



CHAPLAINS



DEAR CHAVERIM:

Rabbi Phillip Silverstein

It is my honor to address you in my new capacity as chairman of your Jewish Chaplains Council, knowing full-well that it is only because of Seymour Essrog's passing that I inherited the position that was to be his. Subsequent to meetings held in the last several weeks in New York, I need to report several new items. In the first place, the new DoD directive (1304.19) "Appointment of Chaplains for the Military Services," contains the following: "The... qualified applicant shall also possess...graduate degree in the field of theological *or related* (italics

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CHAPLAIN IRA KRONENBERG PROMOTED TO RANK OF COLONEL, THEN DEPLOYS TO AFGHANISTAN FOR PASSOVER

By Chaplain Ira Kronenberg, USA



COL David McNeil, Commander, Ft. Dix, NJ, and Mrs. Ira Kronenberg, pin the Eagles on Chaplain Ira Kronenberg as he is promoted to the rank of COLONEL before deploying to Afghanistan for Passover.

On 17 April 05 I left CONUS by commercial air to Qatar. Arriving in Qatar on 18 April I was met by SSG Crosby. Both SSG Crosby and CH Stinson did an excellent job in preparing me for my trip to Afghanistan the next day. I arrived in Afghanistan on Tuesday evening 18 April. CH Bailey and SGT Overturf had a complete itinerary prepared for me. Although the entire UMT at Bagram did an outstanding job, I especially would like to commend SGT Overturf for her professionalism and tireless efforts that contributed to a successful Passover program for the Jewish personnel in Afghanistan.

I conducted two Seders in Bagram on Saturday and Sunday night. Eleven personnel attended the first Seder and ten the second. There were a total of 15 personnel as some attended both. I also had a chance to counsel with three Jewish soldiers and visit the hospital. On Tuesday 26 April I convoyed to Kabul. That evening I conducted a Passover Seder program for 30 personnel. They included Army, Air Force, Canadian and British soldiers, along with UN

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CHAPLAINS AND LAY LEADERS FAN OUT OVERSEAS TO PROVIDE PASSOVER SEDERS

While Chaplain Howard Fields, the only permanently assigned Jewish chaplain in Iraq provided Passover support there, he was joined by Chaplains Mitchell Schranz (Sixth Fleet) and Daniella Kolodny (Bahrain) Jeremy Steinberg (Iraq) Ira Kronenberg (Afghanistan) Donald Levy (Qatar), Seth Phillips (Kuwait and Iraq), and Bonnie Koppell (Iraq) to assure that Jewish personnel in the Middle East were provided with Seder experiences. Lay leaders in Iraq—Dr. Richard Goldenberg, Tikrit, Chaim Spillman at Camp Victory, David Spitzer at Tallil Air Base—also facilitated Seders. Other

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The JWB Jewish Chaplains Council is a U.S. government-accredited agency for serving the religious and social needs of Jewish military personnel, their families, and patients in VA hospitals. It is a vital component of JCC Association of North America, the leadership network of—and central agency for—350 JCC, YM-YWHA and JCC camp sites in the U.S. and Canada, who annually serve more than one million members. JCC Association offers a wide range of services and resources enabling its affiliates to provide educational, cultural and recreational programs to enhance the lives of North American Jewry.

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Rabbi Philip Silverstein (continued from page 1)

mine) studies..." This is affecting us as well as our Protestant colleagues. The CCAR has invested qualified cantors to serve as chaplains in the military and has presented one such candidate to the Council for endorsement. As a council, we may deliberate, but we respect the endorsements of each branch. That's how women rabbis got into the chaplaincy to begin with, for example. I therefore call upon all of us, to accept these candidates once they come into the field as our fellow chaplains (though not necessarily as rabbis). It will be an adjustment for many of us, and I am confident that this adjustment will be made in good fellowship and camaraderie. On my part, I will do my best to increase the presence of Conservative Jewish chaplains in some form or other through the Rabbinical Assembly.

My thanks to Rabbi David Goldstein, your previous chairman, for his success in getting this through the CCAR.

You will definitely welcome the second item I have to report. JCC Association, our parent organization, has taken a special

interest in us, and has appointed Rabbi Sol Greenfield to study the needs of Jewish personnel and chaplains in our times, especially during wartime conditions. We discussed at length many questions with Mr. Greenfield, and his positive impact is already being felt, though he has hardly gotten started. It has been a long time since we have had an objective evaluation over our activities.

