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Freedom In The Promised Land:
Soviet Emigrants In Israel

by Robert Eshman

(JSPS) — Ephraim Gur, 40, lives comfortably in Ashdod, south of Tel Aviv. He has raised a family there, and founded a profitable insurance company. Gur is also a rising force in Israel's Labor Party. Last year, he was elected Vice Mayor of Ashdod. Ephraim Gur arrived in Israel like thousands of other Russian Jews: penniless, confused, alone. Leaving behind his tight-knit community in Soviet Georgia, he found himself suddenly shuffled from absorption center to job interview to Hebrew lessons. Hard as it is for him to believe now, that was only twelve years ago.

Of the 169,000 Jews who emigrated from the USSR to Israel between 1967 and 1979, many have success stories like Ephraim Gur's. Others continue to find life strange and difficult in their new country, but many consider themselves to be well assimilated into what has always been a nation of immigrants.

Recently the Israeli government, as well as academic and social service researchers, has begun studying the impact of this contemporary Soviet exodus on Israeli society and on the immigrants themselves. From various studies, and from interviews with authorities and immigrants, some generalizations can be made:

* Soviet Jewish Society in Israel is extremely diverse. Attempts to unite its varied cultures socially and politically have largely failed. No organization or party, whether initiated by Russian-born or native Israelis, can claim to represent the immigrants.

* Though it is commonly believed that the immigrants tend toward the political Right, they are in fact spread across the political spectrum.

* Economically, the immigrants have made what some experts consider "astonishing" progress in just over a decade.

* Problems of assimilation vary by group, though many immigrants complain about loss of status, feelings of rejection from native Israelis, and the disruption of traditional lifestyles. Attitudes forged by life in a Soviet state are for the most part quickly overcome.

"There is no such thing as 'the Soviet Jew,'" said Mikhail Agorsky. Agorsky, a native of Moscow, said that the diversity of Jewry in the USSR has been simply "exported" to Israel.

Jews from Eastern Russia, who make up almost a third of the immigrants, tend to be religious, family and community-oriented, and less accustomed to Western culture. These immigrants — from Bukhara, the Caucasus, and, like Ephraim Gur, from Georgia — have tended to form communities in Israel both because of their large emphasis on family and because of their feelings of ostracism from Israeli society.

Jews from the European USSR, who make up the bulk of the immigrants, have assimilated with less difficulty into Israeli society. These include Jews from Moscow and other major cities who are for the most part university educated professionals, though with little Jewish or Zionist education. Those from the Ukraine, Lithuania, and Moldavia, territories taken over by the USSR only since World War II, have had the benefits of modern education along with more recent ties to Judaism. For these Jews, occupying what one researcher called "the ideal middle ground between modernity and tradition," assimilation has been the easiest.

Such diversity, said Agorsky, "guarantees" that attempts to organize the im-

migrants as a whole will fail. In 1979, at the height of Soviet Jewish immigration, there were eight organizations, as well as clubs, and Russian-language newspapers and magazines which served and represented the Russian community. But aside from being able to, in Agorsky's words, "represent only themselves," these enterprises met with apathy from the majority of emigres. Most wanted to "become Israeli" as quickly as possible.

Russian Newspaper

The only Russian language daily newspaper, *Nasha Strana*, or Our Country, is actually part of a non-Russian syndicate of papers begun by the Labor Party to provide news to non-Hebrew speaking Israelis. The Association for Russians in Israel, once the largest such organization, is now practically defunct. Its Jerusalem office stays open one day each week, for four hours.

Israel's political parties have been more successful in uniting the immigrants. Many Israelis believe that Soviet Jews are largely right-wing. They point to such ex-Soviets as Avigdor Oskin, a leader in the controversial West Bank settlements. "In many places in Judea and Samaria you will find Russian immigrants," said Dov Sperling, who oversees absorption of Russian Jews for the Jewish Agency. "As Russian citizens we are educated that only big nations have a right to exist, so naturally we want Israel to control a lot of territory," he said, adding that Soviet Jews tended to be more conservative on other issues as well. "In the Soviet Union," said Sperling, a native of Viga on the Baltic Sea, "we saw how bad socialism can be. Even if what Russia had wasn't really socialism, we hear the Labor Party singing the 'Internationale' and we get like bulls when they see a red cape. We want something very different for Israel."

Zevik Degani, who worked for two years as the principal of a community center for Russian Jewish emigres in Italy, agreed that Soviet Jews in Israel tend toward conservatism. Degani himself, a native of Ivov who arrived in Israel in 1963, is an activist for many liberal causes. "For many Russians, 'freedom' means only to have a business and make money," he said.

Statistically, however, Russians are not over-represented on the West Bank or in right wing politics. According to Theodore Friedgut, professor of Russian and Slavic Studies at Hebrew University, "Both the right and left wing tried hard to attract them when they first came, but now they have scattered among all the parties, from one extreme to another."

Not Involved In Politics

For the most part, the immigrants have not taken active roles in Israeli politics. There are none in the Knesset and few are active in party hierarchies. "We are still new at this democratic game," noted Sperling, explaining that the Soviet system did not prepare them for popular politicking.

In the national elections of 1981 a group of emigres ran for the Knesset on an all-Russian ticket. Even with extensive campaigning in the Russian language press, the group, named "Ness" after the Hebrew word for "miracle," received only 7,000 votes. Said Sperling: "They called the party 'Ness' because only a miracle could get them elected. The Jews aren't organized here because in Russia the Jews weren't organized. All the attempts to make us be together will not succeed."

Jews from Georgia, who number about 31,000 in Israel, are a notable exception to (continued on page 13)

Yom Hashoah:
Day Of Remembrance



drawing by Bob Selby

Blessed is the match that is consumed in the kindling flame.

Blessed is the flame that burns in the secret fastness of the heart.

Blessed is the heart with strength to stop its beating for honor's sake.

Blessed is the match that is consumed in kindling flame.

— Hannah Senesh

On April 29 is Yom Hashoah, Day of Remembrance for the six million Jews who died in the Nazi Holocaust. Hannah Senesh was one of those Jews, caught by the Nazis and killed in 1944 at the age of 23.

On April 30 at 8:00 p.m., the Rhode Island Interfaith Commemoration of the Holocaust will take place at Temple Emanu-El in Providence. Rabbi Irving Greenberg will be the featured speaker. Another ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 1 at the John Brown Francis School in Warwick at 7:00 p.m.

Community Throngs To Israel
Independence Day Festivities

by Robert Israel

Several hundred people from the Jewish community crowded into Warwick Mall Wednesday night for the gala opening of the Israel Independence Day Celebration.

The four-day event, which continues through this weekend, pays homage to the 36 years of Israeli independence and American-Israeli friendship.

Volunteers began setting up booths early Wednesday morning. By the time the festivities began Wednesday night, the booths were in place and many passers-by were lingering over the displays. In one section of the mall, there are tables displaying Israeli food products and other manufactured goods. Further down is a display of Seder plates made by the students at Temple Emanu-El religious school in Providence, several booths distributing literature about Israeli colleges, universities and kibbutzim, and a booth distributing copies of the *R.I. Herald*. Other Jewish agencies in Rhode Island are represented, and there are numerous posters and maps, making the display a colorful event.



Michael Shiloh

The festivities began shortly after 7:30 p.m. with the singing of the national anthems of the United States and Israel. Cantor Stephen Freedman of Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston, accompanying himself on guitar, led the singing. Master (continued on page 3)

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Local News

Melvin And Ellie Frank To Be Honored At Banquet

Communal leaders Melvin and Ellie Frank will be honored at a State of Israel Tribute Dinner on Tuesday, May 15, at 6 p.m., at Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, Mass.

The Franks, immediate past general chairmen of the Rhode Island Israel Bond campaign in 1982-1983, will be the recipients of the Gates of Jerusalem Medal of the worldwide Israel Bond Organization in full recognition of their exemplary leadership in generating wide community financial support for Israel's program of economic development.

The Franks have also played leadership roles in many other communal and civic endeavors. Melvin is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Home for Aged and Miriam Hospital. He has served as a co-chairman of Pacesetters of the Federation's 1984 campaign and as treasurer of Hillel Foundation of Brown University.

Ellie Frank is on the Board of the Federation and a former Board member of Miriam Hospital. She is a court-appointed special advocate of the Family Court, serves on the Board of Mt. Hope Day Care



Ellie and Melvin Frank

Center and is a past member of the Board of the Coalition Children's Rights. Mrs. Frank is a sculptor who has shown her works professionally in the Rhode Island area.

Blum To Speak At JCC

The twelfth annual Arthur and Harriet Levy Memorial Oration will be held on Tuesday, May 8 at 8:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. The main speaker will be Dr. Sandor E. Blum.

Dr. Blum is co-director of the New England Center for Study of the Family and a consultant to both the mental health and corporate business communities. He received his Master's Degree in Social Work at Boston University and his Ph.D. at Smith College. He has also studied at the Boston University School of Management.

Dr. Blum has an extensive background in Family Service. He began his career at the Family Service Organization of Worcester and has served as a consultant in family therapy to the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Boston, the Family Service Association of Lynn, the Children's Friend and Family Service of Salem, the Family Service of Lawrence, the Family Service Organization of Worcester, and the Family Service Association of Stamford, Connecticut. Dr. Blum is also a consultant and lecturer for the National Rabbinical Assembly and the National Hillel Foundation. He has lectured widely on the contemporary Jewish Family.

Following Dr. Blum's presentation, there will be an agency response from Ivy Marwil, A.C.S.W., clinical director of Jewish Family Service, and Yael Tepperberg Cohn, A.C.S.W., psychiatric social worker.

The annual Levy Memorial Oration, established by Harriet Levy and a group of friends in 1973 in memory of her husband, a founder of Jewish Family Service, has since provided for eminently qualified speakers representing a variety of professions in discussions of current social interest.

Lesley Mehlman is chairing this event to which the public is invited. Her committee consists of Sheila Alexander, Alan G. Hurwitz, Paula Izeman, Judy Josephson, Raia Margolin, Trudy Pansey and Sophie Torgan.

A reception to which all are invited will immediately follow the program.

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NCJW Announces Scholarships

The Providence Section of the National Conference of Jewish Women (NCJW) is offering partial scholarships to high school seniors who will be entering college in the fall of 1984. These grants are awarded on the basis of individual qualifications and need as well as recommendations by high school guidance counselors. For further information or applications, write to Mrs. Walter Adler, 33 Stadium Road, Providence, R.I. 02906.

Philip Geller Honored For Temple Service

Phillip R. Geller will be honored at a 36th Anniversary State of Israel Tribute Reception to be held Thursday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m., at Temple Sinai, Cranston, in behalf of State of Israel Bonds. Former Israeli Ambassador Benjamin Varon, who helped cement strong ties of friendship between Israel and the Latin American countries, will be the distinguished guest speaker.

Geller will be honored for his dedicated service to Temple Sinai, community and Israel.

He became active in the temple seven years ago, and has been Brotherhood president for four years, Housing chairman for three years and vice president for two years. He held dual leadership posts at the same time.

Owner of Geller's Shoes in Providence and Lincoln, he is a member of Two-Ten Associates, a charitable association for shoe retailers, and a member of both the Better Business Bureau and the Washington Street Association. He attended Bryant College and served in the United States Army.

Geller and his wife, Sylvia, recently celebrated their 25th anniversary. They have three children: David Keith, 23, a graduate student in aerospace engineering at the University of Texas; Lori Beth, 19, who is attending the Community College of Rhode Island; and Karen Lynn, 14.

The Israel Bond Organization is the major source of development funds for Israel Bond proceeds, channeled through Israel's Development Budget, help to finance industrial and agricultural projects, construction of highways and harbors, expansion of communications and transport, and development of new sources of energy.

B'nai B'rith Women Hold Recognition Luncheon

The New England Region of B'nai B'rith Women will hold a Recognition Day Luncheon, Sunday, May 6, at the Marriott Hotel in Newton from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The theme of the day will be "Images of Success." It will enable all B'nai B'rith Women to reflect on their successes of the past, applaud their successes of the year and look forward to all the successes they are capable of in the future.

The day will begin with a ceremony for all Life Members as they help to assure the future of B'nai B'rith Women. A gala luncheon will then be enjoyed by all those attending. It will provide a wonderful opportunity for all members to relax and have the enjoyment of reflecting on each others image of success. The special guest of the day will be Irma Gertler, President-Elect of B'nai B'rith Women International. Her message will be an inspiration to all.

Community Throngs To Israel Independence Day Festivities

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of Ceremonies Leonard Holland introduced the guest speakers, who offered welcoming remarks.

"I admire your community and the close family ties you have," said Anthony Solomon, R.I. State Treasurer, speaking on behalf of Gov. Garrahy, who could not attend. Solomon then read a proclamation signed by the Governor.

He was followed by Warwick Mayor Joseph W. Walsh who spoke about visiting Israel two years ago with the conference of Mayors. "I feel a tremendous sense of strength and vitality of character from the people of Israel who struggle for liberty, freedom and democracy," Walsh said.

Michael Shiloh, Israeli Consul General in Boston, said, "Yes, we've made mis-

takes, we've often miscalculated, but we've persevered. In 1947, there was dancing in the streets in Tel Aviv when Israel was declared a state while the watching world doubted our existence would last. Well, we have lasted, we have survived, in the face of insurmountable problems. We have created an open, multi-national and multi-racial society. We are now over 4 million people who have a commitment to each other, to the Jewish people and to our history. There is a sense of joy, of tragedy and of achievement — we have paid the dearest price for our freedom."

The festivities concluded with a slide show, "Another Israel." There will be no programs on the Sabbath, but programs will continue on Saturday with youth night, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Rescheduled

The Rhode Island State Council of Senior Citizens will *not* meet on May 4, 1984 because that date is R.I. Independence Day and the Providence City Hall will be closed.

The **NEW DATE FOR OUR MEETING WILL BE ON FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1984**, at 11 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

Dr. Mulvey is planning a very interesting meeting with guest speakers discussing the Greenhouse Compact. She will also discuss plans for the NCSC Constitutional Convention, to be held in Philadelphia, PA, June 28-30.

ALL R.I. State Council Members should attend this very important and informative meeting. Bring your friends. The public is invited to attend.

JNF Celebrates Lag B'Omer May 20

On Lag B'Omer, Sunday, May 20, 1984, Jewish National Fund will be holding its "Green Sunday Phone-a-thon."

Volunteers are needed for a two-hour shift to call much of Rhode Island Jewry to ask them to plant trees in Israel for every member of their family.

Green Sunday will take place in the Crystal Room at Alumnae Hall at Brown University from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This is located on Pembroke Campus across from the East Side Post Office on Meeting Street.

In its 83-year history, Jewish National Fund has been the primary purchaser and developer of the land of Israel. Over 160 million trees have been planted to turn sand into land. JNF is currently working in over 400 locations from the Galilee to the Negev. It is roads, agricultural preparation, recreation sites, and settlements.



Mameh-Loshn, Yiddish-Loshn

by Cindy Gilman

Farvos entfert a Yid a frageh mit a frageh? Farvos nit? (Why does a Jew answer a question with a question? Why not?)

A Shmues (A Conversation)
Eyner: *Nu, vos macht ir?* (So, how are you?)

Tzveyter: *Nu?* (So?)
Eyner: *Un ayer vayb?* (And your wife?)

Tzveyter: *Mayn vayb?* (My wife?)
Eyner: *Un vie geyt ayer geshetft?* (And how is your business going?)
Tzveyter: *Eh, mayn geshetft?* (Eh, my business?)

Eyner: *Nu, un ayer bruder?* (So, and how about your brother?)

Tzveyter: *Ay, mayn bruder?* (Ay, my brother?)

