



# L'Chaim!

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News & "Chailights" of The Greater Altoona Jewish Community

## Israel Bonds to honor Curve owner

■ Dinner set May 16 as part of Federation Day at Blair County Ballpark.

The 2004 Israel Bonds dinner will have a baseball theme.

The annual event has been scheduled for Sunday, May 16, 2004 at The Casino at Lakemont, and Altoona Curve majority owner Chuck Greenberg is being honored.

"We're very pleased to be able to honor Chuck," Steve Port, co-chairman of the Altoona Israel Bonds Committee, said. "The Curve have been extremely successful, and well-supported by the Jewish community, and we thought he'd make an ideal choice."

Greenberg, a Pittsburgh native, was humbled by the gesture.

"I'm truly humbled by this honor," Greenberg said. "Since

becoming involved with the Curve, my family and I have been so impressed with how active the Altoona Jewish Community has been in contributing to the welfare of both the region and the Jewish people and certainly Israel Bonds is a component of that generosity."

The Curve will be home at 3 p.m. on May 16, hosting Akron, and the Greater Altoona Jewish Federation will stage an Altoona Jewish Community Day at Blair County Ballpark.

"We thought this would be a wonder-



Greenberg

ful opportunity for our community to have a good time at the ballpark and support Israel Bonds at the same time," Federation executive director Bill Wallen said.

Tickets for the dinner and for the game — as a package or individually — can be obtained by calling Federation at 940-6001.

Port dusted off a quote from the legendary Grantland Rice to capture the spirit of the day. Here is Port's edited version: "*For when the One Great Scorer comes To write against your name,*

*He marks not that you won or lost, But how many Israel Bonds you bought!*"

Greenberg assures that even if the Curve go extra innings, the dinner will start at 6:30 p.m.

## Film festival cued up

The lineup for the 2004 Greater Altoona International Jewish Film Festival — the fifth annual — is set.

After considerable deliberation, and knowing what a tough act it has created for itself each year, the Festival Committee has selected five films to run on four consecutive Thursdays, beginning Feb. 5.

"We're really excited about this year's films," committee chairman Michael Tomor said. "The community has responded so positively to the Film Festival in the past, and we're sure they'll



enjoy it again this year."

Ticket packages are available by calling the Federation office at 940-6001.

Once again, Festival patrons will be able to enjoy dinner before each movie.

As usual, popcorn and 50/50 tickets will be available.

Look for the details in the upcoming Film Festival brochure that will come out in January.

For the complete lineup and a description of each film, please see Page 3.

See you at the movies!

## TGI Friday's will host Federation 'super' party

The Federation is planning to continue its "super" tradition.

For the past four years, families have gathered to watch the Super Bowl together.

Last year, the party drew more than 100 to Josh Port's home, but the event's popularity has made it necessary to seek an even bigger venue ... even bigger than Josh and Lee's!

That's why the fifth annual Super Bowl party on Sunday, Feb. 1 will be held in the private banquet room at TGI Friday's on Plank Road.

The room can seat 100-plus comfortably and features four sizeable TVs for your viewing pleasure.

The doors open at 5:30 p.m. with kickoff at 6:20. The cost will be \$10 per adult, and kids will eat free.

Further details will be forthcoming, but preliminary RSVPs can be made by calling the Federation office at 940-6001.







# Executive director's report

by Bill Wallen

## Perfect end for the summer

Our annual Family Picnic and Pool Party featured perfect weather, a great setting, and the warm hospitality of hosts Ed and Kathy Henderson. A good time was had by all 111 community members in attendance at the party on August 24. We are looking for a host for 2004. Contact the office if you are interested.



Doc Kusner (left) and Dave Brooks are fixtures at the senior luncheons

## Senior update

The Gerry Antikol Adult Social Club continues to meet monthly in good weather months at Park Hills with lunch and a speaker, entertainer or film.

Our November program featured a review of Rabbi Harold Kushner's latest book, "The Lord is my Shepherd—The Healing Wisdom of the 23rd Psalm" and the December luncheon featured entertainment by local musician Zupe.

The meetings feature good friends, good food and good conversation. The next luncheon will occur in March. Watch for our postcard.

Regular visits continue to seniors needing assistance, the homebound and people living in nursing homes by Paula Pimentel and myself. Contact the office about anyone you know who may benefit from our visits.

## Federation funds trip

Our funds enabled over 40 teachers and staff from the Altoona Area schools to visit New York City's Ellis Island and the Lower East Side Tenement Museum. The teachers utilized this visit to help develop



Pool party hosts Kathy Henderson (left) and daughter Laura (second from right) join in fellowship with Phyllis Thaler (left) and Kara Bilofsky (right).

a new unit in the high school curriculum on the immigrant experience and the adjustment that all immigrant groups had to make to life in a new culture. Federation had previously assisted the Altoona schools develop a unit on the lessons of the Holocaust.

