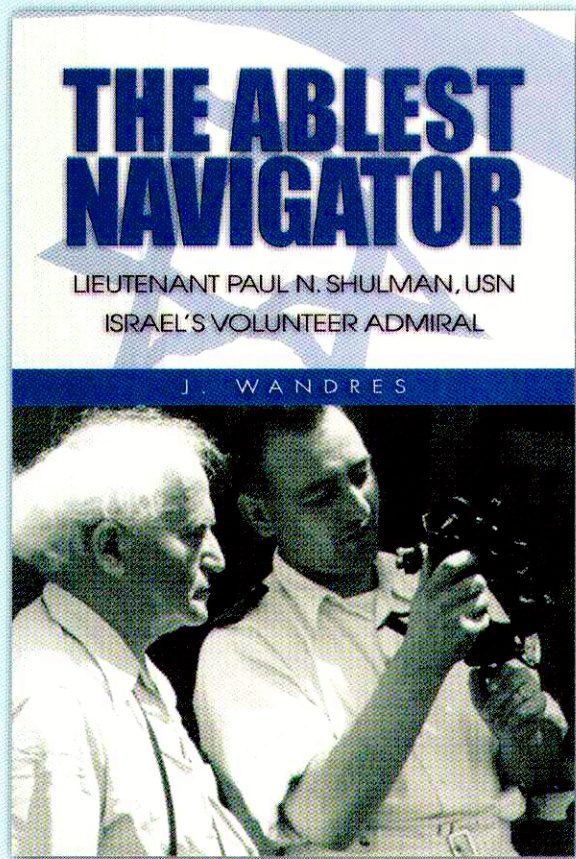


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LEVY CENTER TIDINGS

NAVAL ACADEMY HAPPENINGS

By Rabbi Seth D. Phillips

"Rabbi, what's half-a-Jew?" That puzzled question came from a member of the chapel staff on I-Day (Induction Day, as the first day at the Academy is known) as the Plebe religious preference forms were being collated. Further scrutiny of the form showed the answer, "I celebrate both sets of holidays to honor my parents."

Nine members of the Class of 2014 attended Erev Shabbat services on I-Day+1. Future Navy/Marine Corps officers were briefed on all varieties of the free exercise of religion available to them at the Academy just hours earlier. The Friends of the Jewish Chapel provided a magnificent welcome to the new midshipmen at the service and the Oneg Shabbat.



As the midshipmen come from all 50 states and 24 foreign countries, dare I say that some of our visitors had never been in a synagogue or met a Jew before. The Plebes were joined each week by my colleague, Chaplain Denise Wallingford, who co-led the 2010 spring break trip to Israel. For the class of 2014, sharing worship or a bagel with their shipmates and seeing the respect of Christian chaplains gave reality to the motto on the Great Seal, E Pluribus Unum, out of many, one (nation).

While I am not sure that any Plebe had been away from home long enough to miss Bubbe and Zayde, or bagels and lox, that first service set the tone for the warm welcome that Plebes could expect. Numbers of Plebes attending grew each week, not because more religious preference forms with a "J" were discovered, but because in the words of a Plebe, "The chapel is a cool place." For one service, the original 9 were joined by 90(!) of their classmates.



The open door policy at the Chapel, a foundational principle of Judaism from the days of Abraham (see Genesis) is epitomized by the seven fold openings of the Weinberg Pavilion in front of the Levy Center. For the High Holidays, all doors were used as members of the wider community streamed in to join the midshipmen for services. Given the persistence of the question, "The Navy—what kind of a job is that for a Jewish boy," I was delighted to be joined by so many civilians. In addition to supporting the activities of the midshipmen through generosity, we need our visitors to spread a positive message about military service to their families and acquaintances.

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The 400+ strong congregation on Yom Kippur morning, 18 September, commemorated the 5th anniversary of the Levy Center and Jewish Chapel. Members of the "Jewish church party" and congregants from the All Faiths Chapel and St. Andrews, all stops along the way in the history of the Jewish presence at the Academy, joined the *dreamers* and *builders* to say a Shechianu. Filling the strong stone walls of the Miller Chapel with warmth of worship, the joy of song and the promise of the future made "Happy Yom Kippur" no contradiction. The rabbis observed, "There were no better (i.e. happier) days for the people of Israel than the Ninth of Av and Yom Kippur" (Taanit, Chapter 4). As it was then, so may it be continue to be for us!

Complementing the chapel as a source of Jewish life are the activities of the Jewish Midshipmen Club. Providing a mid-week break from the demanding Academy schedule and the food of King Hall, JMC brings together Jews and their friends across all classes and companies to enjoy pizza and programs. "Salsa in the Sukkah" inaugurated the new camouflage netting "stealth" Sukkah. Real bridges of understanding were created through joint meetings with the Muslim Midshipmen Club and the Catholic Midshipmen Club.