Eyner: *Un vos machn die kinder?* (And how are your children?)

Tzveyter: *Oy, mayne kinder!* (Oy, my children!)

Eyner: *Un vos noch vilt ir dertzeyln?* (What else can I say?)

Tzveyter: *Nu, vos noch ken ich zogn?* (So, what else can I say?)

Es iz gut tzu chapn a shumes mit a fraynd. ... It's good to have a conversation with a friend.

Yiddish Words That Bring A Smile
Gogl-mogl ... *pisk* ... *matkes* ... *gatkes* ... *liftchikl* ... *platz* ... *a kitzl* ... *a kvetch* ... *a patch* ... *a knip* ... *a zetz*.

What Do They Mean?
Gogl-mogl: A healthful drink made with raw eggs.

Pisk: The face you make after tasting a *gogl-mogl*.

Gatkes, matkes, liftchikl: all articles of clothing Mamma insisted you wear.

Platz: What you feel like doing after you eat too much, or ... you laughed so hard, you could *platz*.

A kitzl, a kvetch, a patch, a knip, a zetz: Love taps of various degrees, a tickle, a squeeze, a slap.

A *knip* is the type of pinch an aunt or uncle gave. Remember the type? They grabbed both your cheeks at the same time and *knip*, you felt like you'd never smile again.

A *zetz* — what you felt like doing every time someone gave you a *knip*.
Zay gezunt!

Cindy Gilman's column Mameh Loshn, Yiddish Loshn, appears monthly in the R.I. Herald.

Evening Is Devoted To Parent Advocate

The Core Process: What You As a Parent Should Know, How to Advocate for Your Child, is the latest in a continuing series of informative programs sponsored by New England P'TACH.

Characteristic signs of children at risk, kindergarten screening, Individual Educational Plans (I.E.P.s), and the role of parent as advocate for the child will be discussed. A question and answer period will follow.

Speakers for the event will be Ruth L. Small, M.Ed., Certified School Psychologist and Guidance Counselor, and Anne M. Kahan, M.Ed., Ed.M., Licensed Psychologist and School Psychologist.

This event will take place on Wednesday evening, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Young Israel of Brookline, 62 Green St. For further information, contact Anne Kahan, 566-0451.

JCC Holds Seminar In Financial Planning

A four-week seminar at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, on individual financial planning — including setting financial goals, analyzing investments, and minimizing taxes — starts May 1 and meets for four consecutive Tuesdays, 7:30-9 p.m.

Led by Maurice Bissonette, associate director of Tucker, Anthony & R.L. Day, and Doris Wilk, investment counselor in the firm, the seminar includes guest speakers Doris Licht, Esq., of Hinckley & Allen, and Dan Ryan, CPA, of Sansiveri, Ryan, Sullivan & Co.

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Nancy Grossman, President of Camp JORI, is pleased to announce that Camp JORI is the recipient of a grant from the Rhode Island Foundation. The funds will be used toward a tie-in with the Town of Narragansett sewer system, one of the projects of the extensive renovation and updating the camp is undergoing.

For this summer season, campers will enjoy the new Alperin dining/recreation hall, a completely renovated arts and crafts facility, a dormitory for kitchen staff and major ground and playing field changes. Plans are underway for updated cabins with new bathroom and shower facilities.

President Grossman says, "For the first time in our 48-year history, we have reached out to the community for help in updating our Camp. The response has been most rewarding. Camp JORI has served the Rhode Island community since the 1930s as the only non-profit overnight camp in our state sponsored by members of Jewish community."

Childcare Workshop Offered By JFS

"Choosing Child Care" will be the subject of a Family Life Education program to be held at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, on Sunday, May 6 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The program will discuss alternatives for child care in our community.

Options to be reviewed are placing your child in a center-based day care program, a day care mother's home, hiring a person to care for your child in your own home, and informal care such as play groups or cooperative babysitting.

The keynote speaker will be Linda Mills, child care specialist, whose subject will be "Child Development and Child Care." Panelists will be Bobbie Rosenquest, Yael Tepperberg Cohn, Barbara Schoenfeld, and Elyse Kaufman. Moderator will be Ivy Marwil.

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From The Editor

Wooing The Jewish Vote

by Robert Israel

Several Jewish newspaper arrive at this office weekly. One of them, the *Jewish World*, was noteworthy awhile back when political candidates were gearing up for the New York State primary.

Two Democratic presidential candidates, Gary Hart and Walter Mondale, took out full page ads in the newspaper, aimed at convincing the Jewish voters to consider how each stood on particular issues. Stating one's platform seems credible enough on the face of it, but upon close examination, neither Mondale or Hart were showing all their cards, only those they felt would attract the Jewish voter.

Mondale's ad showed him standing on a balcony overlooking Jerusalem, side by side with former Prime Minister Begin. The text of his ad outlined his undying support for Israel, and included a chronicle of his support over the years he has been in public office. Hart's ad was similar, differing from Mondale's by simply showing a picture of the candidate, but it also stressed how he stood on U.S.-Israeli issues.

During this presidential campaign it seems appropriate to remind politicians that Jewish voters do make up a single-issue bloc. Jewish voters I have spoken with resent candidates who try to appeal to them solely on the matter of Israel and U.S.-Israel friendship. Certainly, the economic and political well-being of Israel is of concern to American Jewish voters, but there are many other issues of equal importance.

Jewish voters are concerned with an economically sound and secure nation, and want to know how a candidate stands on the issue of the national budget as it relates to military spending and social ser-

vices. Because American Jewish citizens have been particularly hard hit by the recession, there is a deep concern for a renewed dedication to realistic economic policies and for programs that will put the many millions of unemployed Americans — Jews and non-Jews alike — back to work. Jewish voters want to see a country whose international stance inspires respect and confidence among freedom-loving nations the world over. Because Jews suffer the loss of human rights, American Jewish voters have a particular concern for human rights, in this country and around the world. And because Jews are in the minority, American Jewish voters want to know how committed a candidate is to American pluralism, with minorities and women sharing the gains and freedoms of all other Americans.

Statistics reveal that Jews show relatively higher ratio of voters to population than the country at large, due, in part, because the average age is higher and the average number of years of formal education is higher than the averages of other Americans. Statistics also reveal that Jews do not always vote for a candidate just because he or she is Jewish. In the 1982 New York gubernatorial election, for example, Jewish voters supported Mario Cuomo, an Italian-American Democrat over Lewis Lehrman, a Jewish Republican. And in the March, 1984 primaries in Illinois, 7 out of every 10 Jewish voters said their main reason for preferring candidates had to do with domestic or environmental issues, thereby contradicting the claim that Jews make up a "single-issue" voting bloc.

As election day grows nearer, it behooves politicians to state their platforms on all the issues, not just those issues they feel should be targeted to Jews.

Seeking Solution For Unemployed Jews

Two leading spokesmen for Jewish vocational services in the United States argue compellingly that despite evidence of a national economic recovery, unemployment in the American Jewish community remains at high levels and appears to be developing into a long-term crisis with few solutions in sight.

Al Miller of the Federation Employment and Guidance Service (FEGS) and Harvey Goldman of the National Association of Jewish Vocational Services (NAJVS) agree that there has been a structural change in the American economy, which has been characterized by a dramatic weakening of sectors of the economy in which Jews have traditionally been strongly represented. Thousands of professional and middle management positions have been eliminated; there have been major retrenchments in the social services, the humanities and education; government jobs and programs have been permanently cut back; and the recession forced huge numbers of small businesses into bankruptcy.

Miller and Goldman also point out that all too often the debilitating effects of long-term unemployment on people's lives will lead to attendant family and personal problems such as mental illness, drug and alcohol abuse, child and spouse abuse and even homelessness.

Miller and Goldman argue that the organized Jewish community would do well to increase spending now on programs to fight Jewish unemployment, rather than to have to spend millions more later on in an effort to combat the more endemic social problems that will result from long-term unemployment.

The problem as Miller and Goldman see it is that most of the Jewish community, and large portions of its leadership, have still not woken up to the fact that we have a crisis on our hands. Because Jewish unemployment is not measured in Labor Department statistics in the way that, say, Black unemployment is, it has been all too easy to ignore or overlook. Most of us still tend to think of Jewish unemployment, if we think of it at all, in terms of isolated individuals, instead of seeing the larger pattern of pain throughout the community.

Also, too many people still purport not to believe that unemployment can be a "Jewish problem" in the same way that many refused to believe in the existence of

Jewish poverty.

What kind of creative solutions could an aroused Jewish community find to combat such a deep seated problem? Vocational service professionals like Miller and Goldman assert that thousands of Jews are in need of retraining in the high tech era which we are now entering, if they are to become employable again. Miller, for example, maintains that thousands of young college graduates presently without jobs could be made employable with some short-term training in word processing and says that Federations and other Jewish communal agencies across the country should be funding such programs.

Some would argue that the funding of vocational training programs and similar programs has always been the province of government and not of community philanthropic organizations. But after three years of the Reagan Administration, the handwriting on the wall concerning federal funding of such programs ought to be clear.

Thus with government withdrawing from many of its long-term responsibilities, it will largely be up to the organized Jewish community to generate solutions to Jewish unemployment and put together a patchwork "safety net" to safeguard those Jews who have been hit by unemployment and continuing hard economic times.

It will not be easy for a community already overstretched to find the financial resources to meet this crisis. We believe, however, the American Jewish community simply cannot fail to respond when a significant proportion of its own people confronts the prospect of a blighted future.

Reprinted from the *Jewish World*.

Candlelighting



April 27, 1984

6:21 p.m.

Jerusalem Myth

by M.J. Rosenberg

In its April 9 article on Jerusalem, *Time* magazine notes that Jerusalem has been the "focus of strife for 4,000 years." That sounds right — but it isn't. In fact, for most of the last 4,000 years Jerusalem has not been the focus of anything besides the prayers of Jews. Until very recently, Jerusalem has only been a sleepy provincial town — far from power and even from arguments about it.

Even in recent years Jerusalem has usually been far from the headlines. Take a look at the most traumatic period in Jerusalem's history — the 19 years from 1948 to 1967 when the city was divided by barbed wire and cinder block. Jews were barred from the holy places as were Israeli Christians and Muslims. Synagogues were dynamited and leveled. Jordanian snipers fired random rounds into the Israeli sector. Nevertheless, Jerusalem was not a big story.

Israelis, of course, rued the loss of the eastern part of the city and access to sites like the Western Wall. Nevertheless, they accepted it and made no military attempts to regain what Jordan had taken.

The Arabs, who now claim that Jerusalem is of monumental importance to them, were fairly indifferent to it when they controlled half the city. The Jordanian administration discriminated against the city in favor of Amman, its capital city. Investment in Jerusalem was discouraged and thousands of Jerusalemites moved to Amman. The Jordanian discrimination against Jerusalem was so pronounced that by 1967 the city played as small a role in Jordanian affairs as Nablus. It was just

another West Bank town in a country that was governed by the East Bank.

Interest in Jerusalem did not develop until Israel unified the city in 1967. That move — which followed and was produced by Jordan's attack on west Jerusalem — suddenly made Jerusalem headline material. Somehow the reestablishment of a unified city was viewed as a revolutionary act, as a shocking change in the status quo. It was — but it only changed the status quo that had existed for 19 years of Jerusalem's 4,000-year history. Israel's action restored Jerusalem to what it had been before the 1948 rupture.

Today, Jerusalem is still a big story. The Congressional initiative to move the American embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv has caused outrage. The United States ambassador to Pakistan, Deane Hinton, fulminated to a *Time* correspondent: "All this damn nonsense about moving our embassy to Jerusalem has the Pakistanis up in arms. They've called me to protest officially that it would be a terrible mistake. They say it would be bad for the U.S., just the same as our giving Jerusalem to the Israelis on a silver platter."

Today the goal is to retake Jerusalem. But, as with Israel itself, there is no turning back. Jerusalem will not be redivided nor will it be yielded to the Jordanians or the PLO. It will remain the capital of Israel. The question of where the American embassy is located is an important one but, in essence, it is only symbolic. That embassy may be located in Tel Aviv until the end of time but it will not change those facts.

The Endangered Falashas

Any serious student of contemporary Jewish history knows that one of the most confusing and shameful chapters of our era has been the failure of world Jewry to do its part in saving the Black Jews of Ethiopia.

There is no point in rehashing the details for the 100th time; suffice it to say that neither we nor Israel can be especially proud of our role. There has been a deliberate attempt to cover up this betrayal, but the truth is slowly and surely coming to the attention of the whole world.

The Wall Street Journal, whose reputation for accuracy and responsibility is exceeded by no other publication, wrote the following editorial recently:

"Until 1867, the Falashas of Ethiopia thought they were the only Jews in the world. They had been isolated for so long that they hadn't heard that the Romans had destroyed the Second Temple in Jerusalem in AD 70. In ordinary times, this group might interest mainly antiquarians. But in the extraordinary tumult of Ethiopia's past 10 years, the fate of its Black Jews has become a parable for the limits of humanitarian foreign policy.

"In the past 250 years, the Falashas have declined from a possible one million strong (at the peak of their independent kingdom) to around 25,000. The dwindling has accelerated since the Ethiopian revolution in 1974. Pressures from social dislocation, famine and guerrilla war have reached the point at which friends of the Falasha community worry about its cultural extinction.

"It ought to be as much a cause to rescue a 2000-year-old ethnic tradition as to preserve an obscure species of fish, but one hears a variety of excuses for inaction. The threat is only potential, we are told. Or, somewhat contradictorily, why single out this group when its neighbors are dying too?"

"In fact, the main reason the issue received a recent spate of attention is that a member of the Falasha community recently visited the U.S., and the Israeli government took some heavy-handed measures to squelch the story.

"This bizarre reaction may come from a bad conscience over Israel's spotty treatment of the Falashas, who were recognized as a legitimate Jewish community only 12 years ago. It also reflects the diplomatic ambiguities of Ethiopia.

"Part of the problem for the Falashas, but only part, comes from the brutal revolutionary regime of Col. Mariam Mengistu, which has been suppressing all religions. Col. Mengistu has embraced the Russian-Cuban proxy apparatus in Africa, to the point of aiding a budding guerrilla movement against the pro-Western government of neighboring Sudan. Yet he also keeps clandestine ties to Israel.

"The fight against Col. Mengistu and his Russian overlords is being waged in four or five local guerrilla wars, ranging from the Arab-supported Eritrean separatist movement to a flourishing ethnic rebellion in Tigre province to remnants of the Haile Selassie regime. Yet these groups, which serve the Western struggle against the Soviet proxy empire, are the other major threat to the Falashas. Fighting is spreading closer to the Falasha villages, claiming civilian casualties. As Jews, the Falashas fear they'll be targets for Muslim-supported Eritreans; as beneficiaries of the revolutionary land redistribution, they fear retaliation from former landowners.

"To top it off, a drought is spreading famine and rebellion. The U.S. is keeping alive a modest \$11 million food program, but only after considerable furor over ensuring proper distribution. All in all, Western leverage is extraordinarily weak.

"Yet because there are so many complications to aiding the endangered Falashas, American and Israeli diplomats have been very reluctant to admit that they need help. Although the situations are very different, the bureaucratic psychology sheds a certain light on the much criticized Western indifference toward the fate of the Jews of pre-World War II Europe."

What do you suppose our children think of all this?

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Thoughts For Yom Hashoah

by Irving Greenberg

Is there one great principle from which the whole Torah can be derived? Can the traditional 613 *mitzvot* (commandments) and the thousands of stories, parables, and sayings in the Jewish tradition be boiled down to one essence that captures it all? This possibility has challenged rabbis in every generation, and more than one has offered a personal summation.