## Day camp being considered

Federation board members are exploring interest in providing a one- or two-week day camp for young children during the summer of 2004.

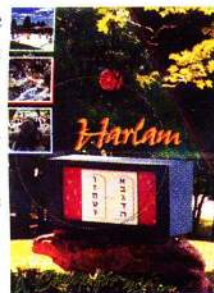
Vice President Sue Simon is leading this effort and will be coordinating a meeting of parents in January to determine the interest in creating this new program for pre-schoolers and young elementary school children. Look for a postcard soon.

## YES programs for 2004

It's time to plan for overnight camp and other Jewish experiences for children and teens for the coming summer. Federation has scholarship funds to help make these exciting opportunities possible.

We know that trips to Israel and summer camps are the best way to help solidify a Jewish identity for our youth. Come to the Camp Fair on Sunday, January 4 at 10 a.m. at Temple Beth Israel.

We will have brunch, hear an update on Sunday school and learn more of summer opportunities. You can also contact the office at 940-6001 for information.



## Mission to Israel

Our Federation in cooperation with Temple Beth Israel and Agudath Achim Congregation would like to plan a community mission during the summer of 2004. Rabbis Schuman and Chorny are excited about the trip and both plan on being with us on the mission. The Federation would help underwrite the costs to make it affordable for as many families as possible. Missions to Israel and tourism are increasing and the Conservative and Reform Movements are encouraging all of us to visit in the coming year. Before making definitive plans, we need to know how many people may be interested. Please let your Rabbi know of your interest, or call the Federation office soon. We will then include you in all of our planning discussions.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 20-27	Festival of Hanukkah
Jan 3	Mara Herman Bat Mitzvah
	Agudath Achim Synagogue
Jan 4	Altoona Jewish Community School resumes at Temple Beth Israel with parents' Open House and Camp Fair - 10 a.m.
Jan 8	Greater Altoona Jewish Federation Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Temple Beth Israel
Feb 1	Family Super Bowl Party 5:30 p.m., TGI Fridays
March 7	Community Purim Carnival sponsored by Altoona Jewish Community School, 10 a.m. - Noon, Jewish Memorial Center
April 3	Steven Weiss Bar Mitzvah, Temple Beth Israel
April 5	Passover begins at sundown
April 17	Jacob Marlowe Bar Mitzvah, Temple Beth Israel
May 29	Adam Rudel Bar Mitzvah, Temple Beth Israel

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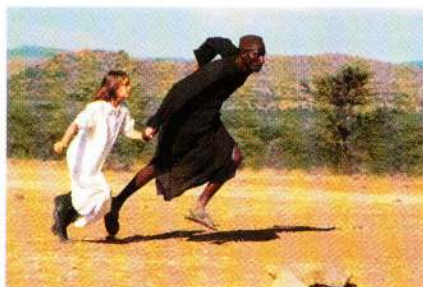
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## Fifth annual Film Festival sure to warm your February



**Feb 5, *Nowhere in Africa*.** This Oscar and Golden Globe award winning film initiates this year's series. It follows a Jewish lawyer and his family who flee 1938 Germany and settle in Kenya in barren and strange East Africa. They struggle with adjusting to life in this new land while yearning to return to the Germany they once knew. Join us for dinner in the Heritage Center next door to the theater at 6 p.m. The film begins at 7.



**Feb 12, (Double feature night).** *Advice and Dissent* tells of a frustrated businessman who tries to end his hopeless marriage by asking the Rabbi to place a curse on his wife. The Rabbi refuses but gives peculiar advice on how to do away with her setting into motion a series of unexpected events. In *All I've Got*, a 73-year-old grandmother dies and finds her-



self on a boat to the hereafter. She is presented with a fateful choice: Should she spend eternity with her first love who died tragically at age 23 or with her husband of 50 years? Dinner at SAMA begins at 6 p.m. and the films with start at 7:30.



**Feb 19, (Yiddish night) *Yidl Mitn Fidl*** This Molly Picon classic is the most commercially-successful musical in the history of the Yiddish cinema. Miss Picon is the consummate comedienne of theater, Vaudeville and film and stars in this classic folk comedy about a penniless man and his daughter who decide to become traveling musicians in rural Poland of 1936. Dinner at SAMA begins at 6 p.m. with the film at 7:30.