A full-time chaplains roster will be sent to all full-time active duty chaplains from time to time, it being clearly understood that such roster is for our use only, and not to be distributed to any outside organization without our specific permission. This is the way all organizations operate, and I am sure you will honor this principle once the roster gets into your hands.

God bless you in all of your activities on behalf of our people in the military. JCC Association and all of us in the Council will be working to have you recognized, not only in your respective rabbinical organizations, but throughout all Jewish communities in general. We have already lost many heroes in this unprecedented battle for democracy and freedom throughout the world. Not to recognize them because of so-called political leanings is unconscionable. May *HaKadosh Baruch Hu* protect you in this selfless and thus-far-unrecognized service.

Rabbi Philip Silverstein, Chairman
JWB Jewish Chaplains Council

CHAPLAIN SETH PHILLIPS PROVIDES PASSOVER COVERAGE FOR MARINES IN KUWAIT AND IRAQ, APRIL 12-MAY 8.

From April 12 to May 8, Chaplain Seth Phillips deployed from Groton CT to provide Passover services for Marines in Kuwait and Iraq. During that time he conducted five Seders at Camp TQ, Camp Fallujah, Al Asad and FOB Kalsu and Sabbath services at Al Asad chapel annex. Included in his activities were the distribution of phone-cards and Solo Seder Kits provided by the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council and care packages from the Jewish War Veterans. He also spoke at 13 Catholic or Protestant chapel services to publicize Passover and build bridges of understanding.



Chaplain Seth Phillips displays shmurah matzah as two Marine chaplain and Jewish personnel look on at Camp Fallujah, Iraq.

CHAPLAINS ON THE MOVE The following chaplains are due for reassignment over this summer:

	FROM	TO
Irving A. Elson	MCAS Miramar, CA	USNA Annapolis, MD
Shmuel Felzenberg	Scofield Barracks, HI	USA Chaplain School, Ft. Jackson, SC
Ira Flax	Maxwell AFB, AL	Sheppard AFB, TX
David Goldstrom	Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, TX	Ft. Hood, TX
Avrohom Horovitz	Ft. Bragg, NC	Seoul, S. Korea
Joshua Narrowe	RAF Mildenhall, UK	Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
Joel Newman	USNA Annapolis, MD	San Diego, CA (CREDO)
Brett Oxman	Seoul, S. Korea	HQ USAF, Bolling AFB, DC
Mitchell Schranz	Sixth Fleet, IT	Baghdad, Iraq
Mordechai Schwab	Wiesbaden, GE	4th ID, Iraq
Henry Sousson	Ft. Sill, OK	Leeds, UK

PASSOVER SEDERS

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noteworthy overseas observances were led by Rabbi David Lapp, director, JWB Jewish Chaplains Council at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Chaplain Brett Oxman in Seoul, Korea, Lay leader Lisa Holstein, from Wiesbaden, Germany, organized a Seder at a campground in Isigny-sur-Mer, France in conjunction with a Boy Scout Jamboree held at Omaha Beach, France organized by the Scouts' Trans-Atlantic Council. Danielle Plummer, soon departing lay leader at Rota Naval Base, Spain led the community Seder there. In the Far East participants at Camp Zama, Japan following lay leader Laura Dadswell's lead, provided the menu for the Seder for 19 persons. Stateside, noteworthy Seders were held at Ft. Jackson, S.C. led by Rabbi Phillip Silverstein, JWB Jewish Chaplains Council Chairman, attended by 150 persons, and at Ft. Huachuca, AZ, led by lay leader Louis Broitman. Lay leader Carl Vetter at Nellis AFB, NV reports that all military personnel were accommodated by local synagogues at no cost.

JWB JEWISH CHAPLAINS COUNCIL RENEWS DECADES-OLD PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL JEWISH BOOKS TO U.S. SERVICE PERSONNEL

The JWB Jewish Chaplains Council is renewing a decades-old partnership with the Jewish Publication Society to provide essential Jewish books to U.S. service personnel. Before Shavuot, 1,750 copies of *The Torah: the Five Books of Moses*, and 250 copies of *The Book of Psalms* were shipped to Jewish chaplains and lay leaders in the Middle East and elsewhere overseas for distribution. Thanks to contributions, the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council will be purchasing an additional 1,000 *Torah* books.

In addition, in the coming months, JPS and JWB will jointly publish a complete pocket edition of the JPS translation of the Tanach, in an even more compact form. Thousands of copies of this lightweight edition will be printed, specifically sized to fit the needs of those in the military, and will be made available wherever there is a need. There has not been such a joint publication since the end of World War II.

