. Claire was a dedicated homemaker and "soccer mom" before the term was invented and was involved in supporting her boys, but more importantly, her community through her extensive work with the American Medical Center at Denver (Cancer Research) and her leadership in the Congregation Beth Emeth Sisterhood in Wilmington, DE.

Known by her friends and staff at Vicars Landing as one of their nicest residents, Claire enjoyed her new life and the friends that she made over her 16 years as a Floridian. Claire was 1 of 6 children and is the last of the greatest generation of her parents, Samuel and Anna (nee Margolis) Ravelson who predeceased her. She is also predeceased by brothers, Milton (Dorothy) Ravelson, Arthur (Rose) Ravelson, and Harold Ravelson; as well as sisters, Sylvia (Alfred) Bloomfield and Rozlyn (James) Joseph. Claire is survived by sons, Mark of Philadelphia, PA and Jeffrey (Maureen) of Atlantic Beach, FL; her sister-in-law, Edith Ravelson of Worcester, MA. She always had a dear love for her many nieces and nephews who she often babysat when they were young children.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Alzheimers Association (www.alz.org).

LAURIE SCHENKER POLLECK
Laurie Schenker Polleck, treasured wife, beloved daughter, loving sister, and aunt, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on April 29, 2017 at age 57.

Laurie was born in Wilmington and graduated with honors from Mount Pleasant, Class of 1978. She attended the University of Delaware earning a degree in Political Science in 1982 and was awarded a Juris Doctorate by Delaware Law School. She was a member of the Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and District of Columbia Bar associations and worked for a number of Wilmington-area law firms, principally in commercial bankruptcy. Laurie also served as in-house counsel at Guardian Companies in Bear, DE, worked for the State of Delaware, and in a variety of other legal positions within Delaware.

Laurie enjoyed spending time with family, playing the piano, shopping, swimming, dancing, and treasured long walks with her Shetland sheepdog, Misty.

Laurie is survived by her husband of 30 years, Richard R. Polleck of Bear, DE; her mother, Verna K. Schenker of Wilmington, DE; her sisters, Jennifer Schenker-Beder (Stephanie) of Paris, France and Connie Mullen (Wes) of Orlando, FL; and a number of nieces and nephews including Deirdra O’Donnell, Michael O’Donnell, Jordan Beder, Sasha Beder, and Stephanie Mullen. She was pre-deceased by her father, Dr. Henry H. Schenker, a retired chemist at the DuPont Company and a former president of Congregation Beth Emeth.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions be made to the Schenker Holocaust Memorial Garden at Congregation Beth Emeth or a charity of your choice.

RAYZELLA W. SPECTOR
Age 98, passed away Sunday, May 14, 2017.

Born in Wilmington, DE, she was the daughter of the late Benjamin and Helen Wolfman.

Rayzella loved to sing, play bridge and the piano. She was a lifelong member of Congregation Beth Shalom.

The family would like to thank Kathy Short for being such a good friend and caregiver. Also, the family would like to thank the staff at Cadia Capitol in Dover, DE for their care of Rayzella.

Preceded in death by her husband, David; Rayzella is survived by her sister, Selma Giammatteo (Paul) and several nieces and nephews.

PEARL CULLEY-TURNER
1925 - 2017

Pearl Culley-Turner departed this life on Sunday, April 23, 2017 in the presence of her loving family.

She was the third and last daughter, a first generation American, born to Joseph and Celia Bernstein, who emigrated from Russia to escape religious persecution. Pearl was born in Brooklyn, New York on December 20, 1925. As a child, Pearl loved to read, and sang on the NYC Jewish radio. As a young woman, Pearl married the love of her life, Frizell Culley. Together they raised 4 children, Frizell Jr., Randolph, Clayton, and Richelle. Pearl was always an independent strong-willed thinker.

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and became a fierce advocate for her children's education. She was a Den mother for the Boy Scouts and a PTA president for many years. She volunteered in schools and petitioned the Board of Education on behalf of her children's educational rights. Her passion was fearless and her devotion to her family was tireless.

Over a one-month period in 1973, Pearl lost her husband, Frizell and her son, Randolph, a Vietnam veteran, in two separate tragic accidents. She resiliently fought to put her life back together. By her fifth decade of life, Pearl decided to pursue her educational dreams, and consecutively completed her undergraduate and graduate degrees in education. She then worked for many years as a Special Education teacher in Brooklyn until her retirement. Pearl met George Turner later in her life and they moved to Delaware where they would be happily married. Pearl and George spent many glorious years traveling the world together before he lost his battle with cancer in 2000. Sadly, Pearl lost her son Clayton in 2007, also to cancer.

