



STOCKTON COLLEGE GRADUATE AND AUTHOR SHANA FOGARTY WAS ON HAND FOR THE REVIVAL OF THE PLAY BASED ON HER BOOK "OF A COMB AND A PRAYER BOOK" (Comte Publishing, \$15.95), performed at Stockton College last week. The play brings to life the personal memoir of Fogarty's grandmother, Elizabeth Blum Goldstein, a survivor of Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen, and four other concentration camps. From left are Play Director Pam Hendrick, author Shana Fogarty, New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education Executive Director Dr. Paul Winkler, Sam & Sara Shoffer Holocaust Resource Center Executive Director Gail Rosenthal and publisher Rob Huberman.

## ▲ Speaker

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care, Alzheimer's care, respite care, and sub-acute rehabilitation services all under one roof. Seashore Gardens continues its over 90 year tradition of providing services to older adults in a caring, compassionate, home-like

atmosphere.

For more information on the Early Stage program and to register for the program, call the Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter at 1-800-272-3900 or call Jan Golembiski, Coordinator of The Richard Simon Center for Alzheimer's at 748-4618 or email jan@richardsimoncenter.org.

## ▲ Yiddish

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assimilationist parents' generation did). But the words disappearing and those reappearing aren't necessarily the same words. Though Jews (and non-Jews) of all ages still say "shmutz" and "mazel tov," seniors are more likely than their grandchildren to use Yiddishisms like "heimish" (homey), "macher" (big shot), "nu?" (so?), "naches" (pride), and "bashert" (predestined). Where the younger generation is overtaking their grandparents is with religious terminology – Yiddish words like "shul," "daven" and "bentch" (for the blessing after meals).

"You see more Jews now identifying as a religious rather than as an ethnic group," Benor said. "Those Yiddish words that are increasing [in use] have to do with religious life." Thus, the phenomenon one survey respondent reported: "When I was growing up, I called it temple. When my children went to day school, I called it synagogue. I now call it shul. I am not sure why."

Though Jews across the religious spectrum said they would be likely to consider Hebrew names for their children, baby names are "an important resource for Jews to indicate intra-Jewish differences." Less observant Jews, they found, are most likely to prefer anglicized biblical names such as Jacob, Ethan, Hannah or Abigail. Modern Orthodox Jews were most likely to choose modern Hebrew names such as Ezra, Ari, Talia or Eliana, often substituting them for the equivalent Yiddish names of deceased relatives (so, for example, they might name a daughter Tova, meaning "good" in Hebrew, after a grandmother named Gittel).

For the most part, only fervently Orthodox Jews said they would consider giving a child a Yiddish name like Moyshe, Mendy or Basya. In one of the survey's least surprising findings, only 2 percent of Jews said they'd consider naming their baby Christopher.

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## ▲ HM

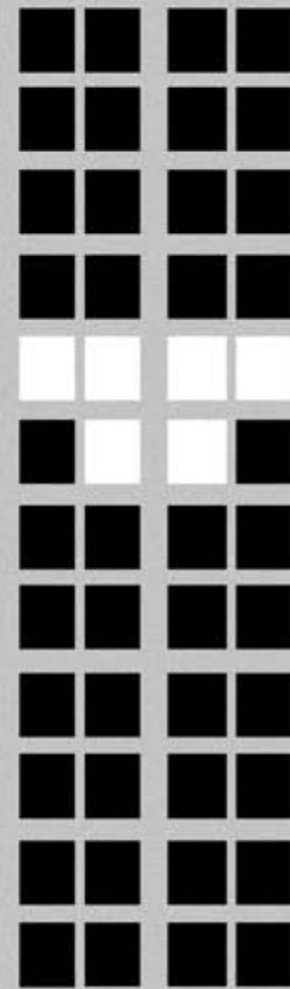
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permanent shoulder injury preventing me from driving, I observe a good many members of our Jewish community (I know many of them) using the system. The vans take them to medical appointments, nutrition sites such as the Rosin Senior Center and Ventnor site, and the volunteer centers as well as the dialysis center at Shore Memorial Hospital. Each of us is asked to contribute one dollar

each way but some can't afford to pay. It was urged to make the donation mandatory even raising it to \$1.50 each way but the Freeholders said "no," although the money source from the declining Casino Revenue Fund is down, says **David J. Rosen**, finance officer of N.J. Budget Office, from nearly \$40 million in 2008 to a projected \$30.2 million in 2010. All HM can say to the County on behalf of the many riders is, "Thanks for keeping the volunteer donations at the present rate."

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