FT. LEONARD WOOD'S PASSOVER CELEBRATION REFLECTS ON GOD, HUMAN RIGHTS, COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM



Children at the Ft. Leonard Wood Passover Seder toss around stuffed animals as they sing Chad Gadya; each child had a different animal, bucket, or stick, and play acted along with the song. The seder was conducted by Lay Leader MAJ Betty Simmons (left).

On Sunday, 24 April 2005, the Fort Leonard Wood Jewish Community held its annual community Seder event with approximately 70 participants in attendance.

This year's opening remarks delivered by MAJ Betty Simmons, the post's current Jewish lay leader, revolved around the heart of the evening's purpose: Freedom. The message included a historical perspective on the struggles of the Jews throughout world history to fight for the right to study their sacred text, the Torah, and to worship according to the tenets of their faith, and at times to fight even for the right to exist on the face of the earth. She emphasized that some of these struggles still exist in our own society. She also spoke of other more recent examples of struggles for freedom, including the struggles of African Americans in the United States only decades ago, the plight of the people of Rwanda in 1994, and the current human rights violations and genocide taking place in the Sudan.

The message at the heart of the Seder meal itself, in addition to the retelling of the story of Moses, the Exodus and, of course, God's awesome power, included words of tolerance toward "difference." Throughout Jewish history, the categorization of the various tribes as well as the three major categories of Jews (Kohen, Levi and Israel) meant only different, not better. And today, we must consider this: the world is naturally designed, like a rainbow, of people with differing views, philosophy, and behaviors. It is not our job to change people who are different, but to improve the world one person or problem at a time and only when people's rights to exist or to be who they choose to be have been violated. This basic philosophy, according to MAJ Simmons, is what our country was founded on and why our young people come and train to fight here at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. We must honor our young soldiers' commitment and, at times, sacrifices, by exhibiting respect for all people as well as for their individual needs and rights. A heartfelt appreciation for our soldiers' struggles was mentioned and the community members applauded the courage and commitment to freedom of all the young basic trainees in attendance at the event.



(Left) Lt. Susan B. Otto presents JWB Solo Seder Kits to Lt. Howard Medina and Petty Officer Jeff Weinstein at Guantanamo Bay.

(Right) Rabbi David Lapp reviews the "four questions" from the Passover Hagaddah with Rachel and Anna Otto, daughters of lay leader Lt. Susan B. Otto.

RABBI DAVID LAPP LEADS PASSOVER SEDERS AT GUANTANAMO BAY

By LT. Susan B. Otto, Jewish Lay Leader

Rabbi David Lapp, director, JWB Jewish Chaplains Council, came to Guantanamo Bay for Passover. While there he conducted a Friday night Shabbat service and held two Seders, Saturday and Sunday. There were 20 people in attendance for Saturday's Seder which included non-Jewish chaplains. Sunday there were nine people, including three children.

Rabbi Lapp brought supplies with him, including ten Solo Seder Kits. The Seders were held in a classroom in the chapel complex. The program was a success because of Rabbi Lapp. The Seders would not have happened without him. As a Jewish mom, it was gratifying for me to have my daughters participate and to experience the Seder, as they did when we lived in the States. I was able to connect with other Jewish personnel. Because the Navy and

JTF are separated we often don't know if there are other Jewish personnel. This was a great opportunity to connect with Joint Task Force Jewish personnel- there are a few. On Sunday May 15, I held the first Jewish religious school class. I conducted the first hour, then LT Medina, who is with the Joint Task Force, volunteered to work with the children and teach them Hebrew. My three daughters were the only ones but at some point there may be other Jewish families stationed here. This is a start and I am very excited.

Now that I am a lay leader, I plan to organize better for future holidays. While Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur seem far away, I know it's better to start planning early here- so I would like to request to have someone here for the holidays. Also, if a rabbi could come to GTMO for Hanukkah, that would be wonderful.

PERSONALS

Congratulations to:

CHAPLAIN AND MRS. IRVING A. ELSON, USN on the bar mitzvah of their son, **JACOB EMANUEL** on June 18 at Congregation Beth El, La Jolla, CA

CHAPLAIN HOWARD M. FIELDS, USA on his promotion to the rank of **MAJOR** in April, while serving in Iraq.

