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### BARBARA ARON CAHAN

Cahan, Barbara Aron, September 20, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Herbert Cahan and Harris Aron. Loving mother of Ruth (Gary) Feldman and Mathew (Nora D'Ambrosia) Aron, Devoted grandmother of the late Jayme Feldman, Heather Feldman, Corey Feldman, Rachel Feldman and David Aron. Sister of Maxwell Gorson, Esq. Loving step-mother and step-grandmother to her extended Cahan family.

College professor, Award Winning Photographer, Business Women, Civic and Community Leader.

"My love affair with the camera began as a teenager and grew to a magnificent obsession in later years. I sometimes feel that the camera is an extension of my hand, and my eye an extension of my hand, forever searching for that elusive image. Once chosen, my subject is reflected in the wide scale vision, while my imagination takes over, examining it in minute detail; its color, its shadows, its reflection, its appeal, until the image is narrowed and sharpened in focus, awaiting that split second when all is in 'sync' and the image in mine to record. The wait may be ....Seconds, minutes, hours, but the picture is worth the wait."

Lifetime Atlantic City area resident, Barbara graduated from Syracuse University and obtained an M.A. from Farleigh Dickinson University. She was a college professor, management training consultant, communications specialist, member of the Margate zoning board, Atlantic County Advisory Commission on Women and past president of the Atlantic County Board of Ethics.

Barbara's photographs have received local and regional recognition and awards, exhibiting in major museums and art centers in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Her photos have been published in national magazines and served as covers of academic publications. Her photographs may be seen at the Margate City Library, the Johnson and Johnson Company's private museum and the boardroom of Connectiv.

Services were held at Congregation Beth Judah, Ventnor, on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Burial was in Beth Kehillah Cemetery, Egg Harbor Township. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Hospice of the Comforter, 480 W Central Parkway, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 or to the Alzheimer's Association, 399 Market St. Suite 102, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

### ABIGAIL KURSHEEDT HOFFMAN

Abigail Kursheedt Hoffman, 97, died at home in Ft. Lee, N.J. on Sept. 28, 2009. Born in Atlantic

City, Mrs. Hoffman was a professor of music at Jersey City State College for fifteen years. She was an undergraduate at the Eastman School of Music and earned graduate degrees from Columbia University.

Mrs. Hoffman was the Founder and Director of the Ventnor Summer Music Festival and the Community Concert Series. She was also a member of the DAR and AAUW.

Mrs. Hoffman was predeceased by her beloved husband, Nathan, and is survived by her loving children Monte Hoffman, George Hoffman and Jane Hoffman Parness; her cherished nine grandchildren and adored seven great-grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Hoffman were held on Oct. 1, 2009 at Menorah Chapels at Millburn, Union, N.J. Interment followed at Beth Israel Cemetery, Northfield, N.J.

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neighborhood, where Jews and Arabs coexist but maintain their own traditions and religions."

Annie Paule Derczansky, director of a grass-roots organization called Peace Builders, is working to deepen coexistence by organizing meetings between Jewish and Arab women from the neighborhood. This summer she held a halal/kosher picnic with some 150 local Jews and Arabs in the Butte Chaumont, a hot spot for intercommunal violence in 2008.

"We held the picnic without any police security," she says. "Observant Jews and Muslims attended, mingled and enjoyed kosher ice cream and cotton candy – served by Muslim vendors in the park."

Sitting in his funeral home with Rabbi Yehuda Gour Arie, a local Torah scribe and mohel, Allouche reflects on Belleville's future.

"The neighborhood is changing," he says. "Up until the early 1990s there were more than 200 Jewish-owned businesses. Today there are only about 15."

Outside, Arielle, 19, stands with some friends.

"I grew up here and went to school at Ozar Hatorah down the street," she says. "I have plenty of Arab friends. We share many of the same traditions, which are passed down from previous generations. That is the most important thing in Belleville."

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