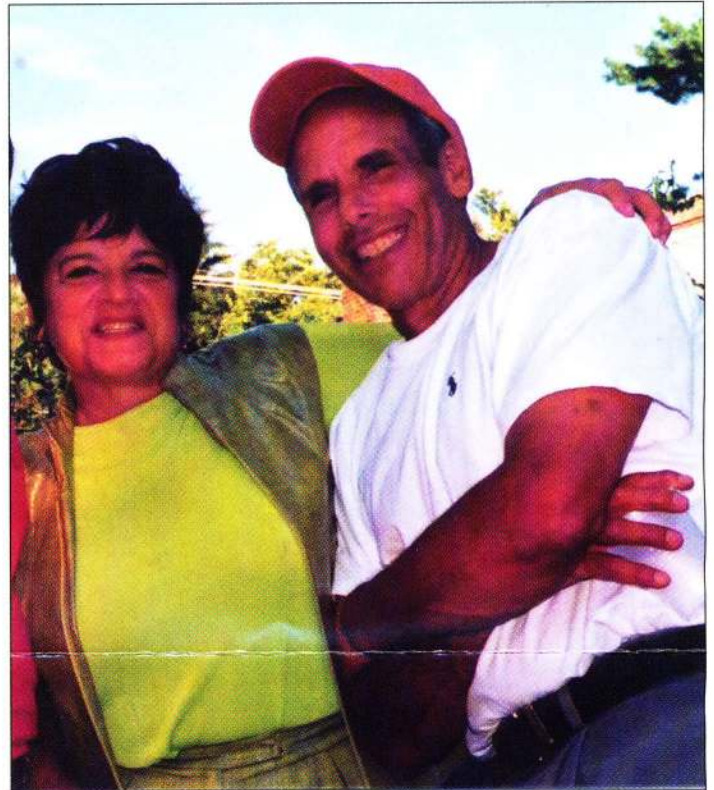


**Feb 26, (Series Finale). *The Burial Society*** follows a most unlikely criminal who launders money through a Hebrew loan bank, flees for his life and hides out as a member of a Chevrah Kadisha or burial society. They see him as the new blood they need for their dying tradition to survive. Don't miss this suspenseful and plot-twisting tale. Dinner at SAMA is at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7:30.



## L' Chaim Profile: Roz &amp; Phil Sky

# There is no limit to the Skys

**Name:** Roz & Phil Sky.**Address:** RD 2, Box 816 Altoona, PA 16601.**Family:** Children — Tobi Sky Rispoli (husband Dave) Israel Steven Sky (wife Dana) and four grandchildren.**High School:** Phil graduated from Altoona High School; Roz graduated from Edgewood High School.**College:** Phil went to Penn State and Roz went to University of Pittsburgh, where they met on a blind date at a Pitt-Penn State football game.**Hobbies:** Phil enjoys woodworking in the neighbor's woodshop and Roz likes collecting pigs, logo golf balls, and clothes from the 1950s through the '90s.**Congregation:** Agudath Achim Synagogue.**We've been contributors to the Federation campaign since:** We were married.**We've been to Israel:** March 1998. We visited our niece Tessie Sky Sabbag and her family, who live in Tel Aviv.**First memories of being Jewish include:** Roz remembers riding the street car to go to Hebrew School. Phil remembers two girls on what was then known as "Jew Hill" beating him up with brooms because he was Jewish. Phil also remembers setting up pins at the JMC bowling alleys. Roz remembers the JMC New Year's parties (which she could barely remember the next day). Also the many fun times writing skits with Janet Wayne and songs with Neil and Mickey. Modeling clothes for customers at the next to new sale is still a kick!**Our strongest Jewish influence at an early age was:** Roz's maternal grandfather was very strict and made her memorize the morning prayers. Phil's strongest influences were Alex Goldberg, Ronnie Getz and their many happy times at Hebrew School. The education was secondary to their special relationships.**The leaders in the Altoona Jewish community when I first came here were:** Phil's father, Israel Sky, was very involved in the building of the Jewish Memorial Center. Roz taught the confirmation class and remembers Max Shapiro visiting her class many times.

Roz and Phil Sky met on a blind date at the Penn State - Pitt football game in the 1960s.

**Past positions held:** Roz was the secretary of Agudath Achim Synagogue and the JMC for many years. Also, part of bond drives, VP of Agudath Achim Congregation and Federation.**In our Jewish community, I am most proud:** Of the support. When members are in need, you can always count on the Jewish community. We admire the commitment of "the minyanaires" who keep the synagogue in perpetual prayer.**My vision (hope) for our Jewish community includes:** We would love to see the entire Jewish community praying under one roof. We hope that our grandchildren will be inspired to learn and carry on Jewish morals and traditions and have strong feelings and a commitment for the need of Israel to survive as a Jewish state.**Part of Roz's creed:** Life is uncertain, eat dessert first!



