

# News Bytes From Elsewhere

The Israel Ministry of Tourism announced May 31 that there is a sophisticated new website for prospective tourists to Israel. In 1995, 2.5 million tourists visited Israel. The website is located at <http://www.infotour.co.il>.

A new CD-ROM product has been announced by Vista InterMedia Corporation. *Remembering for the Future II* is the first compendium of Holocaust and Genocide information. Based on the conference in Berlin in 1994, it contains full texts of materials from experts, general background, as well as research material for use in schools or libraries. Contact Vista at (203) 321-2140 or Internet 74521.743@compuserve.com for more information. (Editor's note: This is not a recommendation and is provided for information only as an example of Judaic media becoming available.)

Did you know there is a web page on the Internet for The

American Friends of the Ghetto Fighters' House? It has detailed information and photos. Access at <http://www.cortx.com/amfriendsgfh>.

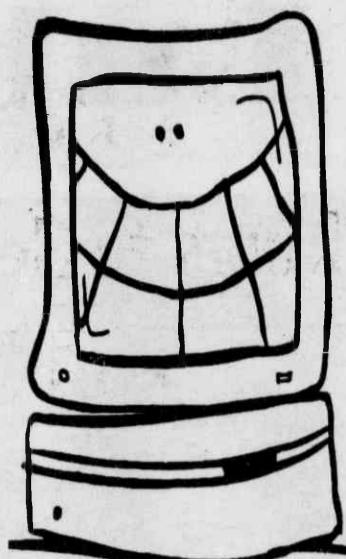
Jewish Outreach Institute director Egon Mayer hosted Internet chats with, about and for interfaith married couples in April and May. It was organized by an AOL (American On Line) affiliate known as The On-Line Jewish Community, operated by the Northern California Jewish Bulletin. JOI has a web site at <http://www.user.gc.cuny.edu/cjs/joi.htm>.

Kehilla.com was named the exclusive Internet content developer and web site designer for the Rabbinical Council of America (RCA) in June. "By working in partnership with Kehilla.com we will bring our member synagogues into the 21st century," explained Rabbi Rafael Grossman, president of the RCA. Jewish communities around the world can share access and there will be "greater international

kehilla." Kehilla is Hebrew for "community." The RCA is an organization of Orthodox Jewish rabbis.

(WZPS) In 1994 two young Jerusalemites united to create the first ever Jewish multimedia magazine, CD JeMM, on CD-Rom, to promote interest in Jewishness and Israel among Jews in the Diaspora. Each issue contains three magazines—one for adults (CD-JeMM), one for teenagers (TEEN-JeMM) and one for children (KIDS-JeMM). The program contains multimedia featuring everything from an ulpan (class) to advertisements for El Al Israel Airlines. Three CD-ROM issues have been released and a fourth is expected this summer.

Jewish genealogy can be found on the worldweb at <http://www.jewishgen.org> at the homepage of JewishGen, a non-profit organization. Files can be downloaded, such as a listing of Jewish genealogical societies around the world. The Jewish



Genealogical Family Finder (JGFF) is a database of towns and family names. (Editor's note: After spending the last two years in Pennsylvania in a local historical society library, I'm convinced family history is invaluable. Have you elders of our community written things down for your children? Why not share a copy with the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society for their archives? And do it now, if not now, when?)

## Hate on the Internet: ADL Update

Children exploring the information super highway can encounter racist and anti-Semitic hate messages from extremists such as the KKK, neo-Nazi skinheads and the National Alliance. In an ongoing effort to fight hate on the Internet, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) has prepared a guide encouraging parents to stay abreast of their child's on-line exploration. The League's homepage, located at <http://www.adl.org>, provides information essential to counteracting the hate in a manner consistent with the First Amendment.

Warning! *HATE ZONE, a Parent's Guide: Help Your Child Safely Navigate the Internet* provides questions and answers for parents who want to help their children distinguish good information from bad information and productively deal with harmful and racist messages. This guide presents a list of appropriate ADL resources that address how to talk to your children about prejudice and bigotry.

"High-tech haters are all the more pernicious because they are targeting the television-reared, multimedia, computer literate generation: our youth," said Abraham H. Foxman, ADL National Director. "We need to meet the challenge of dealing with hate in this new and evolving environment by becoming educated consumers of cyberspace," added Mr. Foxman. "As we move into the 21st century, the ADL is committed to using the new technology to hold hate-mongers up to public scrutiny, as we have been doing since 1913."

The ADL report *The Web of Hate: Extremists Exploit the Internet* exposes extremist hate groups who have entered the Internet. The ADL and its Internet Monitoring Unit continue to counter the propaganda, providing users with up-to-date information and working with providers to see that user guidelines are met.

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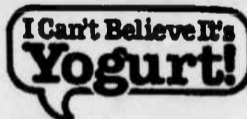
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