High quality Israel programming came from the World Zionist Organization. "Jews on Cruise" guest speakers proved especially popular. Jewish Warrior Weekend at West Point gave the midshipmen an insight on life at the other service academies. The midshipmen received a warm welcome at the Friends of the Israel Defense Force gala in Baltimore and met with Israel's military attaché and other members of IDF. Those contacts will help in the planning for the JMC trip to Israel next spring.

The Jewish midshipmen and I depend on your support and generosity. If you haven't been to Annapolis, come and visit. If you have friends and family members who are heading this way, please let me know. If you are a member of a Jewish War Veteran Post or synagogue or community organization, join us for a Friday service. If you can't visit, please consider any number of sponsorship opportunities (and midshipmen do write thank you notes!) AND pass this newsletter on.

It has been said that each of us can make a choice to be an *Oy Jew* or a *Joy Jew*. Your involvement with the Jewish midshipmen and the Levy Center will make a difference in your life. You'll be glad that you did!

A welcoming place...as stated by the many plebes who attended the Jewish services and stayed for the Oneg

Joint meeting of the Jewish Midshipmen's Club and Muslim Midshipmen's Club



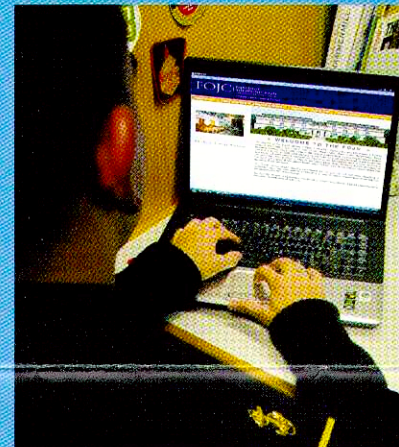
Family & friends at the Eve of Rosh Hashana dinner

Friends of the Israel Defense Force Gala in Baltimore



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Have you met our Rabbi? Do you know when Jewish midshipmen were finally permitted to go to a synagogue on Sunday mornings, instead of the Christian chapel service? The FOJC website provides a detailed history of the organization and its many efforts and reflects the FOJC's role in promoting the Levy Center to the broadest of audiences. The site highlights Jewish midshipmen Club activities, Friday night services and Onegs, board members, Chaplains and members of the Academy's Brigade in action. From the Navy football halftime Kiddush to a unique exhibit on The Dreyfus Affair, the website emphasizes naval life as it is seamlessly intertwined with a Jewish existence.



Visitors can ask for additional information to be sent to them, make credit card donations online and have acknowledgement cards sent in honor or memory of specific individuals. Current and previous newsletters, directions to the Naval Academy and the Levy Center and information on supporting the FOJC's efforts are available online at www.fojcusna.org. For further information, please contact the FOJC office at info@fojcusna.org or 410-268-0169.

FOJC BOARD OF DIRECTORS WELCOMES SHOSHANA BRYEN

The FOJC Board of Directors proudly announces the appointment of Shoshana Bryen as its newest member of the Board. Shoshana is the Senior Director for Security Policy for the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA). From May 1981 to June 1991, she served as JINSA's Executive Director, presiding over the organization's growth from a small working committee on American defense to a membership organization of over 17,000 people. Shoshana is married to Dr. Stephen Bryen and they have four children: Gabrielle (a US Army Major), Ari, Sarah and Mollie.



A NOTE FROM THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR UPON HIS VISIT TO THE LEVY CENTER

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

The Friends of the Jewish Chapel (FOJC), through the contributions of our generous donors, supports the religious, cultural, social and educational programs established by the Naval Academy Jewish Chaplain. As you have read in this issue, Rabbi Seth Phillips and the Jewish midshipmen include all of their shipmates at the Naval Academy in experiencing and sharing their Jewish heritage. Donors will be pleased to know that FOJC has weathered the difficult financial crisis without losses to our Program Endowment as a result of conservative investment practices. We continue to review our investment portfolio with the goal of preserving capital with a reasonable amount of long-term growth without undue exposure to risk. To continue our programs for these future military officers, we need your help. Please consider the numerous opportunities for donors to contribute funds that will meet your individual financial and estate planning needs.

There are a variety of meaningful ways for you to recognize, honor and memorialize individuals at the Levy Center

- **Site Dedication:** Honor a family member, friend or graduate by creating a legacy in a unique setting.
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- **Alumni Wall:** Names of alumni are etched on this wall by class graduation year. This honor can be donated by friends and families of midshipmen and alumni.
- **Weekly Shabbat Onegs:** Hosted by the FOJC at the Stein Fellowship Hall for the midshipmen and guests. Onegs can be sponsored by individuals, families or organizations.

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With deepest respect and reverence to the young women and men who will emerge from these halls to defend liberty worldwide. In the name of the State and people of Israel, we say thank you.

Michael Oren
Israeli Ambassador to the United States
May 16, 2010