Pearl was known for her stylish dressing, accessorizing, and impeccable decorating ideas. She was always articulate and passionate about expressing her opinions on social issues and current events. Pearl also loved reading biographies, and watching classic cowboy and murder mystery movies. Throughout her entire life, she stood fast against bigotry, and defied social injustices.

She leaves behind her son, Frizell Culley, Jr. (Julie) of NYC; daughter, Richelle Talbert (Ernest) of Bear, DE; 8 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; nieces; a nephew; and a host of caring extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org).
SUNDAY, JUNE 4
Jewish Music Festival
10 AM – 3 PM
Siegel JCC
Cost: FREE
Free concert for the entire community co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the J featuring 6 musical acts including Reese Ratliff, SONIA disappear fear and Six13, as well as a PJ Library craft. Food available for purchase. For more information, please visit siegeljcc.org or contact Katie Glazier at katieglazier@siegeljcc.org.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4
Jewish History Course: Assyrian incursion into Israel and Judah.
10 AM
Congregation Beth Sholom
340 N. Queen St.
Dover, De. 19904
These classes are open to all members, their friends and neighbors, and whoever has an interest in Jewish history! You do not have to be Jewish to learn from, and enjoy these classes. These classes are in Jewish History, not religion. So everyone will be comfortable in attending and participating. Please contact Burt Brennan, the moderator of the class, at butrehab@gmail.com, in order for him to prepare sufficient handouts for new class members.

MONDAY, JUNE 5
25th Annual Sports Classic
12 PM – 7:30 PM
Wilmington Country Club
Join the J in this special day-long event and celebration that has supported our various programs, staff and members for the last 25 years! With combined sponsorships from tennis, lawn sports and golf, we are hoping to surpass the $3 million mark in their combined, historical efforts. Please register to be a part of the celebration by becoming a sponsor today!
For more information, please visit siegeljcc.org or contact Ashley Dalzell at ashleydalzell@siegeljcc.org.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7
Einstein Graduation Ceremony
6:30 – 8 PM
Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Sanctuary
The 5th Grade Class of 2017 leads mincha services, offers reflections and prayers as part of our annual commencement exercises. Please join us in celebrating our graduates, the teacher of the year, and inducting our newest members into the Albert Einstein Academy Alumni Society. For more information, please contact Rabbi Jeremy Winaker at 302-478-5026 or jeremy.winaker@einsteinday.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8
JFD 82nd Annual Meeting followed by Wine & Dessert Reception
6:30 PM
Siegel JCC
Please join us for our 82nd Annual Meeting where we will recognize outgoing President, Connie Sugarman, and welcome incoming President, Bill Wagner. We will also present the “Lifetime Achievement Award” to Toni Young, and will celebrate our ten Create A Jewish Legacy Teams. This event is open to the entire community and is free of charge. Advance registration is required in order to plan for seating and the reception.
Free and Open to the Community Registration is required by June 2nd RSVP at ShalomDelaware.org or (302)427-2100. For more information, please contact Nicole or Wendy at (302)427-2100

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Camping Shabbaton
5:30 PM – 10:00 AM
Siegel JCC
*Cost: $45/member family
   $55/non-member family
*Includes dinner and breakfast!
Join us as we celebrate Shabbat outdoors! Enjoy a fireside dinner, participate in a short Shabbat service, go on a night hike, and finish the evening with delicious s'mores. Bring your own tent to sleep under the stars. Wake up in our beautiful amphitheater, do sunrise yoga, and finish the experience with a delicious campfire breakfast. For more information, please visit siegeljcc.org or contact Katie Glazier at katieglazier@siegeljcc.org.

MONDAY, JUNE 10
Summer Pool Party (Grades K-5)
7 – 10 PM
Siegel JCC
Cost: $30 for Members / $45 for Non-Members
Kids night in, parents night out. Join us in celebration of the beginning of summer with a KidsKlub Party on the Pool Deck! Kids will enjoy late night swimming at the outdoor pool, music, games and snacks. For more information, please visit siegeljcc.org or contact Becky Stahl at Beckystahl@siegeljcc.org.