The classic one was expressed when a gentile promised to convert to Judaism on condition that Hillel teach the entire Torah "on one foot." The great scholar replied: "What is hateful to you, do not do to another. This is the Torah in its entirety." Hillel then added: "All the rest is commentary. Go and learn." (Talmud, Shabbat 31)

Rabbi Akiba, one of the greatest Talmudic scholars, considered the essence of the Torah to be found in Leviticus: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Leviticus 19:18) Rabbi Akiba said: "This is a great principle in the Torah." (Sifra 89)

Akiba implied two things here. One, the essential purpose of the Torah is to bring people to ethical action that grows out of love of another human being; and two, all the rituals, prayers, and holy days must be understood as *mitzvot* nurturing or expressing the ethical imperative. Even the most formal and seemingly irrational ritual is designed to sensitize the human being to greater love and concern for others. It is up to us to discover the connection between the ritual and its underlying purpose.

Another Talmudic passage sees the essence of the Torah as *imitatio dei*, to emulate God. "(You shall) walk in all God's ways." Says the Sifre: "The meaning is to follow the attributes of the Holy One. Just as God is compassionate and gracious, so, too, should you be compassionate and gracious; just as the Holy One is righteous, so, too, shall you be righteous; just as the Holy One is loving, so should you be loving." Here the emphasis is on the model for the type of human being the Torah seeks to develop. The 19th century Rabbi Israel Salanter summarized it: "The Torah was given to make a person a *mentsch*."

Rabbi Ben Azzai disagreed with Akiba's summary of the Torah as the Golden Rule: "The verse, 'This is the book of the generations of the human (race) in the day God created the human in the image of God . . .'" (Genesis 5, 1), he said, "is even greater." (Sifra 89B) In Ben Azzai's view, the bedrock of the Torah is that the human being was created in the image of God.

As images of God, each human being has infinite value. This is why the Talmud says, "If you save one life, it is like saving a whole world." Each image of God is equal. There is no preferred image of God. Nor does God have any color or gender. And while human-made images such as stamps or coins all resemble each other, each image of God is unique. If you've seen one, you haven't seen 'em all.

In Ben Azzai's view, the Torah's call is to create more human beings in the image of God, to treat all with infinite value and equality — and to structure political, social, and economic reality to make this possible. Without food and shelter, without medicine, without justice, and without equality, human beings are

denied their infinite value.

Furthermore, the world itself must be perfected so that society can wish as well as afford to treat each person with total dignity. Thus, societal justice is a central concern of Judaism. The Messianic age is one of peace, prosperity, and justice which will pave the way for the full flowering of human relationships and spirituality.

In Ben Azzai's view, no ritual in the Torah is divorced from the creation of images of God, however unrelated to this ethos that it might seem. Kashrut teaches the sacredness of all life, which engenders reverence for human life. Restrictions on planting certain grains together or mixing certain textiles in weaving teach respect for the uniqueness of each species. Shabbat teaches that humans have intrinsic value even when not actively engaged in producing material goods.

Living as we do after the Holocaust, the concept of the image of God has greater urgency and meaning for us than ever. In an era which witnessed mass murder without divine intervention, the best way of expressing religious consciousness is not to talk about God but to create images of God that testify to the presence of the Divine, whose image they are. In an era when Jewish children were burned alive to save a half-penny's worth of gas, the fundamental religious act is to restore the infinite value of every human being.

Anything that degrades — poverty, sickness, oppression; anything that insults — stereotypes, prejudices, inequality — cannot be accepted. To mend the world, there must be a new primacy to the commitment to restore the image of God and to create the conditions that nurture the infinite value of each and every individual.

This is why people everywhere demand dignity and refuse to accept that the conditions they were born into will destine them for nasty, brutish and short lives. This, too, is why Jews created Israel as well as an unparalleled structure of philanthropy to rescue and rehabilitate the oppressed.

Observant Jews are challenged to lead people to the essence of the Torah through the myriad of Jewish *mitzvot*. Non-observant Jews are challenged to discover the ways in which the infinite value of the human being needs to be — and can be — nurtured by tradition.

All the rest is commentary — a commentary written with our actions. The way we treasure life, the way we help others, the communities we create are our expressions of the essence of the Torah and of the renewal of Jewish hope after the Holocaust.

Rabbi Greenberg, President of the National Jewish Resource Center, will be guest speaker at the R.I. Interfaith Commemoration of the Holocaust, Monday, April 29, 8:00 p.m., at Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

Temple Shalom Announces Services

The Congregation of Temple Shalom of Middletown will assemble for a Late Sabbath Eve Worship Service on Friday evening, April 27. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will conduct the worship, assisted by the Temple Shalom Choir under the direction of Susan Woythaler. A highlight of the service will be a Ceremony of Welcome for Nathan David Fischer. The Fischer

Family will host the Oneg Shabbat following in honor of Nathan.

On Sunday morning, the Hebrew High Schools of Harry Elkin, Temple Emanu-El and United Hebrew School will join at Temple Shalom for a Yom HaShoah program. Members from each school will participate in a candle lighting ceremony in memory of the 6 Million Jews who perished during the Holocaust. The assemblage will then view a video of Robert Clary, a French Jew who starred in Hogan's Heroes and is himself a Holocaust survivor. At a recent appearance at a local college, Mr. Clary commented on his experiences and spoke candidly about his trials and tribulations. His comments are

"A New Play: Jonestown" Is Underway At Trinity Rep

Adrian Hall, Artistic Director of Trinity Square Repertory Company, directs the Company in a World Premiere production of *A New Play: Jonestown*. The play is a collaboration by Hall and James Reston, Jr. based on Reston's book *Our Father Who Art In Hell*. Rehearsals begin April 4 and the production plays May 11 through June 10 in Trinity's Upstairs Theatre.

A New Play: Jonestown examines the phenomenon of Jim Jones, the messianic leader of the People's Temple religious cult, who led his followers from California to the jungles of South America with the utopian promise of peace and plenty. His hypnotic leadership resulted in a tragic climax, the mass suicide known as the

provocative and timely and will provide the students with a first hand account and will afford them material for discussion. The morning has been planned by Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer, Mr. Samuel Vilker and Mrs. Evelyn Brier.

On Sunday evening, the Congregation of Temple Shalom will assemble for an Interfaith Service of Remembrance and a program featuring the Clary video commemorating Yom HaShoah. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m. and due to the efforts of both Rabbi Jagolinzer and the Reverend Canon D. Lorne Coyle, the beautiful and historic Trinity Church Tower will be lit on Sunday evening in memory of the 6 Million.

"Jonestown Massacre." The play looks at the personalities behind this widely publicized event which shocked and galvanized the world.

Performances are scheduled Tuesday through Sunday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sundays and selected Wednesday and Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. The Humanities Program has scheduled five post-performance discussions. Dr. Christopher Hatcher, nationally-renowned expert on Jonestown from San Francisco, has been invited to participate in the series. For further information and ticket reservations, call (401) 351-4242 or visit the box office in the lobby of the theatre located at 201 Washington St., Providence. Visa/Mastercard accepted.

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Social Events

Stefan Blitz Is Called To The Torah



Stefan Blitz

Stefan Lorne Blitz, son of Stanley and Debbie Blitz of Providence, will become Bar Mitzvah this Saturday, April 28 at Temple Beth-El.

Stefan is a seventh grade student at the Nathanael Greene Middle School. He is the brother of David Blitz of New York City, Jonathan Blitz of Irvine, Calif. and Elizabeth Blitz of Providence.

His grandparents were the late Edgar and Evelyn Blitz and the late Samuel and Jean Kushner.

Carol Geffner And Dr. Edward Kravitz Plan June Wedding

Mrs. Betty Geffner of Providence announces the engagement of her daughter, Carol-Jane Geffner, to Dr. Edward Charles Kravitz, son of Mollie and Harold Kravitz of Cleveland, Ohio. She is also the daughter of the late Saul Geffner. Ms. Geffner received a BA degree from the University of Toronto, Canada, and a graduate degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Kravitz is an otolaryngologist in private practice in Orange County, Calif. Carol is a management consultant also practicing in Orange County. They will be married on June 3, 1984 in Rhode Island and will reside in Santa Ana, Calif.

Seniors Receive College Acceptances

St. Dunstan's Day School, Providence, has announced the acceptance of seniors by colleges and universities for the coming academic year.

Daniel Forman has been accepted at Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon; Beloit College, Wisconsin; Earlham College, Indiana; George Washington University, Wash., D.C.; and MacAllister University, St. Paul, Minnesota.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Forman of Rhode Island.

Toby Brown has received acceptances from Keene State College, New Hampshire; Plymouth State College, New Hampshire; and University of Southern Maine.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brown of Luzon Avenue.

Shermans Announce Birth Of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Sherman of Salem, Mass. announce the birth of their first child and daughter, Alison Perri, on April 14, 1984.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Spielholz of Springfield, N.J. are Alison's maternal grandparents. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sherman of North Scituate, R.I. The baby's great-grandmothers are Mrs. Celia Klien and Mrs. Helen Weintraub.

Zimmermans Announce Arrival Of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Zimmerman of Framingham, Mass. announce the arrival of their daughter, Jessica Gail. Her brother, Jason, is 6½ years old.

Jessica's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller. Mrs. Yvette Zimmerman and the late Milton (Mickey) Zimmerman are her paternal grandparents. Samuel Shore of Providence is her great-grandfather.

Janet Roseman Appointed To Post Of Associate Editor

Janet Roseman, daughter of Sidney and Tobey Roseman of Cranston, has recently been appointed Associate Editor of *New Realities* magazine in San Francisco.

Ms. Roseman, who is a graduate of Syracuse University and Lesley College in dance therapy, also is a freelance writer. She is a contributor to the national newspaper *USA Today* and has an article appearing in this month's issue of *Fit* magazine. She is the former Associate producer of ABC's *A.M. San Francisco*.

Ms. Roseman is the granddaughter of Mrs. Esther Lundy of Bloomfield, Connecticut.

Mr. And Mrs. Glass Announce Birth Of Son

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Glass announce the birth of their son, Louis J. Glass. Mrs. Glass is the former Joyce Levin.

Louis's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Levin of Chelmsford and his paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Glass of California. His great-grandparents are Mrs. Natalie Gershman of Pawtucket and the late Louis Gershman, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Levin and Mr. and Mrs. Jean Vitoursky.

Women's Association Holds Board Meeting

The Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged will hold their regular board meeting on May 2 in the Martin Chace Auditorium at the Home. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 1:15 p.m.

Beverly Davis Is Installed as BBW International President

Beverly Davis was installed as the international president of B'nai B'rith Women. Ms. Davis, a resident of Jamaica, N.Y., was installed in a ceremony which took place on February 28, 1984.

Phyllis R. Brown To Receive NCJW Community Service Award

Dr. Phyllis R. Brown of Pawtucket and Saunderson, R.I. will be presented with the Community Service Award on May 9, 1984 at the annual luncheon of the Providence Section of the National Council of Jewish Women. The luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 at the Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, Massachusetts.

Dr. Brown is an internationally recognized researcher, scholar, professor and author in the field of high performance liquid chromatography in biochemistry and biomedical research. She is currently a professor in the chemistry department of the University of Rhode Island and formerly was assistant professor in the pharmacology section of Brown University. In October 1983 she was Lady Davis Visiting Professor at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Her academic publications have been translated in many languages including Japanese. Dr. Brown is a long term member of NCJW and a supporter of its goals.

Reservations for the May 9 luncheon may be made by calling Phyllis Berry at 331-9832 or by sending a check to Hinda Semonoff at 40 Lowden St., Pawtucket, R.I. 02860. Categories of reservations are \$20. Sponsor, \$25. Patron, \$35. Benefactor, \$50. Angel. Special gifts over \$50 are

Sisterhood To Hold Torah Fund Lunch

Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood will hold its annual Torah Fund Luncheon and Installation on Thursday, May 10 at 12 noon in the meeting house.

A "Tribute to Israel" is planned to honor Israel Independence Day. Brenda Bedrick, well-known local singer, will entertain.

Serving on the committee for the luncheon and installation are: Libby Peiser, chairperson; Barbara Lightman, advisor; Debra Kaplan, hospitality; Sue Kahn, telethon chairperson; Lynn Markoff, treasurer; Harriet Horvitz, decorations; and Gloria Stern, publicity.

BBW Of Rhode Island To Hold Installation

The installation of officers of B'nai B'rith Women of R.I. will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 1984, at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Ave., Providence, R.I. Cocktails will be served at 7:30 p.m. Followed by the installation of officers. The installing officer will be Anita Wassersug, Region Liaison.

The officers to be installed are: President, JoAnne Pattek; Administrative Vice President, Harriet Priest; Vice President Fund Raising, Peggy Kaplan; Vice President Membership, Lillian Mendelowitz; Vice President Communication, Tedi Green; Vice President Program, Faye Goldman; Treasurer, Arlene Chorner; Recording Secretary, Merry Shlesinger; Financial Secretary, Greta Steiner; Corresponding Secretary, Anne Bercovitz; ADL Chairperson Ann Daives; Life Membership Chairperson Ida Slavsky; Counselor, Evelyn Zuckerman.

The installation will be followed by Entertainment and Viennese Sweet Table.

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Dr. Phyllis Rosen Brown

also welcome. In addition to a reception and luncheon, there will be a dramatic presentation produced by Florence Markoff entitled "Renaissance Woman."

Chairwomen for the awards luncheon are Marion J. Goldsmith, Marcia Blacher, Helen Gerber, and Barbara F. Long, ex-officio.

State Library Services Seeks Planning Volunteers

The Rhode Island Department of State Library Services is looking for volunteers to help plan its future. In a recent letter to current users of its services, the Department's Director, Fay Zipkowitz, stated that "We want to make this process and the resulting plan as responsive as we can to the needs of the citizens of Rhode Island."

A committee of up to 40 members will be appointed in May to begin developing the plan. Planning Committee members will be chosen to represent those interests and groups concerned with the Department and the services it offers as well as overall development of library services for Rhode Island. As the committee does its work, Rhode Islanders as well as the library community will be asked for their comments and response to the plan.

For further information about the Planning Committee contact Bruce Daniels, Deputy Director at 277-2726.

Sinai Sisterhood Plans Donor Dinner

The Temple Sinai Sisterhood is holding their donor dinner on May 2 at 6:30 p.m.

The program for the evening will be a fashion show given by Helen Olevson and hair styles and make up will be by Act I beauty salon of Garden City.

Chairwomen for the event are Elley Marcus and Jayne Dorchuck. Committee members are Susan Hall, Maureen Dore, Jill Sholes, Milly Schuster and Gloria Staub.

Somerset Hadassah Holds Auction

The Somerset Chapter of Hadassah will hold its annual "Goods and Services" auction on Saturday, May 12 at the Fall River Inn, Milliken Blvd., Fall River, at 7 p.m. Donation is \$2.00 at the door.

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... **Hindu and Muslim Art from India**, Mar. 2-June 16, RISD Art Museum, 224 Benefit St., Providence.

... **RISD Clay Invitational**, Mar. 30-June 24, RISD Art Museum, 224 Benefit St., Providence.

... **Exhibit by Mary Ann Stella-Killilea and Suzanne Dickson Germond**, April 12-May 1, Wheeler Gallery, 228 Angell St., Providence; opening reception, April 11, 6-8 p.m.

... **Rita McCarthy Paintings And Drawings**, April 14-May 3, Sarah Doyle Gallery, 185 Meeting St.; opening reception, April 15, 3-5 p.m.

... **Artists Learning From Art**, April 16-May 14, Three For All Gallery, The Arcade; exhibition of work by RISD illustration students and after school art class students.