RABBI DAVID GOLDSTEIN, former JWB Jewish Chaplains Council Chairman, on the birth of a grandchild **SHMUEL CARMEL GOLDSTEIN** on January 24.

CMSGT RON GREENGAS, Jewish lay leader at Osan AB,

Korea, on his retirement from the Air Force on June 17.



Chaplain Jeffrey G. Guild presents Chief Ron Greengas with a JWB Jewish Chaplains Council certificate of appreciation at his retirement ceremony.

DR. HUGH MAINZER, U.S. Public Health Service, Center for Disease Control, Atlanta Jewish lay leader, on being selected as a finalist for the two-year Wexner Foundation program.

RABBI PHILIP SILVERSTEIN on his marriage to **KATRINA SPENCER** on July 10 in Voorhees, NJ.

CHAPLAIN DONALD A. LEVY, DEPLOYED FROM RAMSTEIN AB, GERMANY TO KUWAIT, REPORTS ON PASSOVER ACTIVITIES

by Chaplain Donald Levy, USAF, Ramstein AB, Germany

I conducted three Seders in as many locations in Kuwait. Locations and attendance were: Friday, 22 April - (Pre) Seder at Camp Arifjahn, approximately 35 in attendance. We did the Seder in the fellowship hall to the Army camp chapel. Support from the chaplains and chapel staff was outstanding. An "ecumenical" group of Army and Navy personnel, as well as two civilian contractors (and one spouse) was present. The Army had purchased the Seder Kits (including a Leader's Kit) from DLA. Supplementing these were matzah ball soup made by one of the contractors, and several *Pesadicha* cakes baked by another one. Saturday, 23 April - First Seder at Ali Al Salem Air Base, six in attendance. We did the Seder in the conference room to the base chapel. Support was fine, since this was my TDY location. We used the JWB Solo Seder Kits, supplemented with some supplies from the Aleph Institute and leftovers from the DLA kits used the previous evening at Arifjan. Sunday, 24 April - Second Seder at Camp Buehring, approximately 35 in attendance. We did the Seder in the Army camp chapel. There is an outstanding Jewish lay leader there, CPT Stu Wolfer, who is the camp's S3, who made all the arrangements. We used supplies from private donors and Reconstructionist haggadahs that had been donated by a stateside congregation. The meal was completely catered by the camp's dining facility. This Seder was billed as an interfaith event, and there were a healthy number of non-Jews in attendance. All three of the camp's chaplains participated. One of the civilian contractors from Camp Arifjahn attended this one as well, bringing

with him a houseguest, a US citizen with no military connection visiting from Bahrain.

Known Passover activity in other locations for which I was responsible were: At Ramstein Air Base, Germany, there was a community Seder on Saturday, 23 April, conducted in my absence by my Jewish Lay Leader TSgt Steve York with musical assistance by local national Lucy Diener-Reisdorff. She's normally involved with the Heidelberg American congregation, but is moving her involvement over here because she lives near Ramstein. About 40 were in attendance. They used JWB Solo Seder Kits, supplemented by supplies (matzah and Empire turkeys) purchased at the local commissary and "pot luck" dishes brought by participants. At Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, eight military personnel traveled off-base to Doha City to attend the first Seder at the home of an Israeli family affiliated with the local US embassy. Additionally, the (Christian) Wing Chaplain joined one Orthodox Jew, a civilian contractor on the base (who declined to travel on the festival), in celebrating the Seder at the base chapel. They used supplies that I had requested sent there. The civilian, and other members of the community, used the rest of the supplies during the remainder of Passover. I was at Al Udeid from Tuesday, 27 April through Monday, 2 May. Although the community declined my offer to conduct a "late" second Seder upon my arrival, they did attend a number of other events I conducted during my time there; two religious education sessions, a Shabbat evening service, and a festival evening service (the final evening of Passover). Additionally, I joined members of the Jewish community and members of other faith communities for an "early" Yom Hasho'ah service.

DOD CRITERIA FOR CHAPLAINCY ALLOWS FOR INVESTED CANTORS TO BECOME CHAPLAINS

The Armed Forces Chaplains Board (AFCB) has recently interpreted the 72-hour educational requirement, referenced in the DoD Instruction 1304.28, 6.1.5, as establishing a 72-hour post-graduate requirement that is to be completed in a (one) degree theology or religion program (master or doctoral). The criterion "degree theology or religion program" is more than adequately fulfilled by those studying for the cantorate in Reform and Conservative seminaries.

The Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform) has endorsed its first cantor, Joshua Sherwin of New Orleans, who has applied for the Navy Reserve. Each major rabbinic organization submits its own candidates. The JWB Jewish Chaplains Council acts as coordinating agency for each application.

MAJOR RICHARD GOLDENBERG REPORTS ON PASSOVER SEDER AND YOM HA-SHOAH ACTIVITY FROM TIKRIT, IRAQ:

Hello from Tikrit, Iraq and the 42nd Infantry Division. I just wanted to briefly summarize Passover here for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Here in Multinational Division North Central, a Seder was held on the first evening at Forward Operating Base Speicher for more than a dozen soldiers. Thanks to the supplies and planning of Chaplain (MAJ) Fields, our division rabbi, the evening was well prepared. Chaplain (MAJ) Mcquown helped with preparing the meal for the Jewish soldiers and the event satisfied all. As Jewish lay leader at Forward Operating Base Danger, also in Tikrit, I returned for a Seder on Sunday, April 24, in Saddam's former presidential complex. I hosted five soldiers for the Seder and distributed Passover supplies to an additional four soldiers who could not attend due to security or mission demands.

There was tremendous satisfaction celebrating the exodus and the freedoms associated with liberation in a land that is newly free. Thanks for all the support to Rabbi Fields in his work and for all done to support our Jewish soldiers here in the 42nd Infantry Division and Task Force Liberty.

Here in North Central Iraq, the soldiers of the 42nd Infantry Division recognized Yom Ha-Shoah with a commemoration of the liberation of Dachau. The soldiers of the Rainbow Division liberated the concentration camp on April 29, 1945. I presented a one-hour presentation on May 1 to the division's commanding general and some 75 soldiers here in Tikrit at Forward Operating Base Danger. The program, entitled "Race Towards Life," reviewed the urgent movement of the liberators through Germany towards Dachau on April 29. More than 33,000 people were saved at the camp.



MAJ Richard Goldenberg leads seder at Forward Operating Base Danger, Iraq, on April 24th

PASSOVER SEDER PHOTOS:



Chaplain Bonnie Koppell blesses the Passover candles at the first Seder in Camp Victory, Iraq



MAJ Michael Goldberg holds up kosher-for-Passover grape juice among other Passover foods at Camp Fallujah, Iraq.



Louis Broitman, lay leader at Ft. Huachuca, AZ, led approximately 50 soldiers and civilians in a traditional Passover Seder at the Main Post Chapel.



Chaplain Ira Kronenberg (center, wearing his new Eagles) with Jewish personnel gathered for Passover Seders in Bagram, Afghanistan.



Chaplain Howard Fields (center) "reclines" at the Passover Seder table at Logistical Support Area, Anaconda in Balad, Iraq on the first night of Passover.



Rabbi Doniel Kramer (center, back row), Jewish chaplain at the Hudson Valley VA Healthcare System, with members of the Jewish War Veterans, Rockland-Orange Counties, NY, District Council, who hosted the Passover Seder for patients at the FDR Campus.

PURIM



Chaplain Brett Oxman, USAF, (right) leads Megillah reading at Purim services in Seoul, South Korea



Chaplain Howard Fields (center) leads Purim celebration in Iraq at Forward Operating Base Speicher, flanked by MAJ Richard Goldenberg (l) and MSgt. Heller.

DAYS OF OBSERVANCE IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATED BY ON-BASE PROGRAMS IN MIDDLE EAST AND STATESIDE



Sgt. Wells, coordinator of the Days of Remembrance at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, stands before poster publicizing the event with Chaplain Bonnie Koppell.

Under the Equal Opportunity Office, Days of Observance in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, a Department of Defense-sponsored annual event, held at FOB Salerno in Afghanistan, at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, where Chaplain Bonnie Koppell presided, and in North Central Iraq, organized by Major Richard Goldenberg.

Among stateside locations, lay leader Samuel Korson organized the event at HQ US Coast Guard in Washington, and lay leader CPT Jon Shoenholz did likewise at Ft. Gordon, GA; Louis Broitman coordinated events at Ft. Huachuca, AZ.

HQ US COAST GUARD:

Lay leader Samuel Korson reports that a ceremony commemorating the 60th anniversary of the simultaneous ending of the Holocaust and World War II in Europe was held on May 5. Mrs. Erica Ecksdtut (Neuman) a Holocaust survivor from Czechoslovakia, who traces her roots back 700 years in the region of Moravia, and eventually immigrated to the United States in 1960, was the guest speaker. Additional ceremonies remembered U.S. servicemen who died in Europe during World War II.

