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Sharon Schmidt (center), director of American friends of Magen David Adom of Greater Philadelphia, with officers of the Jewish War Veterans, Garr-Greenstein Post 39. Schmidt was the keynote speaker at the JWV's special fall dinner earlier this month. With Schmidt are (from left) Ed Snyder, Ron Weinrob, Post Commander Bernie Friedenber, Art Stern, Paul Stern, Harry Fishlow and Bruce Bogner. (Photo by Marilyn Kessler) More Photos on Page 9.

Jewish War Vets Host American Friends of Magen David Adom

Sharon Schmidt, Greater Philadelphia Area Director of American Friends of Magen David Adom, was the featured speaker at a special dinner held by the Jewish War Veterans, Garr-Greenstein Post 39, at Beth El Synagogue earlier this month.

Schmidt thanked the vets for their service to their country, as well as their support for Magen David Adom (MDA), Israel's second line of defense.

Post Commander Bernard Friedenber commented, "G-d helps those who help themselves and G-d help us if we don't help Israel. That is why the members turned out in numbers to help save lives through Magen David Adom. Israelis are not just fighting for Israel, they are fighting for all Jews."

A short video entitled "Saving Lives in Israel" was shown. It included testimonials from Israelis whose lives were saved by MDA, live footage from war and terror attacks and the lifesaving role that MDA played in all of these horrific events. In addition, the video showed the many Emergency Medical Stations that American Friends of MDA is either building or refurbishing throughout Israel.

The largest station, currently underway, is the William H. Bloomberg MDA Jerusalem Station, named after the late father of Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York. Mayor Bloomberg gave the lead gift for this facility, which will be the

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Jewish Author Series Continues at Katz JCC

The Katz JCC Jewish Author series continues with Mark Ozer, author of "The Litvak Legacy" on Thursday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Ozer studied modern European history at Harvard and went on to pursue a career in Neuroscience. After the publication of his book *The Litvak Legacy*, he has toured the country, lecturing extensively on the history of cities throughout the world.

"Litvaks," the Jewish inhabitants of Lita, formed a distinct culture that differed in its Yiddish dialect as well as the character of their Jewish religion. The Great Migration

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Groundbreaking Ceremony Held for Seashore Elder Housing

Seashore Gardens Foundation hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Seashore Elder Housing, LLC, which will provide seniors with a home that is not only affordable, but built according to the specialized needs of the intended public.

The project will entail the construction of 58 units, 10 of which will be reserved for those with Special Needs and feature a library, living room, community room with kitchen, and areas for individual storage. The time-frame for construction and the grand-opening is approximately 9 to 12 months. Seashore Elder Housing, LLC is sponsored by Seashore Gardens Foundation.

The ceremony included Shelley Bernstein, board chair of Seashore Gardens Living Center; Martin H. Klein, president and CEO; Richard J. Cohen, president of Seashore Gardens Foundation and guest speaker Marge DellaVecchia, executive director, New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency.

Ms. DellaVecchia presented a letter from Governor Corzine and spoke about the journey and dedication which Seashore Gardens Foundation, the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, Galloway Township, the Pinelands Commission and countless others embarked on to bring Seashore Elder Housing to fruition.

Following the speakers, the leaders of Seashore Gardens Living see ELDER page 7 ►



Symbolizing the upcoming construction of Seashore Elder Housing are, from left, Gary Kanalstein, Kanalstein Danton Associates, PA; Marge DellaVecchia, Executive Director, New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency; Shelley Bernstein, Board Chair of Seashore Gardens Living Center; Martin H. Klein, President and CEO, Seashore Gardens Living Center; Ron Rukenstein, President/Owner of Ron Rukenstein and Associates and Richard J. Cohen, President of Seashore Gardens Foundation.

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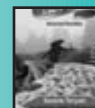
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Federation supports ORT India, which has opened a Computer Center in Imphal, Manipur, offering vocational training to members of the Bnei Menashe Jewish community.