... **Enrico Pinardi Exhibit**, April 19-May 4; Bannister Gallery, Rhode Island College. Opening reception April 19, 7 p.m.

... **The Syrian Peasant and The Proud Greek Cyriots**, April 29-May 28, Dattoro's Gallery, 5 Steeple Street, Providence; opening reception, Sunday, April 29, 3-5 p.m.

... **Fall 1984 Jury Selection**, deadline is May 17, 1984, Sarah Doyle Gallery, 185 Meeting Street; for further information call Stacy Doris, 863-2189.

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... **The Unvarnished Truth**, April 14-May 6, Newport Playhouse, 104 Connell Highway, Newport; Fridays, 9 p.m., Saturdays, 6 p.m., 9 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. Call 849-4618 for reservations.

... **Last of the Red Hot Lovers**, April 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 30, May 1, 2, 7, 10, 14, 15; buffet at 7 p.m., play at 8:15 p.m.; Coachmen Dinner Theatre, Tiverton, R.I. For reservations call the Coachmen at 624-8423.

... **Taking Steps** April 25-May 27, Wed., Thurs., Fri. at 8 p.m., Sat. 5, 8:30 p.m., Sun. 3 p.m.; Lyric Stage, 54 Charles St., Boston; for reservations call 617-742-8703 or 617-497-1118.

... **The King and I**, April 25, 26, 27, 28, May 2, 3, 4, 5, at 8 p.m., April 29, May 6, 2 p.m.; Jenks Junior High School, Division Street, Pawtucket; presented by the Community Players; for reservations, call 728-2690.

... **Marco Polo Sings A Solo**, April 26-28, May 3-6, 8 p.m.; April 29, 2 p.m.; Leeds Theatre, Brown University; for tickets call 863-2838.

... **Kiss Me Kate**, April 26, 27, 28, 8 p.m., April 29, 3 p.m., Roberts Auditorium, Rhode Island College; call 456-8270 for tickets.

... **Tryouts for Blithe Spirit**, April 30, May 1, Jenks Junior High School, Division Street, Pawtucket; 7:30 p.m.; the Community Players; call 726-3088 for more information.

... **RIPT Festival 3 Auditions**, May 1 and 2, Blackfriars Theatre, Providence College, 7-9 p.m.; prepare 2-minute monologue and bring 4 copies of resume.

MISCELLANEOUS

... **Blithewold Bulb Display**, April 13-May 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Blithewold Gardens and Arboretum, Ferry Road, Bristol.

... **Newport Mansions** open for spring and summer touring on April 1 through October 31; for schedule, contact the Newport Preservation Society at 847-1000.

... **The Lady and Her Car**, April 28, May 5, May 12, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, May 24, 6:30-9 p.m.; Liberty Chevrolet, 333 Niantic Ave., Providence; each workshop limited to 25 participants; call 944-2500 to register; free clinic and free coffee and doughnuts.

... **Update — Nutrition and Cancer**, May 2, May 16, May 30, 5-7 p.m.; lecture series to be held at Roger Williams General Hospital; call Helen at 456-2277 for schedule of topics and fees.

... **Gentleman's Agreement**, film with an introduction by Rabbi Bernard Glassman; May 2, 7:30 p.m., Group VI Bldg., Rm. 153, S.E. Mass. University, North Dartmouth, Mass.

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... **Champagne Mayday Breakfast**, May 6, 9 a.m., Belcourt Castle, Newport; to benefit Defenders of Animals; for more information and tickets call 738-3710.

... **Hysterectomy Support Group**, May 8, 7:30 p.m.; Women and Infants Hospital lobby Conference Room.

... **The Core Process: What A Parent Should Know**, May 9, 7:30 p.m., Young Israel Synagogue, 62 Green St., Brookline, Mass.; call Anne Kahan, 617-566-0451; sponsored by the New England Chapter of P'TACH.

... **Quilting Workshop**, May 10, John Brown Francis School, across from Save-Rite, Warwick; 7-9 p.m.; sponsored by the Warwick Parks and Recreation Department; to register call 738-2000, ext. 356.

... **Fabulous Flea Fair**, May 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; to be held at the Woods Gerry Mansion and garages along Prospect Street; sponsored by the Museum Associates of the Rhode Island School of Design.

... **Estate Planning Seminar**, May 22, Ocean State Ballroom, Marriott Hotel; 7-9 p.m. sponsored by the American Cancer Society. For more information, call 831-6970.

... **The Rhode Island Center for Attitudinal Support** facilitates support groups for persons with catastrophic illnesses and their families; for group and meeting information, call 831-3010.

MUSIC

... **Debbie Waldman at Goddard's**, April 27-28, Biltmore Plaza Hotel; 9:30 a.m.-1:30 a.m.

... **Joseph Silverstein and the Worcester Orchestra**, April 29, Mechanics Hall, Worcester; for further information call 752-0888.

... **Katzburg and Snyder**, May 2, CCRI Lincoln Campus, 8 p.m.; free and open to the public.

... **Nicholas Goluses Concert**, May 3, Room 0540, CCRI, Knight Campus, Warwick; 8 p.m.; free and open to the public.

... **Barrington College Wind Ensemble Pops Concert**, May 4, Easton Hall, Barrington College, Barrington; 8 p.m.; for reservations or ticket information, call 246-1200, ext. 236.

... **Paul Winter and Sun Singer Concert**, Channing Music Series, May 4, 5, Channing Memorial Church, 135 Pelham Street, Newport; concerts 8 p.m.; workshop Saturday at 1 p.m.; for more information call 849-6167.

... **Elijah, performed by the Barrington College Choir**, May 6, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Riverside; for more information, call 246-1200, ext. 261.

... **"If I Could Write a Song,"** May 12, matinee, 2 p.m., evening show, 8 p.m.; for more information contact Tom Harrison, 1090 Mineral Spring Avenue, North Providence, R.I. 02904.

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CHAVERIM
 ... **May Madness**, May 6, 7-11 p.m., Driftwood Restaurant, Rt. 9, Shrewsbury.
 ... **Sunday Night at Foxboro**, May 20, dinner and admission is \$13.
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GREATER PROVIDENCE JEWISH SINGLES

... **Friday Night Services and Oneg Shabbat**, April 27, 7:30 p.m., Temple Emanu-El, Providence.

SHALOM SINGLES

... **Israel Independence Day Celebration**, May 20, Boston Hatch Shell; bus leaves South Area Jewish Community Center, 1044 Central St., Stoughton, at 12:15 p.m., returns at 5 p.m. Israeli supper follows. Limited to 40 people; for more information, call Liz Diamond at 617-821-0030 or 617-341-2016 by May 15.

SUBURBAN JEWISH SINGLES

... **Singles Service**, May 11, 8:15 p.m., to be held at Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward Street, Newton Center, Mass.; for further information call 617-527-7810 or 617-527-6906.

SPORTS

... **Bowl-A-Thon**, April 28, 10 a.m.-11 p.m., Chips Bowl-a-Rama, 615 Pawtucket Ave., Pawtucket; sponsored by the R.I. Chapter of the National Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis, Inc., call 725-4080 for more information.

... **3rd Annual Branch 55 N.A.L.C. Heart Fund Golf Tourney**, May 6, Cranston Country Club, 10 a.m., to benefit the American Heart Association, R.I. Chapter; for more information call 728-5300.

... **Celebrity Love Run**, May 20, Roger Williams Park, Providence; to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association; for more information on the three-mile race call the MDA at 463-8130.



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Hadassah Young Leaders Get Insights Into Israel On Study Mission

One of the most impressive aspects of Hadassah — the largest women's volunteer organization in the United States — is that it continues to attract young women to serve an organization built by their mothers and grandmothers. Hadassah, over 70 years old, has 370,000 members. It is the largest Jewish organization in the country.

Furthermore, its current crop of young leaders were not yet born or were only infants when the State of Israel was established in 1948. They have no personal memories of the time of the Holocaust or of the struggle to establish the Jewish State. For them Israel has always been there. To fill in this historical gap a Young Leaders Mission was sent to Israel. Twenty-nine women from all parts of the United States have just returned after viewing at first hand Israel's problems and aspirations.

Jacqueline Segaloff, national board member from Newport News, Virginia, who led the Mission, explained that "Our aim was to give these women an appreciation of Jewish identity and of the contribution of the Zionist movement and the State of Israel to the survival and growth of the Jewish people everywhere, as well as to provide a contemporary frame of reference about modern Israel and Hadassah's projects there."

The group visited cities, development towns and *kibbutzim* (communal settlements) as well as various Hadassah institutions. They were given briefings in depth by Israeli politicians, journalists, academics, and the heads of Hadassah facilities. Mayor Teddy Kollek explained the many aspects of a reunited Jerusalem, where Jews and Arabs live together more peacefully than populations in other racially and ethnically diverse centers in the world.

Women In Israel

One of the most interesting afternoons was spent with the nine women members of the Knesset — Minister without Portfolio Sara Doron, Deputy Minister of Education Miriam Ta'sa Glazer, Geula Cohen, Shulamit Aloni and Tamar Eshel — who discussed with the Mission "Women's Role in Israel Society." Minister Doron was host-moderator.

When one of the American women asked why there are only nine women in the Knesset out of 120 members, Minister Doron answered: "Let me reply to the question with a question: Why is there only one woman in the United States Cabinet?" (Ed.: Actually there are two: Health and Human Resources, Margaret Heckler; and Transportation, Elizabeth Dole.)

Furthermore, the M.K.'s agreed that they had more influence than their numerical strength indicated, and that women's organizations are making an important contribution to Israeli society. They said that the presidents of these organizations meet regularly in a committee known as "The Forum," to which great weight is attached. The M.K.'s have encouraged Israeli women to participate in local politics along the way.

About 38 percent of Israeli women work, and like most women in other countries, they tend to be in certain professions, such as teaching and law. By law they are entitled to equal pay or equal work. Few are in careers requiring high technology.

The M.K.'s conceded that Israeli women do not rise to top positions as the men do, because many Israeli women interrupt their climb up the career ladder to fulfill the Biblical injunction: "Be fruitful and multiply." Generally, women in Israel are still the homemakers.

During eight days of travel around the country, the Mission members were guests of Israeli families in a border kibbutz, two development towns near the frontier, and in several Israeli cities.

Ms. Segaloff, who is National co-chairman of Leadership Development, explains: "We believe that the best way to know Israel is through people-to-people contacts rather than a tourist bus."

"At Kiryat Shmona, a new border town, we attended a community concert. This is the area in Northern Israel, where before Operation Peace for Galilee, terrorists frequently attacked with Katyushas. At the concert there were hundreds of people from Kiryat Shmona and another town Ma'alot, settled by immigrants from North Africa, as well as members of neighboring *kibbutzim* and cooperative villages in the region. The audience joined

in singing and invited the members of the Mission to sing-along. Now we understand what life on Israel's frontier is really like. Before, some thought of it stereotypically, as if it were an old Wild West film."

Hadassah's Two Great Medical Centers

In Jerusalem, the women and their husbands visited the two campuses, at Ein Karem and Mount Scopus, of the great Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center where Dr. Samuel Penchas, the director-general of the Hadassah Medical Organization, briefed them on "Hadassah's role in war and peace."

Dr. Penchas, who had received his M.D. at Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Medicine, and did his post-graduate work in Boston, said: "Israel is going through a very difficult period: first, because of our defense problems; and second, because of our economic problems. It is against this background that I want to tell you about the positive side — our achievements."

"You might call Hadassah the high court of medical justice in Israel," Dr. Penchas said. "Thirty-five percent of our patients come from outside Jerusalem. They turn to us when their cases seem hopeless, and often we are able to save them. I think that I can claim that Hadassah sets the standard of excellence for this country."

The Mission also visited various Youth Aliyah institutions — Hadassah is Youth Aliyah's principal supporter in the United States — during this Jubilee Year of the child rescue and rehabilitation movement. They learned how the movement, initiated 50 years ago to save Jewish children in Germany from physical extermination at the hands of the Nazis, is now rescuing emotionally and intellectually starved Israeli children who live in deprived areas. Many of them are school dropouts who, because of the specialized individual attention they receive from Youth Aliyah, are able to catch up with their peers and rejoin the mainstream. A quarter of a million youth have been saved by Youth Aliyah — one-tenth of Israel's population.

Another trip that made a profound impression on the group was to the desert south of Sodom, where Hadassah has undertaken, as one of its Jewish National Fund projects, to convert the area into a fertile region. Ever since the Lord overturned Sodom and Gomorrah 3,900 years ago, the spot has symbolized desolation to the minds of men. But before the inhabitants of the wicked cities incurred the wrath of the Lord, the area flourished. Genesis tells us that Lot beheld a plain that was "well-watered . . . even as the garden of Eden." Now, with the aid of Hadassah, the land is being reclaimed and the underground saline water is used to produce crops.

The hardy pioneers accomplishing this greening of the desert are a varied lot — Cochin Jews from India, Falashas from Ethiopia, European academics from the old "Zionist pioneer" mold, and former Young Judeans from America. Many of these people were tested and screened by the Hadassah Vocational Guidance Institute before they were encouraged to take on this pioneering mission.

Editor's Note: Attending from the New England area were Massachusetts residents Shirley Abrams, Bernice Heinstein, Ellen Levine, Sara Aronson, Toby Grandberg and Marian Horowitz.

New York Public Library Displays Rare Haggadah

The New York Public Library, at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, will exhibit for the Passover season a rare illustrated Haggadah by Israeli artist Ya'akov Boussidan. There are only 50 copies of this hand-made book, which will be displayed in the Stokes Gallery on the second floor until May 4.

The pages have been specially mounted so that the 30 illustrations and the English and Hebrew texts of the entire work are on display. The artist has incorporated into the Passover story of the Jews' freedom flight from Egypt the story of Genesis. He spent six years at this work.

Because there are about three words for every one of the Hebrew, the artist hand set the type so that the English text balances the Hebrew.

Benjamin Tammuz, Israeli author and critic, has written of this Haggadah: "Haggadah, as Boussidan sees it, is the narrative of the birth of a people, and it is therefore feasible to introduce into it an account of the birth of the world; likewise, the 'Covenant between the pieces' (Genesis XV:17) in which the Exodus is mentioned for the first time in our annals. The first eight etchings relate to the six days of Creation and to the Covenant. In addition, all the etchings in the Haggadah, numbering thirty, are related to various aspects of the development of the Creation, in which the likenesses of people, landscapes and animals are captured, so to speak, in their primeval state. Death is the first Death: the more so the Kid, the Fish and the Fowl. In the etching of the plague of Darkness, the darkness is taken to be a kind of blindness, not outer but inner. Jerusalem, to which we promise to come 'next year,' is a Jerusalem which has never yet existed, though she is also the ancient, eternal Jerusalem."

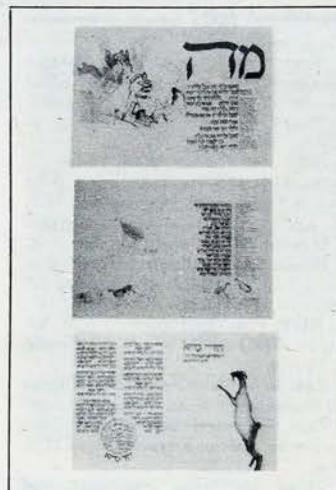
The gift of the Haggadah to the New York Public Library was arranged by Hadassah in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Youth Aliyah. The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, is giving this rare book in memory of Anne Frank who, unlike the Jewish children rescued from the Holocaust, was one of its victims — killed by the Nazis in the Netherlands. The artist, Ya'akov Boussidan, who created this Haggadah, was one of the children from Arab countries who was helped and educated by Youth Aliyah which arranged for his art education.