FT. GORDON, GA: by CPT Jon Shoenholz, Jewish Lay Leader

Our featured speaker was Joseph Korn, a native of Augusta, GA, and the author of *Abe's Story: A Holocaust Memoir*, a book he co-wrote with his father Abram Korn, a Holocaust survivor from Poland. He has spoken widely on the Holocaust and his father's experiences. The event was held on May 3 at Alexander Hall, which was filled near capacity with soldiers from the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade, one of the largest training brigades in the Army. The program also featured music by the Signal Corps Band, an invocation and responsive Kaddish recitation by lay leader CPT Jonathan Shoenholz, and a candle lighting ceremony with participation by Augusta Jewish Federation/Jewish Community Center Executive Director Leah Ronen, SGM Sam Schwartz (USA, retired), and members of the Fort Gordon Community. SSG Duane Bland, an Equal Opportunity Representative in the 15th, did an outstanding job organizing a powerful and meaningful event to honor and remember the memories of those that perished in the Shoah, as well as the survivors, rescuers, and liberators.



Days of Remembrance event organized by the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade at Fort Gordon, Georgia. From left to right are CPT Jonathan Shoenholz (lay leader, Fort Gordon), SGM Sam Schwartz (USA, retired), Mr. Joseph Korn, and LTC Nello Thomas (Commander of the 369th Signal Battalion).

CHAPLAIN NARROWE MINISTERS TO SQUADRON MEMBERS AND FAMILIES OF C-130 CRASH VICTIMS IN ALBANIA



Chaplain Joshua Narrowe delivers the invocation at memorial services for victims of air crash in Albania.

On 31 March, a C-130 from RAF Mildenhall crashed in Albania. It was from one of the squadrons supported by Chaplain Joshua Narrowe, who ministered to the squadron and the families after the crash. On Thursday 19 May he flew with many squadron members to the Albanian memorial service. In attendance were the Albanian president, Albanian CHIEF OF STAFF, US Ambassador to Albania, and two general officers from the US were in attendance. Chaplain Narrowe gave the invocation and final benediction.

RABBI ARNOLD RESNICOFF APPOINTED BY AIR FORCE TO HELP IMPLEMENT USAFA PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Rabbi Arnold Resnicoff, who retired as the Navy's top-ranked Jewish Chaplain in 2001, was named by the Air Force on June 27 as special assistant to Acting Air Force Secretary Michael L. Dominguez and chief of staff for values and vision to help carry out recommendations of a panel investigating complaints of religious intolerance at the Air Force Academy. The panel said that it had found no overt religious discrimination, but insensitivity by cadets and staff members and urged new guidelines on what religious remarks were permissible.



NATE'S NOTES: Rabbi Nathan M. Landman

DAILY BRIEFINGS

The Israeli Consulate in New York, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations each offer a daily on line briefing. To keep current, you can sign up at the following websites respectively: www.israelfm.org, www.jta.org, www.dailyalert.org.

TRANSMITTAL KITS:

If you are planning a PCS move this spring or summer, now is the time to prepare a transmittal kit for your successor including roster information, program summaries, future calendar, local contacts, (e.g. JCCs, synagogues, Jewish community services, resource people, etc.) Chaplains who are not being replaced should send us a copy of the transmittal kit to hold until another Jewish chaplain is assigned. Lay leaders should try to line up a successor and ask for a new certification application form. Please also be sure to let us know your new address and phone information. Remember: lay leader status is installation specific and is not transferrable. You must be recertified at a new location. (Is your address, e-mail, phone and fax information current?)

A VALUABLE RESOURCE

Major Betty Simmons, recently transferred from Ft. Leonard Wood, MO to Ft. Belvoir, VA, has established a personal website: www.thejewishsoldier.com, chock full of valuable resource information for lay leaders and chaplains. Well-worth checking out from time to time.

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personnel and NGOs. CH Hargrove was instrumental in planning a successful Seder. I went to Kandahar for the last two days of Passover, 29 April- 1 May. There I conducted four services for three Jewish personnel. I also did individual counseling. I departed Afghanistan on Tuesday, 3 May and returned to CONUS through Qatar on Wednesday, 4 May, JWB supplies and a book for distribution to Jewish personnel did arrive on time. We also had Passover supplies courtesy of JWV and other civilian organizations.



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