MONDAY, JUNE 12
Siegel JCC Annual Meeting
7 – 8 PM
Siegel JCC Courtyard
Join us for the Siegel J’s 83rd Annual meeting as we review our year’s accomplishments, elect the Board of Directors, and recognize award winners and staff service anniversaries. For more information, please contact annasaul@siegeljcc.org.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
BBQ Dinner with Pop up Shopping Event
5 PM
Siegel JCC Pool Deck
Join us for the first of our weekly summer barbecues on the pool deck with musical guest Steel Happiness! Food, wine and beer available for purchase. Open to the community. For more information, please visit siegeljcc.org or contact Katie Glazier at katieglazier@siegeljcc.org.

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BEFRIENDING BOREDOM

THE 21ST CENTURY SUPERPOWER ISN’T INTELLIGENCE. IT’S FOCUS.

That’s how Cal Newport, author of the book Deep Work and Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Georgetown University, explains it.

And yet, it’s one thing most of us rarely cultivate. Especially in a world of increasing interruption. We are what we spend our time doing. Despite our involvement in meaningful tasks, many of us are bombarded by notifications of new messages, social media posts, breaking news, app updates and more. These constant interruptions consume us. Children fixate on video games, apps, and television. And in a 2015 national survey

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by Common Sense Media, the average teenager (13-18 years old) racks up nine hours of media use a day; 50% of those teens surveyed use social media while doing homework, and 60% text while doing homework.

The irony, though, is that while we are captured by the attention of digital media for lengthy intervals during the day, it may be eroding our ability to focus attentively when we are back in the ho-hum, real-time world.

“When you condition the mind to become accustomed to high levels of input, there’s a chance that reality can just become boring,” says Dimitri Christakis, MD, MPH, director of the Child Health Institute at the University of Washington in Seattle.

But boredom can be healthy.

It can instigate creativity, transporting you from one state to another, focusing on a complex task, without distraction.

So, how do we become comfortable with boredom? Even with the knowledge that it can lead to new avenues of discovery, it can still be difficult to know how to foster boredom in healthy and productive ways.

Summer is quickly approaching, and in our culture this leads to an expectation of constantly needing activity. Sometimes our first reaction to a child’s common quip: I’m bored, what should I do? is to take them somewhere, buy them something, or charge up their iPads.

You might also consider adding the following to your bag o’ tricks; a short list of activities for children (or adults!) to help navigate healthy focus.

#1 FIX THINGS (or when things become too old to use, take them apart)
I went to an event at Hagley with my kids recently where there was a room dedicated to taking apart broken down electronic equipment to see how they worked. My boys suited up with protective goggles, gloves, and tools, and went to town. We were in that room for two hours. They could have stayed longer.

And here’s a low-tech fix you can teach your children: sewing. Show older children how to sew buttons back on their shirts. They’ll become the kind of person who can fix problems in unexpected ways and will soon learn the satisfaction of making something work that was previously broken.

#2 PUZZLE
Going old school, we recently started doing 1000 piece puzzles as a family. We begin the puzzle on a large piece of cardboard and move it around the house or outside to the deck. Sometimes we work on it together or I might find one child occupied with it at various times. My husband and I will work on it sometimes after the kids go to bed, and they wake up in the morning and are delighted at what we accomplished. We become addicted to the challenge. There is little distraction involved. And sometimes the most rewarding part is destroying it after its completion!

#3 TEACH THEM SOLITAIRE
I did this recently and was shocked by how much my eight-year-old loved this card game. We played it together until he was able to do it solo. And in rare form, he actually said he enjoyed it more without me.

#4 MAKE A MOVIE OR STOP MOTION ANIMATION
Here’s a good opportunity to use media as an incredible tool for creativity. There are dozens of stop motion apps you can download for free. You can get a tri-pod for a Tablet or Smartphone or they’ll find a way to prop up the camera themselves. They can draw different backgrounds for the scenery, and create their own sound effects. They can use anything for the subjects. Legos and clay or wax (from those little pieces of cheese) work great!

#5 MAKE MAGIC
Give them a deck of cards and/or a quarter, and allow them ten minutes on YouTube. Within a half an hour you won’t be able to stop them from showing you magic tricks.

#6 GO OUTSIDE
Full stop.

Or maybe just do a little of nothing this summer. Take the time to be bored.

You’d be amazed at what you can discover.
On behalf of all of us at the Siegel JCC, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for the 25 years of service of Daniel L. Klein and Richard A. Levine as the co-chairs of the Sports Classic.

Through their leadership, the Sports Classic has been an incredibly successful fundraiser for the JCC, making a profound impact on our community.

We, and those we serve, are so thankful.

If you would like to make a contribution in honor of Dan and Richard, please contact Ashley Dalzell at, ashleydalzell@siegeljcc.org or (302) 478-5660 x202.
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