Boussidan was born on May 17, 1939 at Port Said. When he was ten the entire family went to Israel. Since it was not possible to go to Israel from Port Said they went via Marseilles. At this time Israel was still in the process of organizing itself, and the family lived rather miserably in a tent.

Ya'akov fared badly in school. In 1952 he escaped to a kibbutz where he looked after the ducks and the fruit trees, took an intense dislike to the tractors, and attended evening classes in painting. He had known from the age of three that he would be an artist.

One day in 1957 he walked out of the kibbutz with the intention of studying art in Tel Aviv, supporting himself by a grant from Youth Aliyah, working as a photographer-retoucher in a newspaper office and by teaching retarded children.

In 1966 he obtained a Rothschild Scholarship and went to England to study at Goldsmith's College in London, where



Rare Haggadah by noted Israeli artist, Ya'akov Boussidan are being exhibited for the Passover holiday in the Stokes Gallery at the New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue at 42nd Street, until May 4. The exhibition is sponsored by Hadassah in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Youth Aliyah, the child rescue movement where Boussidan, as a refugee from Egypt, first studied art. Shown, are *Four Questions*, *The Exodus* and *One Only Kid*.

he graduated with distinction. He now has a studio in a working-class area in South East London where he often works for seventy-two hours at a stretch.

Boussidan has said that, "I owe my life to Israel, to Youth Aliyah and to Dr. Reuven Feuerstein," who was his mentor in the youth movement.

Three To Be Honored By NCCJ

Three individuals will be honored, one posthumously, at the 32nd Annual Brotherhood Award Dinner of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) on May 3.

Receiving the 1984 Brotherhood Awards will be: Edwin C. Brown, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO; the late B. Albert Ford, past president of the Urban League of R.I., and Gloria Lincourt, senior vice president, People's Bank.

The dinner will be held at the Venus de Milo Restaurant, Swansea, Mass. A reception at 6 p.m. will be followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Keynote speaker will be Jacqueline Grennan Wexler, NCCJ president. J. Terrence Murray is dinner chairman. Tickets are \$125.00 per person.

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Joseph Teverow Memorial Lecture To Feature Dr. Nahum Sarna

The Adult Education Committee of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island announces its First Annual Joseph Teverow Memorial Lecture, to be held on Sunday evening, April 29, at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence.

Joseph Teverow, a former President of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, was a scholar whose life was permeated by a love for learning. It was his desire to assure students of all ages the opportunity to pursue the Jewish learning he so loved. It is not surprising, then, that much of his involvement in Jewish communal life concerned young people. For several years, he coordinated and nurtured the youth at Temple Emanu-El's Bar Mitzvah Brotherhood. His dedication to the BJE is shown by his legacy of promoting Adult Education programs, fostering Israel Study Scholarships for teenagers and college students and bringing into the area noted Jewish scholars to lecture at communal events which were instituted under his aegis.

In honoring his memory, the Teverow Family has instituted an annual lecture. Speaker for the first annual program will

be Dr. Nahum Sarna, Dora Golding Professor of Biblical Studies, Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis University. His book, *Understanding Genesis*, received the Jewish Book Council Award in 1967. Professor Sarna is General Editor of the Bible Commentary Project of the Jewish Publication Society, and an editor and translator for its new translation of the Bible. Currently, he is National President of the Association for Jewish Studies. His topic for the evening will be "The Moral Imperatives for Society as Taught by the Prophets."

Chairperson of the evening will be Dr. Benjamin Chinitz, Dean of Management Science at the University of Lowell, and a past President of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island. Dr. Chinitz has been a tenured member of departments of economics at the University of Pittsburg, Brown University and SUNY/Binghamton, has served as President of the Regional Science Association and is currently the American Coordinating Editor of *Urban Studies*, a journal published in Scotland. His remarks are entitled: "Recollections of Joseph Teverow."

Also participating that evening will be Cantor Norman Gewirtz, who will present cantorial selections. Cantor Gewirtz, a graduate of the Cantorial School of the Hebrew Union School of Sacred Music, was Cantor at Temple Beth-El in Providence from 1962-1976. While in Providence, he was the Music Consultant for the Bureau of Jewish Education, under Dr. Harry Elkin and Dr. Aaron Soviv. After leaving Providence he lived in Israel for several years. Currently he is Cantor of Congregation Ohev Shalom, Lower Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Welcoming remarks will be made by Dr. Phyllis Harnick, Chairperson of the Adult Education Committee, coordinators of this evening. Its members include Anna Blankstein, Patricia Cohen, Phyllis Dutwin, Cindy Gilman, Edith E. Grant, Dr. Charles B. Kahn, Ruth Page, Lonna Picker, Ralph Rottenberg and Jacqueline Teverow.

A reception will conclude the evening, to which the community is invited.



Joseph Teverow

R.I. CASA Program Hosts National Convention

The Rhode Island CASA Program will be hosting the Third Annual Conference of the National CASA Association which will be held May 1-4 at the Biltmore Plaza Hotel in Providence. Over 200 delegates from across the country are expected to attend. The conference is open to advocates, judges, educators, physicians and citizens who have concerns about children, child abuse and permanency planning. The list of featured speakers includes, among others, Dr. Alexander Zaphiris, "Sexual Abuse of Children"; Dr. Raymond Waggoner, "Mental Health Services for Children"; Dr. Edward Collins from the Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team at Rhode Island Hospital; and Cheryl Cabral on the Effects of Alcoholism on Children.

The Rhode Island CASA Program has recruited and trained over 200 lay volunteers to represent the interest of over 1,200 abused and neglected children who are under the jurisdiction of the Rhode Island Family Court. To receive a brochure about the Conference of the CASA program itself, contact the CASA office, Rhode Island Family Court, One Dorrance Plaza, Providence, R.I. 02903, or call (401) 277-6863.

Victoria Lederberg To Address CCBD

Professor Victoria Lederberg will address the Council for Children with Behavior Disorders (CCBD) at its next meeting on May 7. The Council's Rhode Island Chapter has asked Dr. Lederberg to discuss ways in which the Council can effectively influence legislation and policies affecting children.

Dr. Lederberg, Professor of Psychology at Rhode Island College, and a practicing attorney, as a legislator, sponsored "the Lederberg Act," which provided a program of funding programs for the education of handicapped children. She is the recipient of several awards for her work in education.

The Rhode Island Council for Children with Behavior Disorders is a new organization in the state, serving to promote the needs and advocate for children with behavior problems. Membership is open to any interested parent, professional or student, by becoming a member of the Council for Exceptional Children and the sub-

division of the Council for Children with Behavior Disorders.

New Officers of the Rhode Island Council include Sandra Keenan, President; Paula Mirandola, President-Elect; Marianne Hickey, Vice President; Elena Gemma, Secretary; and Ruth Carpenter, Treasurer.

Dr. Lederberg's address, "How to Make Policy-Makers Listen" will be held in Room 193, Horace Mann Hall at Rhode Island College at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

N.E. Federation Of Sisterhoods Holds Meeting

The Sisterhood of Temple Sinai, Sharon, Mass., hosted the Spring meeting of the New England Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, District One. The theme of the day was "Making Cents For Your Sisterhood — What To Do With Your Dues." Phyllis Goldberg, Providence, R.I., President of NEFTS called the meeting to order. Guest speakers included Ann Ligums, a stockbroker, who serves on the Board of Temple Israel Sisterhood, Boston and Judith Silverman NFTS Vice-President and Past President, Cape Cod Synagogue Sisterhood.

The New England Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, District One, consists of Reform Sisterhoods from Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and parts of Connecticut and is an affiliate of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. A very exciting calendar of coming events was announced including the District 1 Biennial to be held in October in Andover, MA.

Special Olympics Will Be Held At Bryant College

Bryant College will again host the Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics Games on their campus. Over 425 athletes are participating along with an equal number of volunteers.

A flame carried on foot from the University of Rhode Island to the Bryant Campus will ignite the cauldron signaling the opening of the games. Competition is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and run through 4 p.m., May 5.

WWON, The Woonsocket Call, and Bryant College Student Senate will sponsor this annual track and field event.

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The Details and Dots Of Charles M. Silverman's Drawings

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Twelve years ago Charles M. Silverman returned from the business world to the art world through the medium of photography. Today, the former fishing tackle wholesaler is known for his pencil drawings of Rhode Island lighthouses.

"I did a lot of drawing as a boy," explains Silverman, "but I took a twenty-eight year break from the arts. Then I had the desire to be creative, to draw again. I began with photography, and now I do only pencil drawings."

Why not color? Why only black and white?

"There is plenty of color everywhere today. Everything we see is color," he says.



Charles M. Silverman with some of his black-and-white drawings. His exhibit at Gallery 401 at the Jewish Community Center runs through this Monday. (Photo by Pamela F. Greenhalgh)

"I like the range of tone I can get using just pencils. I find it challenging to show the tone with just black and white."

Silverman adds that the best compliment he ever received was from a woman who told him she could see the "color" in his work.

Silverman still uses his photography. He is presently working on the Rhode Island Lighthouse series. Out of the sixteen lighthouses he has been able to identify in the state, he has done drawings of nine. His first step is to take his camera out in a boat and take many shots of the lighthouse, from every angle and every distance. From there, he carefully does his drawing in a dot-technique similar to that of Georges Seurat, the French Impressionist.

"I do a lot of extra detail in my work," he says. "It is the part I enjoy most."

What happens when he gets bogged down with these details and has to deal with creative block?

"Of course I suffer from block every now and then, but I don't know if I have a formula for working through it," he says. "To be quite honest, I seem to suffer from it less with my drawing than with my photography. When I was doing photography, I could spend an entire day looking for a subject and not find one."

For the beginning artist, Silverman has three words: Stay with it.

"Stay with it, don't leave it for nearly thirty years the way I did. Although I don't regret that decision, I cannot help but feel that I could have done more with my art if I had not taken those years off to do something else," he says. "Learn within your medium, and practice, but don't let other people influence you. If you do, you will end up drawing the way they want, not the way you want. Be true to yourself."

The former businessman who's taken a

couple of courses at Rhode Island School of Design and the Newport Art Association also has his own definition for success.

"I do consider myself successful. Not because I make a lot of money on my drawings but because people want to buy them," he says. "I have never put a monetary value on success. I feel that when even one person wants to hang one of my drawings on his or her wall, then I am successful."

Trinity Continues Humanity Series

Trinity Square Repertory Company's award-winning Humanities Program, "The Dramatic Work as a Historical/Cultural Document," continues with a look at *Crimes of the Heart*, Beth Henley's Pulitzer Prize-winning play currently playing in Trinity's downstairs theatre through May 27. The Humanities Series is sponsored by the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and offers essays and post-performance discussions by area scholars to the public in conjunction with Trinity's eight-play subscription series.

Judith Swift, Associate Professor of Theatre at the University of Rhode Island, takes a look at southern women as portrayed in literature and drama in her essay, "Jasmine, June Bugs and Jingle Bells — The American Woman of the South." The post-performance humanities discussion will follow the 2 p.m. matinee performance on Saturday, May 12. Ms. Swift will be joined by discussion moderator Sam Coale, Professor of English at Wheaton College and by a member of the Trinity Rep Company.

The Humanities discussions are free and open to the public, regardless of whether or not the play has been attended. The essays are also free to the public and are available in the lobby of the theatre located at 201 Washington St., Providence. For the exact time of the discussion, or for further information or ticket reservations, please call the box office at (401) 351-4242. Visa/Mastercard accepted.

Solomon-Hatch Gallery Celebrates First Anniversary

The Solomon-Hatch Gallery is celebrating its first anniversary with a show of floral watercolors and monotypes by nationally acclaimed artist, Gary Bukovnik.

Gary Bukovnik was born in Painesville, Ohio, a small town in the middle of the nursery country. As a child he showed a serious interest in painting and later studied at the Cleveland Institute of Art. On moving to San Francisco in 1975, he began to concentrate on floral watercolors.

Influenced by Demeth, Redoute, and Chardin, Bukovnik seeks botanical accuracy while emphasizing the feeling/spirit of his subjects. His work incorporates the lyricism of the Western-romantic tradition with the emptiness of Japanese art — two traditions he admires.

Bukovnik describes the nature of the watercolor medium as working from nothing to something; the challenge of the medium is that it allows no change once the brushstroke has been applied.

Bukovnik's works are in the collections of such major museums as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Chicago Art Institute, the Smithsonian, the Oakland Museum and the Minneapolis Art Institute. His many commissions include the White House, Neiman Marcus, Visa International. His work is included in corporate collections of IBM, Bank of America, ARCO and 3M.

For several years he has designed award-winning posters for the San Francisco Symphony.

Future one-man shows are scheduled at the Art Gallery of Hamilton in Toronto, Canada, a retrospective exhibit of monotypes in the Brooklyn Museum; and in 1985 new watercolors at the Grand Palais in Paris.

The show will run until May 24, with the Preview and Reception Wednesday, April 25 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 to 5 p.m.

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"Crimes Of The Heart" At Trinity Rep

by Lois D. Atwood

Beth Henley's *Crimes of the Heart* is an amusing black comedy set in a small Mississippi town in 1974. There the three Magrath sisters come together in their old home because Babe has just shot her husband. The others are Lenny, an old-maid homebody with awkward shoulder-hunchings and compulsive housekeeping habits, and Meg, supposedly a singer but probably a hooker.

Playing through May 27 at Trinity Rep's downstairs theatre, *Crimes of the Heart* is directed by Paul Benedict, with set design by Robert D. Soule, lights by John F. Custer, and costumes by William Lane. The setting is a large old kitchen with enough wood used to intrigue and rest the eye, and opening onto a back porch and yard greenery. As might be expected from as fine an actor as Benedict, there is much very good actor's business.

The sisters are strongly different. Becca Lish as Babe transmits a kind of uncertainty that irritates even as it charms. She fired at her husband because she didn't

like his looks, says Babe, but it becomes clear that after being discovered with a black teenage boy, she didn't have much of a married future. Even with a good case, she would be a lawyer's nightmare. Melanie Jones as Meg is wayward, lost, and lovable, always vividly present when onstage. Anne Scurria's Lenny is almost defeated by life when the play begins, and her scurrying into strength and vitality are good to watch. The three could be any sisters anywhere, though their peculiar blend of childishness and shame are most at home in the Southern scene.

Others in the cast are Daniel Von Barga as the lover Meg left behind; Dan Butler as the lawyer (played much as he played Lamb in *Hothouse*); and Geraldine Librandi as the social-climbing cousin who no longer bothers to conceal her iron fist as she tries to manipulate the family. I wish Lenny had come back from her pawpaw expedition with some fruit, and that the stage had been empty for a shorter count, but those are minor quibbles about a production that is often achingly funny.



Melaine Jones and Becca Lish in *Crimes of the Heart*.

N.Y. Festival Celebrates Klezmer Music

by Althea Katz

(JSPS) — The doynahs, wails and kvetches of klezmer music were recently heard in the Martin Steinberg Center of Jewish Arts, when it held what was billed as "the first New York klezmer festival." Organized by Center director Jeff Oboler and musician/archivist Henry Sapoznik, the day-long event reflected the city's role in the national klezmer revival.

Featured in the festival's workshops and concert were The Andy Statman Klezmer Orchestra, The Original Klezmer Jazz Band and Sapoznik's own band, Kapelye, which was founded in conjunction with the Center's archive project. "This festival celebrates New York's role as birthplace of modern klezmer," Oboler said. "These bands reproduce the New York klezmer sound."

The festival's workshops, attended by about a hundred people, included demonstrations of klezmer-style playing of various instruments. Pete Soklow showed the difference between klezmer clarinet and "regular" clarinet. Leon Schwartz demonstrated the klezmer fiddle, and Michael Alpert of Kapelye sang. The last workshop was a dance class, which showed that klezmer is, essentially, dance music.

