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6th Annual HOPEBUILDERS 5K

*Brain Cancer Research Run/Walk in memory
of Margaret Harris and David Silverman*

This year's Hopebuilders 5K race will be held October 20 at the Mint Museum, 2730 Randolph Rd., rain or shine.

All proceeds from the Hopebuilders 5K go to the Margaret Harris and David Silverman Memorial Brain Tumor Research Endowment Fund at Duke University Medical Center. The endowment now has a market value in excess of \$1 million.

Race Day Schedule:

- 7:30 -8:30 AM - Race day registration
- 8:30 AM - Hopebuilders 5K Run/Walk; 5K Jogger/Stroller Run; 5K Wheelchair Race
- 9:00 AM - One mile kids' Fun Run
- 9:30 AM - Post-race Family Festival

More Information

Registration forms are available at Run for Your Life, 2422 Park Road, Charlotte, 28203, 704-358-0713.

POINT OF VIEW

Each issue of the CJN features an article written by one of the rabbis active in the Charlotte community.

This month:
 Rabbi Jim Bennett of Temple Beth El

**"PEACE WILL COME - OD
YAVO SHALOM ... SALAAM,
SHALOM, PEACE"**



Shock ... anger ... sadness ... an overwhelming sense of tragedy and loss. These are among the emotions we all felt on September 11 and the days following as we watched the horror of the terrorist attack on America unfold. As I write these words, the world hopefully awaits news of the rescue efforts, even as we anxiously await the United States' response. By the time these words are printed, I am certain many new chapters in this saga will have been written, and many new stories will have been told. All of us pray that the stories will be filled with a sense of hope, gratitude, peace of mind, and justice. Rivers of ink will be spilled in the observation and analysis of this watershed event in our lives. Rivers of tears have already flowed.

But in many ways, for the Jewish community, though the magnitude of this event in America is unique, the impact is sadly familiar. We are a people acquainted with such attacks upon our freedom and sense of security. We are a people who know tragedy. And we are also a people who know how to persevere and even to rise above such horror.

It has now been a year since the latest wave of violence broke out in Israel. One year of senseless killing, incrimination, terrorism, reaction, aggression, hatred, retreating to more extremism and fear and posturing. With the beginning of a new year, perhaps our prayers give us reason to hope against hope that this year will be different. As we watch the unfolding stories of the indomitable human spirit, we know that goodness and humanity will prevail.

For the past several months, we have included in our worship ser-

vices at Temple Beth El a folksong which speaks of our dreams of peace: "Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu," we sing. Peace will yet come for us, "v'al kulam" — and for everyone. And then we sing the words, "Salaam, Shalom," Arabic and Hebrew for peace. Every time we sing it, we get chills, for we are reminded that peace, true peace, will come, but it will require a partnership between Israelis and Palestinians, indeed, a partnership between all people, everywhere. Likewise, the war against terrorism which is now the focus of the entire world community, must be a partnership between all people who love freedom and peace, who are willing to commit to making this world a better place, a place where people can, once and for all, live in peace.

As Jews and Americans, we are shocked, confused and deeply troubled by recent events. We watch as hatred turns to violence, and wonder if our belief that Israeli Jews and Palestinians can live side by side in peace is tragically naive, if our conviction that America can be a safe and free place for all people is mistaken. Our fanciful hope that reasonable leaders will rise up and stop the atrocities has come to a sudden and painful end. We realize now that there is among terrorists a deep anger, illness and hatred. We find it difficult to understand that there is such hatred of America among these individuals and groups that they would unleash their fury and anger upon thousands of innocent people, destroying our very sense of security.

We know that the seemingly never-ending cycle of violence, hatred, and terror must end. For if it does not, the possibilities for peace will end. Palestinians cannot have peace with Israel and at the very same time continue to hate the idea of Israel's existence as a Jewish state. Terrorists cannot expect the world to listen to their concerns if they remain terrorists. We cannot tolerate a world in which such hatred and terror are permitted to thrive. And so we must rise up, as one people, as one nation, as one world, and make our vision real.

It is painfully difficult to remain optimistic about peace in the midst of all of this. But remain optimistic we must. For if peace and peace of mind are to come, and come they must, they will come slowly, frustratingly so. They will come in small steps, as each per-

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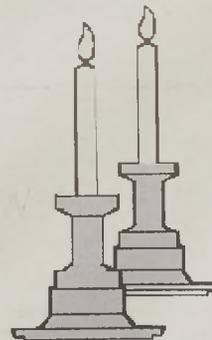
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