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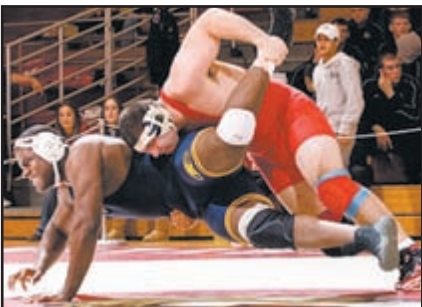
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**MACCABI 2009**

## Zachary Hammond of Mays Landing to Compete at Maccabiah Games 2009

Finishing out your career at age 23 might sound short lived, but it's been a long stretch for Zachary Hammond of Mays Landing. He first laced up his sneakers when he was five years old and has been wrestling competitively ever since.



Zachary Hammond (in the red) of Mays Landing wrestling Jermail Porter from Kent State who is an All-American that Zach beat all three times he wrestled him.

Now, after spending about four-fifths of his life committed to the sport, he will represent the U.S. at the 2009 Maccabiah Games in Israel this July 12 to 23 as Team USA's representative in the heavyweight wrestling division.

"I'm really very excited about the games," said Zach, who also is dealing with the exhilaration of having just graduated from Cornell University this May. "My parents will be going, too. So will my little brother, aunt, uncle and even some of my cousins. It's difficult to express how really exciting this is."

His parents, Barry and Sharon Hammond of Margate, are also thrilled with Zach's accomplishment.

"I'm extremely excited. This is such a nice honor," said his mother. "He was a four-time starter for his college as a wrestler in the heavyweight division, of which his school came in fifth in the country at the past NCAA Championships in St. Louis this past March."

Zach, who is no stranger to the brush-burn sting of wrestling mats and the pain that comes with a damaged meniscus or torn cartilage, is equally excited about making it to the Maccabiah Games.

"I've been competing since I was about five years old. I don't remember exactly how I got involved, but I just started doing it. And I liked it. My parents were serious from the beginning, and they sacrificed a lot. Every single Sunday we were in a gym from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. All day. I started tournaments when I was six, my brother Dillon was five, when he started. He's three and a half years younger than I.

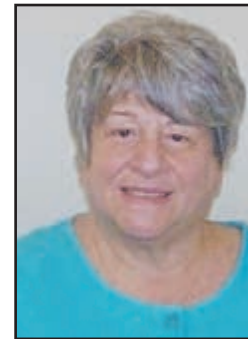
Dillon was also a wrestler, hitting the mats through high school. He's now in college, but not wrestling.

"My parents really gave up a lot of their time to taking me to matches, Zach said. "They took me to the township team,

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## Elaine Geller, Winner of 2009 Grinspoon Steinhardt Award

The Board of Jewish Education is pleased to announce that the Temple Emeth Shalom nominated and the BJE supported Jewish educator, Elaine Geller, has been named a Jewish Educator of Excellence by the Grinspoon Steinhardt Foundation. The Foundation, has been acknowledging community educators in North America with national recognition for the excellence they bring to Jewish education in their communities for the past ten years.



Shalom of Margate. Her nomination was originally placed by TES President, Marc Needleman. In addition to running the education program at TES, she serves as Assistant Principal at the Trocki Jewish Community Day School where she has served for 21 years.

The BJE submits requests each year from the synagogue and day school communities seeking out those educators who have brought distinguished education and commitment to their communities

This year, our local winner joins fifty eight other awardees from forty-two communities in North America as a recipient. Geller was nominated for her work as the Educational Director and Coordinator of the b'nai mitzvah program at her home synagogue, Temple Emeth

over the years.

As a G-S recipient she will receive a generous \$1500 stipend for her own professional enhancement and furtherance of her own Jewish

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## Genealogical Conference Attracts International Participants

PHILADELPHIA — The Russians are coming – to the 29th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Aug. 2 to 7, at the Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel.

(www.Philly2009.org). And so are South Africans, Canadians, Austrians, Hungarians, Romanians, British, Poles and Israelis. They're all part of a large group of experts,

researchers and attendees of the conference.

Presentations throughout the Conference will feature topics touching on Jewish communities around the globe, presenters from a variety of countries and Philadelphia topics as well. A sampling includes:

- Paul Cheifitz, a genealogist born and raised in Cape Town, South Africa, speaking on The Great Trek "Finding Hidden Yidn in South Africa."

- Dorin Dobrinu of Romania, whose topic is "Archival Sources Pertaining to the History of Jewish People in Romania."

- Wolf-Erich Eckstein, manager of the Office of the Vienna Jewish Community, presenting "Vienna Jewish

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**OCEANVIEW CHAPTER OF ORT MEMBERSHIP/HONOR/ DONOR LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW.** From left are officers: Advisor Sande Miller, Honor VP Roberta Bell, President Shelly Taroff, Donor VP Florence Silverman, and Membership VP Rose Silverman. Photo by MarilynKessler (More photos on Page 20).

### The Jewish Nose

And Michael Jackson at a Jewish Museum in Vienna.



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### Chalkdust

Talking to Strangers.



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### Honorable Menschen

Avner Dorman, making music.



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Federation supports the Lauder Foundation/JDC camp in Hungary, which hosts Jewish campers and counselors from more than 20 countries.