According to festival participants, klezmer (from the Hebrew "klei zemer" — "vessels of song") was an integral part of Eastern European Jewish life. According to Sapoznik, the music originated with the chazzan's prayer. He illustrated this point with a recording of the doynah, a long clarinet wail basic to the klezmer sound. Sapoznik compared this sound to the wail, or "kvetch," of the chazzan. "We have yet to come up with a musical name for the kvetch," he said.

Pete Soklow of The Original Klezmer Jazz Band explained that original klezmer was a string-based sound. After the Napoleonic Wars, musicians found the abandoned brasses of the army musical corps. Jews who had been drafted into the corps had learned the rudiments of playing these instruments in the army, as they were not permitted to take private music lessons. Because of their limited knowledge, they held their clarinets at a downward angle instead of the more conventional position.

Klezmer bands found a place in many different segments of Eastern European society, participants said. They would perform Jewish songs for Jewish listeners, peasant songs for non-Jews and classics for the nobility. To each of these styles they gave a particular "Yiddish twist." In America, klezmer flourished and diversified in the Yiddish theater.

The interest in klezmer music diminished during the 1950's but in the '60's and early '70's its popularity was revived. Oboler emphasized that this revival was not a fad, but marked an age of ethnic pluralism in which many Jews were returning to their roots.

During this revival, Oboler said, people who had been involved in other kinds of music began to take an interest in klezmer. Many, like the leaders of the three bands that performed at the festival, started out playing bluegrass and jazz. Others began with rock, soul, country, and even Irish tavern music. Many of these styles have been incorporated into modern klezmer sound, making an interesting combination of old and new.

Jeff Oboler had an explanation for the renewed, and so the musicians think, lasting popularity of klezmer. "The first experience of Jewish life was song — the song at the Red Sea," he said. Since then, he said, music has been an essential part of Judaism. He recounted the tradition that says the cantillations of the Torah were delivered to Moses at Mount Sinai. The priests and Levites sang in the Temple, just as the cantor leads synagogue services today.

"Now people are returning to their (European) culture," he said, "but their immediate link is gone because of the Holocaust. Klezmer is the soul of that culture . . . of that world. It is a bridge over the Holocaust." Even more than that, he said, klezmer allows people to tune into the Jewish collective soul.

Henry Sapoznik summed up the outlook and intentions of the festival. "The bands performing here tonight have taken on the responsibility of learning, playing and teaching this music to a new generation of Jews and gentiles who never heard it in its 'strong days,'" he said, "by making its strong days today."

"Dozen" To Be Presented By PHDS

The Providence Hebrew Day School will present a production of *Cheaper by the Dozen*. The sensational comedy about life with 12 children will be presented by the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Showtime is Monday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. Ticket price is adults — \$2.50, children — \$1.00. Join us!!

Trinity Holds Cafe In The Barn Buffet

Trinity Square Repertory Company's 7th Annual Cafe in the Barn Cocktail Buffet, sponsored by the Friends of Trinity Rep, will be held on Monday, May 7 at the Cafe in the Barn, Seekonk, MA from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Friends of Trinity Rep, the theatre's membership organization, has been sponsoring this event for the past six years. The Cafe in the Barn Cocktail Buffet is considered to be one of the highlights of the Friends organization's yearly activities. It provides an occasion for members of Friends and the acting Company to get together informally, as well as benefiting Trinity Rep.

Guy Abelson, proprietor of the Cafe, prepares an elegant buffet for this occasion. In addition, entertainment will include music by John Worsley, Ray Cerci, Bob Petteruti and Art Pelosi, with vocals by Jan Marquez and Al Cotoia.

For further information and for reservations, please call Marie Mansi, Executive Director of Friends at (401) 521-1100. The ticket price is \$9.00 per person with a special Friends' price of \$7.00. The proceeds benefit Trinity Square Repertory Company.

Barrington Library Announces Film Series

Two new film series will be beginning at the Barrington Public Library next week.

The first series features short stories on film followed by group discussions. That schedule is as follows:

— Monday, April 30 — (7:30 p.m.) *A Jury of Her Peers* by Susan Glaspell. A frontier woman murders her husband, but why?

— Monday, May 7 — (7:30 p.m.) *The Lost Phoebe* Theodore Dreiser. When his wife dies Henry can't face the reality of her death and wanders the countryside searching for her.

— Monday, May 14 — (7:30 p.m.) *Six Feet of the Country* Nadine Gordimer. A young English couple living in Africa face cultural confusion when a strange black man dies on their farm.

— Monday, May 21 — (7:30 p.m.) *The Ugly Little Boy* Isaac Asimov. Scientists bring a Neanderthal boy to the present day to study him, thereafter he is disposable to everyone but the nurse who cares for him.

The second series features biographical films covering the lives of famous people. The schedule for this series entitled *Famous Lives*, is as follows:

— Wednesday, May 2 — (7:30 p.m.) *Rose Kennedy Remembers*

— Wednesday, May 9 — (7:30 p.m.) *World of Light: an interview with May Sarton*, and, *Writing: an interview with Irving Stone*

— Wednesday, May 16 — (7:30 p.m.) *Jesse Owens returns to Berlin*

— Wednesday, May 23 — (7:30 p.m.) *This is Edward Steichen*, and *The Copland Portrait*

All films have been provided by the Rhode Island Library Film Cooperative.

No registration is needed: Everyone is invited to watch the films and to take part in the discussions that will follow each showing.

Craftsmen Clubs Hold Conference

The First District Clubs of Printing House Craftsmen has announced plans for their Annual Spring Conference. The Printing Craftsmen are composed of printing and related interested industry professionals.

The Spring Conference of First District Clubs is to be held May 3rd, 4th and 5th, at the Sheraton Islander and Conference Center at Goat Island, Newport, R.I., and is being hosted by the Providence Club.

Among the seminars being offered are Managing Stress, Hazardous Material Management, Brunner Color Systems, and wardrobe tips. Tours of Newport mansions, a visit to Jai Alai and other entertainment are also scheduled.

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Obituaries

JENNIE COHEN

PAWTUCKET — Jennie Niemajansky Cohen, wife of the late Abraham Cohen, died Tuesday. She had been a resident of Pawtucket for 35 years, formerly living in Providence.

For 22 years she was the forelady at the former Foster Jewelry Manufacturing company in Providence.

She is survived by a daughter, Doris Goldstein of Pawtucket; two sons, Joseph Cohen of Cranston and Marvin Cohen of Hermosa Beach, California; two brothers, Moishe Niemajansky of Buenos Aires, Argentina and Yaakov Niemajansky of Israel; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Jewish Home for the Aged.

LILLIAN KLITZNER

CRANSTON — Lillian Ackerman Klitzner, a lifelong resident of Rhode Island, died on Monday, April 3, 1984.

Born in Warren, she was the daughter of the late Isaac and Nettie Ackerman. A graduate of Hunter College in New York, she was a social worker at the former Chapin Hospital. She did volunteer work for many years with various mental health groups throughout the state. Most recently, she had been a social worker with the Displaced Homemakers of Rhode Island.

She is survived by her son, Michael Klitzner of Cranston; a brother, David Ackerman of Houston, Texas; and a sister, Fay Federbusch of Hollis, New York.

Funeral services were held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence, on Wednesday. Burial was private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

ROSE A. HALPERT

PROVIDENCE — Rose A. Halpert, of 195 Sixth St., chief operator at Western Union for 40 years until its closing in 1965, died last Friday at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Abram Halpert.

Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late William and Minnie (Sabin) Woleon and had lived in Providence all her life.

Mrs. Halpert was a volunteer during World War II at the switchboard of the Providence Chapter of the American Red Cross. She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans, R.I. Post 23, and member of the Jewish Home for the Aged of which her mother was one of three founders.

She leaves a daughter, Violet B. Halpert of Providence.

The funeral services were held Sunday at the Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

YETTA B. COHEN

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Yetta B. Cohen, 67, of 667 Florence St., died last Thursday at Charlton Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of Charles Cohen.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late Harry and Esther (Friedland) Bernstein and had lived in Fall River 50 years.

Mrs. Cohen was a member of the Adas Israel Synagogue and its Sisterhood, Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood, the Hebrew Ladies Halping Hand, the Fall River Hadassah, Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged, Brandeis Women's Club, Senior Friendship Club of Fall River and in 1975 was Woman of the Year for the Israel Bond Drive.

Besides her husband she leaves two daughters, Maxine Katz of North Dartmouth, Mass., and Sybil Ege of Elburn, Ill.; a sister, Sarah Cohen of Fall River; and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Sunday from the Adas Israel Synagogue, 1647 Robeson St. Burial was in Hebrew Cemetery.

ROSE GROSS

NEWPORT — Rose Gross, 81, formerly of 1 Pond Ave., a waitress at Ann's Kitchen for 20 years, retiring in 1950, died last Friday at Bellevue Newport Health Care Center.

Born in New York City, she was a daughter of the late Nathan and Dora (Dapeer) Sonkin and had lived in Newport most of her life.

Mrs. Gross leaves a son, Irving Gross of Alexandria, Va.; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sunday from the Hoffman Memorial Chapel, Fowler Avenue. Burial was in Beth Olam Cemetery, Middletown.

MARCEL JANCO

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Marcel Janco, the Israeli painter who joined rebellious European artists in founding the Dadaist movement during World War I, died in Tel Aviv. He was 89.

Janco died Saturday of an undisclosed illness. The Romanian-born painter studied architecture in Switzerland, where he met a group of artists who rejected what they saw as the staid bourgeois artistic conventions of the times.

They formed a movement in painting, sculpture and literature characterized by fantastic and incongruous creations. Dadaism is regarded as the forerunner of modern abstract art.

After participating in the writing of the Dada Manifesto, Janco moved to Paris in 1921 and cut himself off from the Dadaists, whose nihilistic message he never fully accepted. Once he returned to Romania in the 1930s, however, he resumed painting in the formal geometric style of his Dada days.

At the outset of World War II, he emigrated to Israel, fleeing the Nazi occupation of Europe.

Jews Of Latin America: Thriving And Imperiled

by Harriet Rochlin

(JTA) — The Jews of Latin America are both thriving and imperiled, ensconced in the middle and upper classes, yet few can gain access to social and political power in their class-conscious and predominantly Hispanic Catholic societies.

This configuration of Latin American Jewry emerged at a research conference here earlier this month cosponsored by the Latin American Institute of the University of New Mexico, a long-established area studies center, and the Latin American Jewish Studies Association, a newly-burgeoning international association of scholars.

The aim of the three-day meeting was to provide information on the treatment of minorities in Latin America for the Institute and to augment the Association's data on Latin American Jewry, one of the least studied and currently among the most powerless and vulnerable Jewish communities. More than 24 specialists from Latin America, the United States and Israel presented papers in English and Spanish.

Frustration Turns To Fear

The general view of the specialists was that Latin American Jews, are frustrated in their efforts to translate their economic well-being into some modicum of political power. This frustration turns to outright fear when discrimination takes an official turn, as it tends to do during periods of economic and political stress.

During last year's currency crisis in Mexico, for example, a legislator, Miguel Angel Olea Enriquez, a member of Mexico's ruling party, charged in the Chamber of Deputies that Jews were responsible for economic crimes, specifically, speculation, tax evasion and profiteering.

The experts also point out that equally offensive is the feigned tolerance — such as visits to synagogues during the high holidays — by government officials in countries headed by rightwing dictators. But most alarming in recent years, it was pointed out, was the disproportionate number of Jews — between 1,200 to 1,500 — kidnapped and in some cases tortured under the military regime in Argentina between March, 1976, and October, 1983.

In the view of Dr. Carlos Waisman, a sociologist at the University of California in San Diego, Latin American Jews are outnumbered, politically powerless

and vulnerable to scapegoat tactics. He described their situation as being "riders on a bus."

Efforts To Solve The Dilemma

One way Latin American Jews have tried to solve their dilemma is by emigrating to Israel and to other countries. Dr. Sergio dellaPergola, a demographer at the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University, reported that between 1970 and 1980 more than 35,000 Jews left Argentina. Jewish emigration from other Latin American countries also rose during that period.

Dr. Judith Elin, author of "Jews in Latin American Republics" (North Carolina Press, 1980), pointed out that assimilation is another way of solving the dilemma. "The trend . . . accelerates as more Jews enter the university and go on to the free professions," she said.

But emigration and assimilation have not been the only responses. Increased tensions in recent years have caused some Jews to return to or devote more attention to Jewish culture and tradition. Dr. Dan Levy of the State University of New York in Albany reported upswings in activities of Jewish day schools, community centers and the Conservative synagogue movements in Latin America.

Dr. Henrique Rattner of Fundacao Getulio Vargas in Sao Paulo, Brazil, was among the speakers who said that he was encouraged by the recent election in Argentina of President Raul Alfonsin, whom he characterized as a champion of social pluralism and human rights, and of persistent calls for democratic elections in Brazil and Uruguay.

But Dr. Gilbert Merk, director of the Latin American Institute, said that these developments did not necessarily mean that there would be an abatement of anti-Semitism. His forecast was that the continuing credit indebtedness, inflation and unemployment in Latin America throughout this decade would create more political and economic unrest and with it, a continued high level of anti-Semitism.

The Latin American Jewish Studies Association was organized in 1982 by historian Judith Elkin and other academics. The group claims to have 300 members and two offers to cosponsor conferences, one at the Hebrew University in 1985 and the second at the University of Florida in Gainesville in 1986.

Research Grants Are Available

The Leukemia Society of America, a national voluntary agency, is now accepting applications for 1985 grants to support research in the fields of leukemia and related diseases.

According to Eric Messier, President of the Rhode Island Chapter Board of Trustees, the grants are intended to encourage studies at both the basic science and clinical levels.

As an important source of funding for individuals whose work is concentrated on finding the cause or causes and eventual cure for leukemia, lymphomas, Hodgkin's disease, and multiple myeloma, the Society offers three awards.

Five-year scholarships for a total of \$135,000 are available for researchers who have demonstrated their ability to conduct original investigations in the specified fields. Two-year special fellowships and fellowships, for \$41,000 and \$34,000 respectively, are offered for those in the intermediate and entry states of career development. In all categories, candidates may not have attained the tenured status of associate professor. Awards will not be made for predoctoral training.

Deadline for filing applications is September 1, 1984. Only one application in each grant category from an individual sponsor will be considered. Project proposals will be evaluated on a competitive basis by the Society's medical and scientific advisory committee next January with funding to start July 1, 1985.

For application forms and further information, write to Research Grant Program, Leukemia Society of America, 800 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

BBW Supports Effort For Comparable Worth

The gap in comparable worth between men and women is nothing new. The Book of Leviticus put women's value at 30 shekels, while men were said to be worth 50 shekels. Unfortunately, little has changed, as women still earn only 60 percent of the average man's earnings.

B'nai B'rith women, the international Jewish women's service and advocacy organization, is at the forefront of the effort to attain comparable worth, or pay equity, in the work place, becoming the first Jewish women's group to do so.

"The Labor Department identifies 427 job categories, and 80 percent of the women in the work force are found in only 20 of these," said BBW President Beverly Davis. "And these 20 categories are clustered at the lower end of the pay scale."

Davis pointed out that this discrimination starts as early as Junior High when girls who babysit are paid less than boys who mow lawns.

"Because most women work in order to support their families," she said, "it is essential that they be given every opportunity to earn wages comparable with those earned by male heads of households."

Comparable worth is the subject of much current litigation. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1981 that the equal pay requirement of the Civil Rights Act applies to all jobs calling for comparable skills, effort and responsibility.