# A lifetime of learning

*Bernice Levinson earns her college degree.*

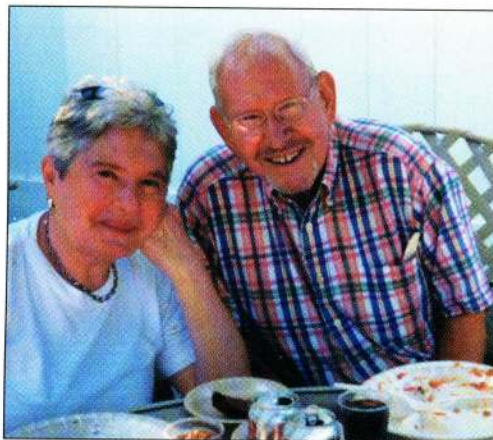
The Federation and Jewish community salutes and congratulates Bernice Levinson, who graduated from Penn State University on Dec. 20.

She not only did so with highest honors but also with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

Bernice enrolled at Penn State Altoona in the fall of 1999 as an English major and Spanish minor, after "retiring" as the well-respected executive director of Improved Dwellings for Altoona (IDA).

Earning her degree has been a lifelong goal, and Bernie approached her studies with the same passion and commitment that she has devoted to all of her many roles in life.

On campus, she quickly became a model student and began tutoring others. She has been a member of faculty/student panels and became a



**Bernice, with husband Howard have been fixtures in Altoona for many years.**

spokesperson on the strengths of older women. Bernice is an excellent writer, and several of her essays have been submitted by her professors in competitions and for publication.

In describing her college experience, Bernice said, "I have learned so much about life and about myself — it's been a real adventure."

Her life thus far has included many roles. She is a devoted wife to Howard, a loving mother to sons David, Michael and Mark and a dotting grandmother to her six grandchildren.

She is also a past honoree of the YWCA's Tribute to Women.

We all await what her next adventure will be.

## L'Chaim Milestones

### Deaths

Elayne Poth Pollock	August 8
Dr. Arthur Pollock	October 18
Dr. Harold Brande	October 20
Philip Stetson	December 8

### Engagements

Jeff Jubelirer and Tracey Friedman

### Weddings

David and Jessica Maslov Wayne	November 8
David and Kara Kreisher Leopold	October 10

### Births

Schuyler Marshall Brumbaugh, son of Stacey and Scott Brumbaugh	September 10
Eleanor Elaine Ocelus, daughter of Ed and Samantha (Patt) Ocelus	October 4
Rosulyan Julia Jocums Stracks, daughter of Dr. Mark and Kristen Jocums Stracks	July 28
Rachel Alaina Scheinberg, daughter of Michael and Chrissy Scheinberg	November 30

## Commemorate a milestone

There is a lovely and meaningful way to celebrate a simcha, honor a loved one's memory or send heartfelt wishes for a speedy recovery — a generous gift to the Greater Altoona Jewish Federation or one of our special friends.

When you pay tribute to someone with a contribution to the Federation, we will commemorate the gift by sending a personalized, beautifully-rendered parchment certificate.

We have three distinctive designs or we will customize one sure to fit any occasion.





# After 30 years, memories

*Editor's note: This was written after 40 members of BBYO's Allegheny Mountain Council held a reunion in Altoona on Aug. 1-3.*

**By Jay N. Silberblatt**

I did not listen to the radio as I drove home to Pittsburgh from Altoona on Sunday afternoon. I needed the quiet to concentrate on the many emotions I was experiencing. I was feeling fulfillment, but also emptiness. I was feeling excitement, but I was also feeling letdown. I was feeling joy but also sadness. I had felt this way before, long ago.

The past few days had been full of laughter, conversation, friendship, community, camaraderie, and the renewal of relationships.

On that Sunday afternoon, I was driving home from a BBYO Reunion. After 30 years, the members of Allegheny Mountain Council BBYO (Central Pennsylvania) were together again. And the emotions that I was feeling on the long ride home were exactly the same as I had experienced 30 years ago each time I drove home from a BBYO convention as a teenager. Only this time, instead of driving home to Clearfield, Pennsylvania, I was driving home to Pittsburgh. And instead of being 17, I was 47. But there was no mistaking those feelings; I had felt them all before.

Growing up in the small central Pennsylvania community of Clearfield, it was a challenge to identify with Judaism. There were only a handful of Jewish families in the area. We had a little "shul" that used to house the offices of the Bell Telephone Company. We did not have a Rabbi; we imported a student Rabbi for the high holidays. We had a little Sunday School — my Mom taught one class of two or three students, and Mrs. Apfelbaum taught the other. And my "Uncle" Irv Malyn taught the boys to read Hebrew.

My two brothers and I were able to become Bar Mitzvah — only because my mother occasionally drove us an hour from our home to Altoona where we met with Rabbi Nathan Kaber at Temple Beth Israel to receive tutoring on our Torah portions. And then, Rabbi Kaber drove to Clearfield on a Friday night to conduct Shabbat services and officiate over our Bar Mitzvahs.