For this reason, B'nai B'rith Women, with 125,000 members in 900 chapters countrywide, resolves to join with other groups in pressing for action on all fronts to seek equal pay for jobs of comparable worth.

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Freedom In The Promised Land: Soviet Emigrants In Israel

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this idea. They have a strong nationwide organization to promote Georgian rights and many, like Ephraim Gur, are active in electoral politics. Their involvement, according to Georgian community leader Rafi Bar-Levi, has stemmed from a strong sense of community coupled with feeling of discrimination from Israeli society and government. "It was very difficult for us," said Bar-Levi, a native of Jerusalem whose parents came from Georgia. "We had no family, no funds, no help. Israelis who didn't know better would ask, 'What did the Georgians ever do for us?' The government should have educated them better, but it responded slowly. We are very united, very together. That is our tradition. But we want to be part of Israel now."

The same feeling launched Ephraim Gur into labor Party politics just two years after his arrival. Gur said that although now he does not work only for Georgian rights, his initial immigrant experience taught him that "the only way to have a power position with which to help people is through the political system."

It is economics rather than politics, however, that has thrust the majority of Russians into the mainstream of Israeli society. Statistics gathered by Gur Offer of Hebrew University and by the Israel Central Bureau of Statistics show that ten years after his or her arrival, the average Soviet immigrant's income is higher than that of the average Israeli. They own more durable goods such as televisions and washing machines, and they have a higher employment rate than other Israelis. Those from the European USSR tend to earn more than those from Eastern Russia, but both groups are widely represented in most occupations.

The transition from a state-run economy to free enterprise was not a major problem for most immigrants, according to Friedgut. In practice, he said, the Soviet economy encourages the free enterprise of the black market. "You learn to adapt," he said, pointing to the large numbers of East Russian Jews managing stalls and hawking their produce in Israel's open markets. Friedgut noticed that Georgians living in Akko learned to turn their native craft of iconographic sketching from a small Soviet industry into a profitable Israeli tourist business. "In Russia they make etchings of Lenin that look like Jesus," he said, alluding to the artform handed down to the Georgians by Christian Byzantine culture. "And in Akko they make etchings of Moses that look like Jesus. They've learned to adapt quite well."

But amid such success, disillusionment persists. More than half of all Russian professionals in Israel have not been able to find jobs of similar status in Israel. Given what Dr. Tamar Horowitz describes as the Russian "cult of the professional," this loss of status is often devastating. professional women feel especially frustrated, said Horowitz, a research at the Henrietta Szold Institute in Jerusalem, because in Israel they are often seen as "secondary bread winners."

Many of the East Russian Jews who run profitable stalls in the open markets consider their occupation a step down from the low level civil service jobs they may have held in the USSR. "Many Russians," explained Sperling, "would rather sit in an office, wearing a tie and doing nothing — and earn much less — than work in a trade." But Sperling blames most of the immigrant dissatisfaction on the soured Israeli economy. "After 1977, when the problems in housing and employment began, a lot of people were disappointed," he said.

Threats To Family Structure

For Eastern Jews, another source of frustration is the threat modern Israeli society poses to their traditional family structure. In Georgia and Bukhara, explained Bar-Levi, the women rarely worked outside the home, and daughters were watched carefully. Also, added Gur, "The immigrants assumed a religious quality to life in Israel which simply doesn't exist here."

Bar-Levi noted that many East Russians feel snubbed by Israelis. "When we have a celebration, the custom is to invite the whole neighborhood, but they would not invite us." An Israel Census Bureau report found that the majority of Russian Jews said they felt much closer to Israel "than they did to Israelis."

But in any case, such attitudes, said Gur

and Bar-Levi, are much less evident today than even three years ago. "In another two or three years there will be no problem of acceptance," said Bar-Levi. Gur pointed out that among his children and their peers, only one generation removed from Russia, there is no problem of rejection. "Once the immigrants learn the language," said Gur, "they will be able to make use of their educations. Soon you will see increasing contributions at the intellectual and cultural levels, from all Russian Jews."

Said Friedgut: "The immigrants can be proud of their impact on Israel. They have added thousands of doctors, engineers, painters, and musicians to the population. They have started orchestras in Haifa and Beer Sheva. Before the Russians came everybody laughed at *Kol Yisrael* (Israel's radio orchestra)."

The number of Soviet emigres who leave Israel after five years — a good indication of immigrant satisfaction, according to Friedgut — is among the lowest for any ethnic group. "Maybe they'd like the country to be different, for life to be easier," he said, "but they're willing to work to make it better."

Ephraim Gur agreed. In his office, the vice mayor reflected that his own political aspirations lay beyond Ashdod — the city where he arrived as a poor Georgian immigrant 12 years ago — to improving his new country at a national level.

Open House

Warwick residents and employees of Warwick businesses and their families are invited to Warwick Day, an open house at the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design on April 29, from 2 to 5 p.m. Mayor and Mrs. Joseph Walsh will be guests of honor at the event which is sponsored by the Museum Associates as part of the Museum's ongoing outreach program. Open houses were held last year for Cranston and Pawtucket residents.

Museum Director Frank Robinson will present the Mayor with a key to the Museum to launch the festivities. The open house will include free admission, refreshments, tours for adults and children, a concert by the Warwick Civic Orchestra, and singing by the Warwick Veterans Memorial Chorale under the direction of Michael Krojan.

Guided tours of exhibits in the Museum's 45 galleries will be highlighted by two bentwood furniture shows, the "RISD Clay Invitational" which includes more than 40 ceramic pieces, and "Furniture, Furnishings: Subject and Object," an investigation of furniture as sculpture and sculpture as furniture.

AIPAC Conference: U.S.-Middle East Relationship

The growing importance of the pro-Israel community in the American political process was evident in Washington last week as senior Republican and Democratic Senators and Representatives mixed with more than 1,500 participants at the 25th Annual American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) Policy Conference. Vice President George Bush and Senators Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) and Bob Dole (R-Kansas) each outlined their respective party's past accomplishments and future goals with regard to U.S. Middle East policy.

The conference, which brought together political activists from nearly all 50 states, included three days of briefings on Campaign '84, workshops stressing the importance of political action, and sessions addressing the issues of Jerusalem, strategic cooperation, and a U.S.-Israel Free Trade Area. Delegates, including more than 300 students from 100 colleges across the country, also learned of the intense battle currently being waged against Israel on America's campuses.

The conference opened with an analysis of the Presidential race by Hal Bruno, political director of ABC News. Later, Thomas A. Dine, AIPAC's executive director, spoke on the future of the U.S.-Israel

relationship. He told delegates of the "pervasive sense of foreboding" which, he feels, plagues the pro-Israel community. In spite of recent legislative victories in the areas of foreign aid and arms sales, Dine charged that trouble still lies ahead — primarily due to the climate in Washington, as well as problems facing Israel in the Middle East.

"Our unease . . . has to do with the expectation that what is called the 'peace process' will resume after the election," said Dine. "And the term 'peace process' has been expropriated as a code word for a different policy that actually consists of tilting toward the Arabs and deliberately provoking tensions with Israel." Dine went on to illustrate a potential scenario of next year's "peace process" — one which would include "an entire list of U.S. actions profoundly hostile to Israel and to U.S.-Israel relations."

Vice President George Bush, in one of the first speeches of the '84 Reagan-Bush campaign, informed the delegates of the "new mood of assuredness" in American foreign policy, and in U.S.-Israel relations. He listed strategic cooperation, the 1985 all-grant foreign aid package, and the forthcoming establishment of a U.S.-Israel Free Trade Area as examples of the Reagan Administration's commitment to Israel.

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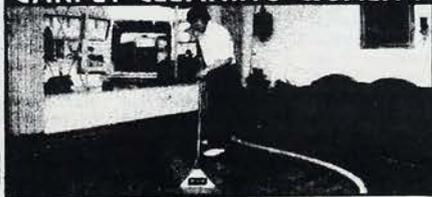
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Rhode Island Jewish Bowling Congress

BOWLING NEWS



The editor would like to take this opportunity to publicly apologize to the congress for not being able to fulfill the duties of this appointment.

Since the last publication there has been some tremendous bowling by the men and women of the congress and I will attempt to highlight just what has transpired since the beginning of the year.

Before I traipse around the leagues let me remind everyone of the annual Summit Club Tournament which will be held at Langs on April 29. Let's see some of our heavy hitters try it from wheel chairs and crutches or blindfolded. We have never beaten the Summit Club yet. They turn up with a lot of bowlers. See you there Sunday.

Nothing has changed according to what I received from the **Tuesday Night Bowling League** as Ron Chorney still leads in average and has had games of 145/417, 173/450, 177, and most recently a 163/439. Jerry Langie had a 152, Jack Brier rolled two 150 games in one night to triple out to 430, Buzzy Labush, the President elect of Temple Beth-Am Beth David, maintained his usual consistency with 149/405, 158/438, 408, and 147/419. On March 9, Don Peters cranked out a solid 183/476, and on April 9, Don came back for a 164/431. Jeff Paige and Steve Labush rolled triple strikes en route to 155/377 and a 158/396. Others doing well find Charlie Gormley with 161, Al Izzo 170, Scott Kerzner 172, and Bob Paige who had a 158 single and triples of 401, 405, and 406. On February 8, Colgate which featured the likes of Scott Kerzner, Doug Mushnick, Bill Snell and Buzzy Labush rolled a league high single of 678.

The only report received from the **KOP/Castaways** was dated January 10 and at that time Dick Kumins led in average with 122. Three teams tied for first half honors and after all of the roll-offs were settled to untie and unscramble congrats go to Joe Matzner 122, Miles Goldberg 98, Sid Green 113, and Evan Cronson 137 as this quartet emerged with the pennant. At the midseason banquet at Archie's Tavern new officers were selected. Evan Cronson will be the President, Mal Ross (Mr. Excitement) will be VP., Neal Lefkowitz, Secretary, and Alen Silver will handle the gelt. Some good games rolled at the beginning of the year had Harvey Rosenblatt 155/346, Percy Newman 111/312, Ken Resnick 150/395, and Irv Wolpert 106/303.

Looking over the reports from **The Rhode Island Fellowship League**, Duffy Giglio's reporting could take up ten pages of the *Herald* all by himself. As of the April 1, 1984 report a fraction of a point separates Alan Hopfenberg, Neil Cohen, and Duffy from a virtual tie at 117 for high average. Don't count out Paul Finstein who is at 116 and Jerry Bloom who is at 115. Paul had a 146/403, Alan Hopfenberg a 138/405, Alan Berk shot a 132/335, Duffy Giglio 129/379, Jerry Bloom 126/360, which shows how a league can still persevere with so many troubles from day one of the season. Because of a change in alleys the league lost seven bowlers. As for continuing aggravation the league lost both Rubie Zeidman and Norm Kahn with back troubles and a new bowler, Ray Titus, threw out his knee while practicing. Two bowlers moved out of town (Joe Weisman and Harold Cort). This left the league with 18 bowlers and troubles still persisted as one of the top bowlers; Neil Cohen broke his ankle and is done for the year after 42 strings, and Herb Singer who has Gimpy Legs has only bowled 50 strings so far. The league wants to stay together as overtures have been made to the old bowlers that were lost that another year has been signed up at Garden City Lanes. Stan Roberts had nights of 118/320 and 117/318 informed the league that he is shifting to ten pins next year as the beat goes on. New officers for next year will be Neil Gouse, President; Paul Finstein will be Treasurer and Recording Secretary, and Duffy Giglio will again be the official Scorer. Anyone out there who would like to join this great group of duckpinners contact them at Garden City Lanes.

The most recent report from **Bud Trinkle League** had the info that the League swept to victory in the recent Team Tourney, thanks in large part to the hurricane finishes of Bob Reilly, Ed Janczar, and Sam Feingold. Bob shot 235, Ed had 215, and Sam came in with 230. At this writing Big Bruce Wasser is still chasing his first 600 series as the 4-pin whipped around the 7-pin in the last box and again Bruce had to settle for a 595. Sam Feingold also had a 595 and Ed Janczar had a 576, Bob Reilly cracked a 583, Ken Tolchinsky had a 562. Ray Wasser nailed down a 221 game to go with a 561 set. All eyes were on Max Fine as he was halfway to a perfect game and when the cheering stopped he still had a strong 232. Howie Wasser and Len Varga had 617 and 660 as each also won a jackpot twice. Max Cohen hit a jackpot while scoring a 251 single. Aaron Soren had two 200 games and Larry Segal hit 231 and won some money for that game. Keith Bender had a 226, Skip Mitchell 218, Frank Pisaturo 216, Bounce Ciesynski had a 210 while 500's were squeezed out by Jim Aiello, Al Borowsky, Lou Pascone, and Hal Halzel. Just missing were Al Miller, Bob Nacci, and Al Scharzter. Earlier in the season Mr. Showtime shot a 643 and 680 and the Bounce had 215/605. The league mourns the passing of fellow bowler, Russell Carpenter, known as "Slim" — He will be sorely missed.

Checking with Gary Saucier of **The Sinai League** the theme of this year is Bowers is back as Ed was able to get back to town and start bowling right away. On the negative side of the year we have Phil Levinson a casualty to a snow-blower and Phil may be out for some time. The years claim to fame did not happen Wednesday eve but took place at the individual tourney held by the Congress. Our representative, Mark Palombo shot a 290, which is over double his weight soaking wet. Loose Screws featuring Gary Saucier, Rabbi George Astrachan, Rialto Lew Weinstein, and Rick (my father's a Senator) Bloom won the first half and are a serious threat to take the second half as well. Congrats to Ricky Bloom as for those who didn't know, Rick took a bride and is on his honeymoon. He left his team in first place prior to the trip and what he is doing on his vacation his team is doing to him as they lost four games to the Flame Throwers this past week. Highlighting what has taken place on the lanes recently had Evan Morris getting 253 and 222, Larry Field 233 and 222, Phil Levinson 226 and 224 twice, Ed Bowers 225 and 223, Lew Weinstein 237 and 214, Mark Palombo 213, Herb Glick 209, and Harvey Hutt had nights of 209, and 225/660. Harry Coppel came back to 245, Bob Silverman hit 235, Larry Kortick hit 240, Dave Seidman had 233/582 and 214/596, Mel Goldstein 232/570 and 216/594, Andy Port had 583, Dick Lubin 243/580, Tony Palombo and Evan Morris 222, Al Parkin 561, Eric Berenson hit his high career single with 229, and on March 1, Eric's 208, Richard Boriskin's 204, Dave Seidman's 201, and Bob Silverman's 183 led the Flame Throwers to a league high 796 single. Ralph Rottenberg had a 224/568, Marty Brown had 568, Ricky Bloom a 574, but the most improved bowler so far has to be Abbott Dressler who is picking up dollars and quarters from Adrian Horovitz, Harold Cohen, George Goldstein, and Dave Seidman as Abby just does it for money. His average is now over 178 which matches what he is ahead so far this year.