In my high school graduating class of 372 students, there was one other Jewish classmate. In the junior class behind me, there were two Jewish students. In the sophomore class, there was one.

In our home, we had Passover seders and we lit the Hanukkah candles. There was some Jewish and Israeli artwork on our walls. There was a mezuzah by our front door. But we really did not have a constant Jewish "presence" in our lives.

Yes, I knew that I was Jewish. I was proud to be Jewish. But I did not sense that my Jewishness extended much beyond my immediate family.

Then, at the beginning of 11th grade, some Jewish kids from Altoona visited one Sunday afternoon. They were scouting around for a new BBYO chapter. They thought that if the three or four Jewish kids in Clearfield combined with the three or four Jewish kids in DuBois about 18 miles to the west, and with the three or four



**Members of the B'nai Brith Youth Organization's Allegheny Mountain Council g and posted for a Sunday morning goodbye brunch and friendship circle. They'l (Lewistown), Jan Miller (Lewistown), Lisa Heller (Altoona), Soozie Sevel, Dave S Nancy Kramer (Altoona). Second row: Cnida Rosenberg (Altoona), Terri Goldber Berman (Altoona), Bruce Greenwald (Indiana), Alice Schmitt (Altoona), Neil R (Altoona), Sue Apfelbaum (Clearfield), Jay Silberblatt (Clearfield), Ted Heymar Back row: Dede Apfelbaum (Clearfield), Dave Kaufman (DuBois), Julian Ziff ( height, BBYO included nearly 200 members from Central Pennsylvania chapters i DuBois, Clearfield, Philipsburg, Latrobe and Greensburg. (Additional copies of t at 814 940-6001).**

Jewish kids in Philipsburg about 17 miles to the east, perhaps we could form a real BBYO chapter and be part of the Allegheny Mountain Council. Although I was skeptical at first, unsure of what might be lurking over the hills surrounding my little town, what I discovered opened my life to a whole new experience.

There were actually Jewish kids on the other side of the hills. Lots of Jewish kids, in larger communities — Altoona, State College, Johnstown. And they were organized. They had conventions, and board meetings, and tournaments, and picnics, and leadership training institutes, and social action projects. And they were friendly. They wanted to get to know us kids from the "sticks." And they were Jewish.

Although I had lots of friends in Clearfield, I quickly realized that the connections I had formed with them over the years were nothing like the connections I quickly formed with my BBYO friends. My new friends in BBYO were different and they were interested in different sorts of things. To this day, it is difficult to articu-



# s and friendships endure



gathered in Altoona for a reunion Aug. 1-3. Most survived the weekend. Listed, along with hometowns. Front row, left to right: Steve Vogel (Lock Haven), Judi Sevel (Altoona), Sarah Waxler (Indiana), (Altoona), Jan Lurie (Altoona), Bena Hoberman (Lock Haven), Alan (Johnstown), Lou Levine (DuBois). Third row: David Lebendig (Johnstown), Craig Mandel (Johnstown), Mark Rudel (Johnstown), (Johnstown), Dave Binus (Altoona), Barry Rudel (Johnstown). At its Altoona, Johnstown, State College, Indiana, Lewistown, Lock Haven, is article and picture can be obtained by calling the Federation office

Over the ensuing years, I remained in contact with only a few of my BBYO friends. There were holiday cards and infrequent visits. But, for the most part, life interfered with ongoing relationships. Careers, and marriages, and children, and community involvements got in the way.

And then, while attending the UAHC Biennial Convention in Boston in November of 2001, I called a BBYO friend with whom I had remained in contact. We met for lunch. She told me how she had talked to a few others about trying to get the gang back together again. I encouraged her. I volunteered to help. I sent out a few e-mails suggesting some ideas to get started. We enlisted a few others. We formed a little committee. One of us established a listserve for our committee. We had a few conference calls. We selected a date and a place. Then we announced our plans via e-mail and opened up the listserve for all to access.

The listserve was overwhelmed for the first few days. Could we really communicate instantaneously with friends we hadn't seen or talked to in 30 years? We found one another from Altoona to Atlanta, from Washington, D.C. to Wyoming, from Boston to Brazil. We were everywhere, but we were together again, at least in a virtual environment.

As more and more people registered to attend our reunion, we all became more and more excited and apprehensive. Would we all still remember? Would we be the same? Could we all still be friends?

During our reunion, I laughed more than I had laughed in years. Others cried reminiscing about all the wonderful things we used to do as kids. We ate together. We drank together. We danced together. We prayed together. We stayed out late together. We introduced spouses and children. We were a warm and caring community once again.

And then, like all BBYO conventions, it came to an end all too soon, and I found myself driving home experiencing all those emotions, just like when I was a teenager.

My children will never understand the significance of my BBYO experience. They are growing up in an urban environment rich with many Jewish opportunities. We belong to a congregation that is home to over 860 Jewish families. They attend a religious school comprised of over 370 students. They study Hebrew with professional teachers for four years before celebrating their B'nai Mitzvah. A large percentage of their school classmates are Jewish. Being Jewish is commonplace for them. And the friends that they interact with everyday are very similar to my special BBYO friends.

But somewhere in the hills of central Pennsylvania and in other rural communities across the country, there are still some Jewish kids who are unaware that they thirst for Jewish companionship. I hope that some Jewish youth organization somewhere will find the resources to reach out to today's rural Jewish youth so that they can experience some of the wonder that I experienced 30 years ago ... and once again last weekend.

late those differences and otherwise explain the immediate attraction I felt to my BBYO friends.

A lot of what I learned about being Jewish as I grew up in Clearfield was taught to me by my BBYO experience. What I most enjoyed was the good feeling of being connected to a warm and caring Jewish community that extended beyond my immediate family. And BBYO provided a constant level of activity — every weekend during high school, I was at some kind of out-of-town event. In my senior year, I even got to attend meetings and events in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. And if there wasn't an organized BBYO event, I still ended up finding some way to spend the weekend with some of my new-found friends.

After high school graduation, I stayed in touch with several of my BBYO friends. Some visited me in college. I visited others. Some of us worked together in the Catskills one summer. As college came to an end, I lost touch with more and more. As my graduate education started, I re-connected with one BBYO'er who joined me at law school.



# Smile for the camera:



Colleen Devorris and son Max were among the 100-plus that attended the late-summer barbeque/pool party held at the home of Eddie and Kathy Henderson.



Jay Eiman, with Kris Kafka (center) and Dave Binus (right) is probably talking about the Miami Hurricanes.



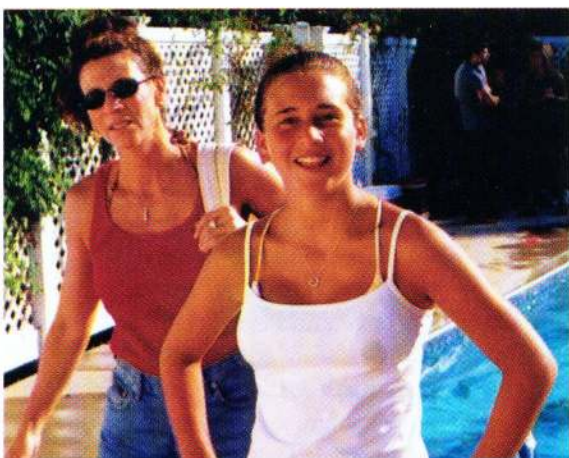
Rabbis Chorny (left) and Schuman in summer wear.



A cooking seminar at the Temple brought out, from left: Fay "Snookie" Schmitt, Soozie Holzer and Mildred Miller.



Bonnie Zimmerman is all smiles.



Anna Katz doesn't mind her mom, Sue, looking over her shoulder.

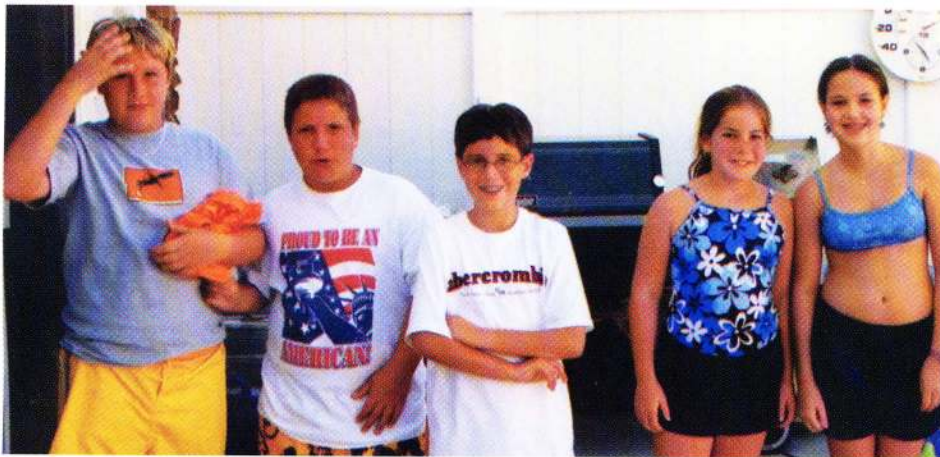


Harriett Hand and grandson Brandon Bauder.





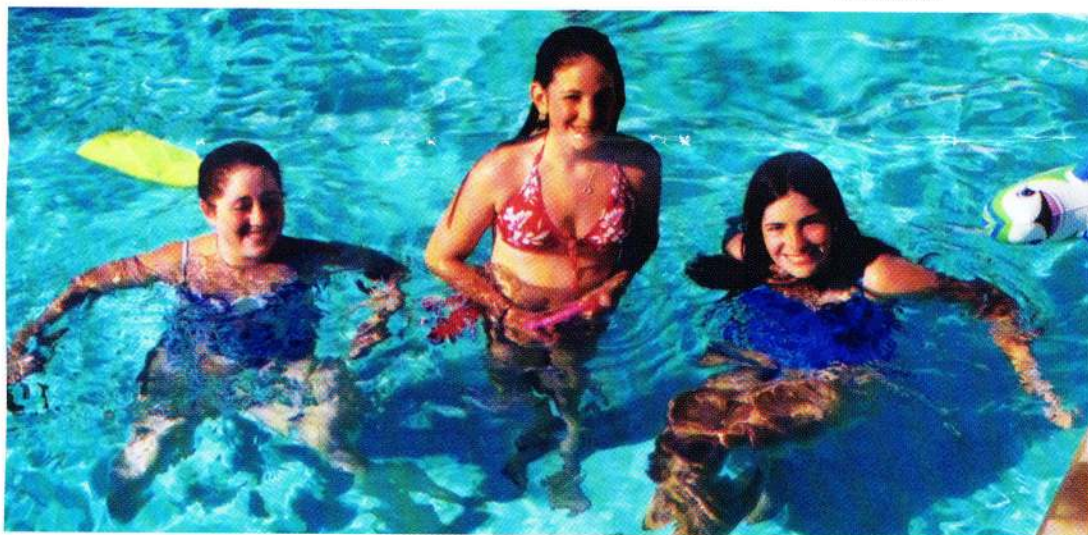
# Jewish community in focus



Pool party warriors, from left: Alex Primack, Adam Rudel, Mark Thaler, Alex Schmidt and an unidentified friend.



Danielle Newborn and mother Michelle.



Mermaids from left: Brittany Thaler, Catherine Schmidt and Kara Schmidt.



Morris Levine: The Tyrone pillar.



The Keenan family from left: Pam, Ryan and Tim.



Mary Eiman (left) and Sue Simon debate whether they're going to plunge in.





## Senior Spotlight: *Mel Kadane*



Mel and Sissy Kadane celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1997.

*Editor's note: L' Chaim is introducing a new feature in this issue called Senior Spotlight. Our first subject is Mel Kadane.*

**Name:** Mel Kadane.

**Congregation:** Temple Beth Israel, where he is a past president and long-standing member of the executive committee.

**Hometown:** Philadelphia.

**Family:** Wife Anna (Sissy). The Kadanes were married in Altoona at Temple Beth Israel in 1947 by Rabbi Joseph Klein. The Kadanes have three children — Dr. Cathy Dratman in Cherry Hill, N.J.; Marcia Schilli in Johnstown and Jonathan in Lynnfield, Mass.

**Occupation:** Associate broker for Coldwell Banker Town and Country Real Estate.

**Hobbies:** Water exercise at the Hollidaysburg YMCA. "I get hell from the doctor for not doing it enough," he said.

**I've been part of the Altoona Jewish community since:** 1946.

**Best piece of advice I ever received was:** Get up in the morning and go to work.

**I made my first pledge to the Federation in:** Probably 1947. At one time, I was chairman of the Federation's community campaign.

**What I like best about being part of the Altoona Jewish community:** The fact that it's a community.



Senator Robert Jubelirer helped honor Rabbi Nathan Kaber in July.

## Temple celebrates Kaber's 90th birthday

Friends, congregants and family joined together to honor and pay tribute to Temple Beth Israel Rabbi Emeritus Nathan Kaber in celebration of his 90th birthday.

The event took place July 18 at a special Shabbat service at Temple Beth Israel.

Senator Robert Jubelirer, Dr. Joe Silverman and Mel Kadane recalled Rabbi's many contributions to the Temple, the community and to their own lives.

Rabbi Kaber reminisced about the many happy years he and his wife, Irene, of blessed memory, spent in Altoona.

He was Temple rabbi from 1947 to 1978 and moved to Cherry Hill, N.J. several years ago.

The community wishes a Yasher Koach to our old friend and may he have many more healthy and productive years.





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# 2003 campaign nears conclusion

General Campaign	\$170,410.00
Andy Jubelirer Camp	
Scholarship Fund	\$8,314.00
Israel Emergency Fund	\$493.00
Religious Pluralism in Israel	\$450.00

It's not too late to...

- Help Ethiopian, Russian, and Argentine Jews escape poverty and oppression and enable many to move to a new life in Israel.

- Feed, clothe, and provide medication for 250,000 poor elderly Jews in Russia and the Former Soviet Union.

- Provide job training, mortgage assistance, daycare for children, and financial assistance to over 35,000 Jews devastated by the economic collapse in Argentina.

- Support our local Senior Outreach, Youth Educational and Camp programs, Film Festival, and other community programs.

It's not too late to support our 2003-04 Campaign. But it soon will be!

Please send in your pledge card now. Your contributions to the Greater Altoona Jewish Federation support:

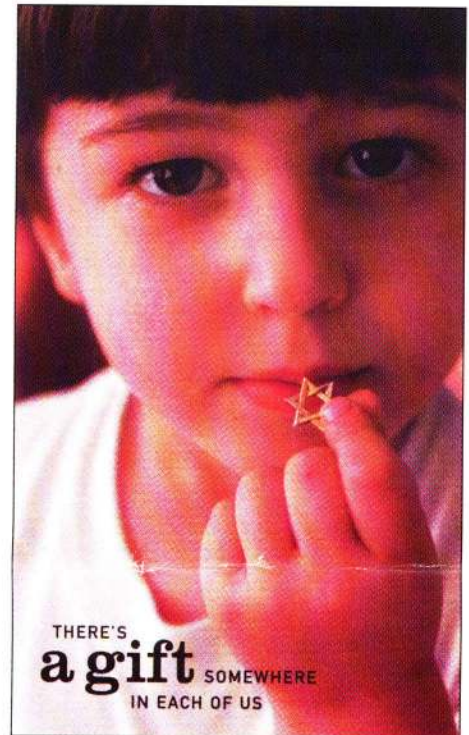
- **General Campaign** funds the ongoing local, national, and international programs funded by the Federation.

- **Senior Outreach** and the **Gerry Antikol Adult Social Club** provide home visits, case management and social activities for seniors, the homebound, and individuals in nursing homes.

- **Andy Jubelirer Camp Scholarship Fund**, an endowment to help fund summer camp experiences for local youth.

- **The Crisis in Argentina (Joint Distribution Committee)** assists eighty percent of the Jewish population affected by the economic collapse there through food vouchers, mortgage subsidies, job retraining, and day school scholarships.

- **The Former Soviet Union (Joint Distribution Committee)** helps 260,000 elderly poor Jews through community centers with hot meals, medication, and cash assistance.



- **Fund for Religious Pluralism in Israel** supports programs through the Reform and Conservative movements in Israel

- **Israel Emergency Fund** purchases crises medical equipment, aids terror victims and their families, and keeps children safe through providing security measures for schools and camps.

### Quote from Anne Frank:

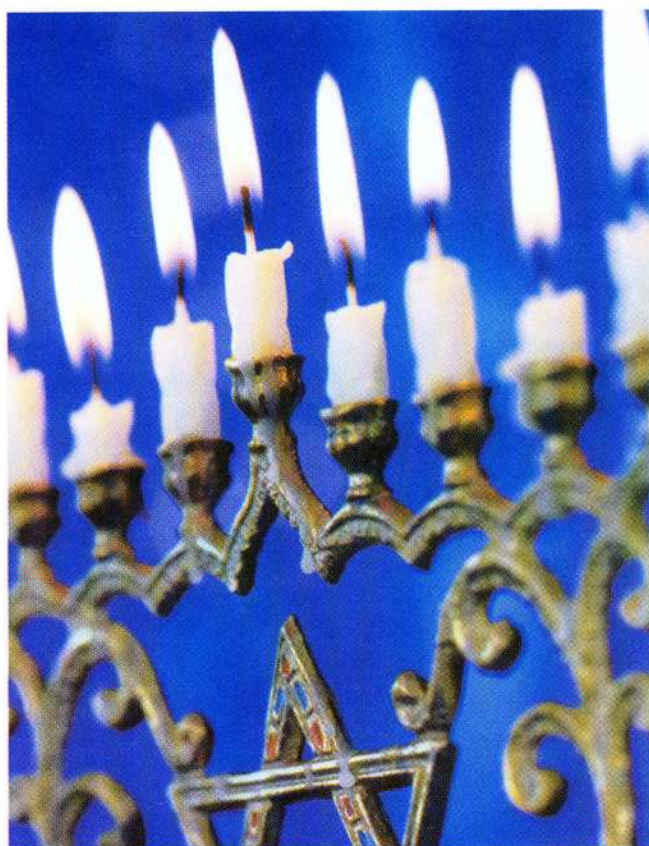
*Oh, if only...the whole world would realize that people were really kindly disposed toward one another; that they are all equal and everything else is just transitory! How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment, we can start now, start slowly changing the world...Give yourself...even if it is only kindness!...give again and again, don't lose courage...*





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