The **Beth-El League** has not changed much since I last looked in on them. They should change the name of the league to La Machine as Harry Rose bowled 616, 623, 662, 725, and 728 while his best single was 280. Harry's strong bowling must be catching as the rest of the guys are getting 600's as Steve Rodyn hit 612, Myer Jarcho had 606, Dave Robinson had 614 and 639, Rich Perry a 609, Bruce Gordon 601, Rick Dressler 676 and 619, Joe Goodman and Howie Bromberg 600, Bruce Gordon 662, and Burt Goldstein lit the lanes to a 618. On the other side of the ledger Golden Gutter awards went to Sy Brooks for his 106,

Sandy Rodyn for 118/409, Barry Dressler for 99, Barry Rappoport for 113/397 while the Silver Gutter award was given to Sy Brooks for 108, Bill Bigney 98, Arnie Bigney 105, and Sandy Rodyn again won a Copper award for his 119/363. Others doing reasonably well were Meryl "trophy" Rodyn 222/579, Irv Baker 205/591, Mike Murphy 222/589, Elliott Goldstein 203/579, Mort Gray 217/561, Rich Fain 224, Len Berk 213, Myer Jarcho 224/598, Mike Sugerman 246/585, Howie Rapp 220/584, Bruce Gordon 224/578, Jeff Cutler 220, Ed Gordon 209, and Dave Mills 201. Barry Levin had 210/593, Mark Richter 580, Barry Rotenberg 235, Neal White 217/573, Harold Rakatansky 202/560, Johnny Murphy 233, Alan Rapp 229, and Lou Feldman 202 all are having outstanding games lately. Harry Rose must be averaging 200 to lead all. Team Beavers had a nice 803 single but the big question by the editor is "Where's Nocky?"



Looking over the report from the **Under 30's League** the most recent report from Eileen Rose covered the beginning of the year only: Modestly, Eileen wrote of the Roses (She and Harry) had a 403/1083 and 377/1051. This resulted from Harry going 288 with 10 strikes in a row to triple at 686 then coming back for 235/630 as Harry is on a tear. Bob and Toodie McNichols hit 367/1043, Allyn and Bruce Gordon hit 363/959, Janie and Barry Dressler 361/1026 as Janie is rounding back to her old form, Sue and Mike Sugerman 351/1028, Sue and Jeff Cutler 346/904, Michele and Steve O'Neil 341/931, Patti and Paul Berman 327/909, and Kathy and Hank Priest had 297/815. Some outstanding individual games were bowled by Mike Sugerman 236/597, Ken Segal 151/466, Janie Dressler 169/494, Toodie McNichols 166/465, Bob McNichols 210/578, Jean Pariseau 225/577, Bruce Gordon 190/526, Patti Berman 188/513, Steven Greco 203/514, and Bobby Greco 202/459. Bobby's 202 game was completely and totally overshadowed by Harry's 288, because they were bowling on the same lane (Sorry Bobby). Team wise, Bufferin (McNichols and Pariseau) bowled 737/2055 and then Fiorinol (Roses and Sugermans) bowled 730/2079. That puts Fiorinol at first in series and second in single and Bufferin second in series and first in single. Eileen would be remiss here if she didn't report on one unbelievable score bowled by Bruce Temkin . . . 56/295. (were you using a duckpin ball)? Editors note: Eileen, get me an update for next month!!!

Moving along to the **RIJBC Couples League** the duo of Gordon Drape and Denise Letourneau had a 393/1083 to move their league leading average to 338, Babe and Sandy Gertz had a 1017, Ralph and Toni Rottenberg hit 1023, Rick and Rena Dressler a 1013 before Rena wound up in a leg cast, Neal and Margie White had a 1058, Arthur and Shelly Rubin had 930, Dave and Elaine Seidman hit 903, Stan and Deb Roberts an 894, and Andy and Barbara Port an 872. Jerry and Sheila Shaulson had a 358 single, Abby and Phyllis Dressler hit a 359, and Abe and Esther Lobel went 352. What happened to Lew and Raylah Weinstein? They came

back and bowled 182 by Lew and 166 for Raylah then disappeared. OK, Lew, now that we are back in the *Herald* you can bring the beautiful wife back to bowl and finish out the year. Just leave Hotsie home. Congrats to Tony and Kate Palombo as they became grandparents for the first time as son Steve presented them with a bouncing baby boy. Speaking of Kate Palombo who turned around and bowled right handed after her left hand was injured, Kate hit her high on April 22 against this editor with a great 154 single.



Harry Escher had a 221/553 night, Sam Jarcho had 185/539, Deb Horovitz had a 173 as did Howie Tolman, Dave and Iris Gesualdi had a 325 single while some of the other couples such as Barry and Ellie Bornstein, Gloria and Arnie Siegel, Mel and Joyce London, Sid and Tedi Green, Irwin and Elaine Gross, Steve and Debbie Demby, Harold and Shirl Shapiro, Nick and Cam Campanini, Cliff and Susan Stern, Bill and Diane Kaufman and Sharon and Rob Meyers all have had above average nights since we last went to press. Our sincere and heartfelt condolences to Richard and Nancy Kaplan for the tragic loss of Richard's brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Sheila Kaplan.

The most recent report from the **Knights of Pythias** mixed tenpin league had Lee Nulman ahead in average for the men with 179 as in April Lee hit 242/603, Joel Mastrin was next with 172 as he hit for 579, Max Cohen was at 170 as Maxie slapped his way to a fine 213/578, while Larry Pina had a 211 and Wayne DeCosta had a 208 and Bill Fontaine shot a 558 to top off the men leaders for the month. The women had Joan Malinou leading in average with 167 on the strength of her 206/545, Linda Moreau and Lisa Miller are tied for second average at 162 each with Lisa getting the better single with 223/522 and Linda taking top triple with 210/550. Elsie Markowitz has a 161 average as she hit the boards for 210/548. Going back over the previous unprinted months some good games were posted by Larry Pina 245/605, Joan Malinou 224/593, Lou Guillemette 224/594, Linda Moreau 223/538, Neil Benharris 212, Rick Lawrence 204, Lee Nulman 571, and Max Cohen 562, Meri Tolchinsky 210/513, and Judi Robinson 208/504. Joel Martin had a 237/597, Elsie Markowitz a 221/515, Gloria Golden 202/506, Marion Sherman 197/523, Joan Malinou 549, Evelyn Garey 193/499, Sandy Sokoll 160/477, Karen Langie 165/445, and Karen Lomax with a 102 average had 130/341.

The **Lovin' Couples League** series of reports from Ken Tolchinsky seem to be stuck in a groove what with one couple popping up leading the league each month for the past three and that duo is Tom Harpin and Bonnie Briggs who currently are running away with the average race with 329. Since January they have had sets of 379/1053, 392/1051, and 407/1073. Ken and Maggie Indell are next in average with 317 as they rolled a 353/980, 362/1045, while Carl and Debbie Jernquist are at 316 as they had a 376/1006 to their credit. Jerrie and Karen Langie shot a 361, Rob and Cheryl Waldman had 358/924 and 335/970, Ethan and Wendy Adler came home with 349/954, Jay and Myra Blank had a 373/1023, Steve and Cheryl Lavoie hit 379/1006, Bill Roberge and Carolyn Hickey 341/939, Bruce and Paula Wasser had a 334, Pete and Evelyn Keeler shot 355/924, Bill and Mona Scheraga had 324/912, Roy

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and Rosee Randle 339, Rob and Bea Cohen 336/932, and Ray and Del Mailloux tripled to 924. Rosalie Summers and Bill Imondi shot a 347 and Howie and Jan Shapiro had a 959. Good luck to Rob and Cheryl Waldman on their new home, condolences to Ken Indell on the loss of his beloved father, and deepest sympathy to Allan Course for the recent loss of his aunt. Con-



Ken and Meri Tolchinsky also from the Lovin' Couples League for dedicated service to the league and the Congress. Among their jobs for the Congress, Ken keeps the records and the financial reports in good order and Meri has the Yearbook under control for the second year in a row.



Cheryl and Rob Waldman from the Lovin' Couples League have been very reliable bowlers to the league since its inception.

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To commemorate this occasion, the Rhode Island Heritage Commission will conduct a ceremony on May 4, in the State House Rotunda at 12:30 p.m. The program will include a reading of Rhode Island's Renunciation of the Crown by Commission chairman, Senator Robert J. McKenna, followed by proclamations

grats to the Lavoie's winners of the recent congress sweepstakes also have a new little addition at their home. New individual highs were hit by Mark Salisbury 171/470 and Steve Schiffman 177/425.

The only message from President Dave Robinson is a reminder that the Congress end of year Banquet will be held at the 1025 Club this year as a dinner-dance. The date is June 10 on Sunday night.



Pattie and Paul Berman from the Under 30's League: to reward Patti for her fine performances over the past months and for trying to keep Paul awake while she gets strikes.



Harry and Eileen Rose bowl with the Under 30's League and have been a consistent high scoring couple all year.

from the Senate, House of Representatives and Governor J. Joseph Garrahy. The ceremony will conclude with a cannon salute by the Bristol Train of Artillery.

Additionally, the Rhode Island Heritage Commission is asking all churches, and other buildings that may have bells or chimes, to ring them in unison for two minutes at 1:00 p.m. The Heritage Commission hopes that this symbol will help remind all Rhode Islanders that their forefathers took the first step in helping to gain the liberty and freedom we now enjoy.

This program will officially begin Rhode Island's Observance of Heritage Month.

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Israel Update: News From Israeli Press

(JSPS) In an atmosphere of unity and cohesion, more than a thousand members of the Labor Party's Central Committee unanimously chose Shimon Peres as the party's candidate for Prime Minister in the July 23 Knesset elections. Peres has led the party through seven years of opposition and two defeats. The Peres nomination had been assured for a week after both former Premier Yitzhak Rabin and ex-President Yitzhak Navon declared that they would not plunge Labor into a contest for the top spot. Should Labor win, it is expected that Rabin would receive the Defense post, Abba Eban the Foreign Ministry, Navon would become a Deputy Prime Minister, and Gad Ya'acobi would become Finance Minister.

In the elections, Peres is almost certain to face a Likud Bloc led by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. Shamir's nomination by Herut, the ruling faction in the Likud, was virtually assured when Deputy Premier David Levy announced he would not seek the party's top spot. Even with Levy's withdrawal there will probably be a leadership contest. Ariel Sharon, the former Defense Minister and now Minister Without Portfolio, has officially entered the race. But Sharon is not expected to offer a serious challenge and is being urged to maintain party unity by withdrawing from the contest. Sharon's strategy may be to assure him a top ministerial portfolio in a deal with Shamir.

Levy's announcement was a stunning surprise to the entire Herut establishment, including his own supporters. Levy claimed that he wished to keep the party united, but there are reports of ex-Prime Minister Menachem Begin's son, Binyamin, relaying to Levy Begin's wish that he not disrupt party harmony.

Ex-generals dominate the list of former Defense Minister Ezer Weizman's new

party, the Movement for National Unity. Most of the names mentioned have a military career (mainly in the Air Force) behind them. The new party, it is reported, will seek to appeal to the Arab vote with a dovish platform. Weizman, not known for his "guarded tongue," has been welcomed as a catalyst for sharpening the issue and adding flavor to the campaign.

The two largest party blocs, Likud and Labor, are expected to receive approximately 95 seats (out of 120). The remaining 25 will likely be divided between Weizman's new party, the ultra orthodox Agudat Yisrael, the Arab Communist party, Rakach, the Oriental Tami party, and the small parties of the right and left. On the right, the deeply split National Religious Party will be led by Yosef Burg and Zevulun Hammer; the ultra-nationalist Orot (led by NRP defector Chaim Drukman and HaTehiya defectors Chenan Porat and Moshe Levinger); HaTehiya (led by Prof. Yuval Ne'eman); Tsomet (led by former Chief of Staff Raphael Eitan); and the extremist Kach (led by Rabbi Meir Kahane). On the left, Shinui (led by Prof. Amnon Rubinstein and Mordechai Virshovsky) and Ratz (Citizens Rights Party, led by Shulamit Aloni), have not yet decided on their electoral steps.

A *Jerusalem Post* editorial charges that in setting July 23 as election day, the coalition and opposition are knowingly disenfranchising tens of thousands of Israelis, since July and August are the two months of school holidays when Israelis go abroad in droves. There is no known measure of the political preference of this year's traveler crop (*Jerusalem Post*, March 30, 1984).

Israel has sold arms to four Moslem countries, including an Arab nation. This is disclosed in a report by Tel Aviv Univer-

sity's Institute of Strategic Studies. The report deals with arms sales up to 1982 and is based on information openly published abroad. According to the report's author, Tel Aviv University's political scientist Aharon Kleiman, Israel has sold weapons to Morocco, Iran, Indonesia and Malaysia. Morocco received tanks and armored personnel carriers; Iran received overhauled jet engines, spare parts for tanks, and airplane tires; Indonesia and Malaysia got Skyhawk warplanes in 1979 and 1980, and Malaysia bought Gabriel missiles. Prof. Kleiman's study also discloses that one out of every five Israelis (60,000) employed in export industries is employed in the arms industry. The one billion dollars a year military export is more than 20 percent of the country's total industrial output. Prof. Kleiman estimates that Israel is 12th in the world in the list of arms exporting nations. The study concludes that Israel's military exports have reached their peak and will not increase and that in 1984 they may even decline (due to the costly war in Lebanon and Israel's economic crises). (*Jerusalem Post*, April 6, and *Koteret Rashit*, April 4)

The number of Arabs from the administered territories employed in Israel has increased over the last year. In March, 1984, 53,892 Arab workers from the territories were employed in Israel. The biggest group of workers from the territories is employed in industry (19,837). The second largest group (14,871) is employed in construction. 12,946 are employed in other services, and 6,236 are employed in agriculture. The largest concentration of these workers is in Tel Aviv. The Central Bureau of Statistics estimates that each day no less than 90,000 Arab workers from the territories enter Israel, many of whom are not registered in official employment bureaus (*Davar*, April 6, 1984).

The chief Rabbinate Council has called on the government to enforce the laws pertaining to Shabbat observance. The Council has also called on the Petach Tikva municipal council to shut down the town's Hechal cinema on Friday nights. The cinema has been the scene of mass demonstrations since Petach Tikva decided in February to allow Shabbat entertainment. Petach Tikva Chief Rabbi Baruch Solomon was arrested in early March after a group of his supporters allegedly wrecked a coffee house. Mayor Dov Taboti has vowed that his town's residents will continue to enjoy "the freedom to choose how to spend Friday night." (*Jerusalem Post*, March 16, 1984.)

In a *Koteret Rashit* article, "The Sabbath War: The Religious Are Losing," it is argued that the religious war being fought by the ultra-orthodox Petach Tikva is part

of a nation-wide losing battle over Shabbat observance. According to the article, all over the country more and more entertainment places (mostly cafes and cinemas) are opening on Friday nights with compliance by the local authorities, and contrary to the country's laws. Jerusalem is the only exception, as the city is completely shut down on Friday nights, but in East Jerusalem cafes and cinemas remain open. The article concludes that the decline in observance is due to the bickering and fragmentation among the country's religious parties as well as their loss of political influence in a number of municipal councils, particularly in Tel Aviv. An additional factor mentioned in the article is that the non-religious are reacting against the encroachment on their rights by the ultra-orthodox. (*Koteret Rashit*, April 4, 1984.)

Grant Launches New Curriculum At College

A recent gift to Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion will allow the college to begin producing much-needed materials for the teaching of the American Jewish experience on the college and university level.

The college's Center for the Study of the American Jewish Experience has launched the American Jewish Experience Curriculum Project to be funded initially by a \$100,000 grant from the Joseph and Ceil Mazer Endowment Fund. Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, President of Hebrew Union College, made the announcement. The Mazer Endowment Fund was created by the Jewish Communal Fund, located in New York City, one of the recipients of bequests from the estate of Joseph Mazer, a major philanthropist.

According to Dr. Jonathan D. Sarna, assistant professor of American Jewish history at Hebrew Union College, the curriculum project is designed to fill the needs of college instructors by making available, for the first time, curriculum resource packages — including primary and secondary sources, maps, photographs, guides to audio-visual sources and bibliographical information — dealing with critical aspects of American Jewish life and history.

The project's first volume, entitled *Jews and the Founding of the Republic*, has been completed and is now being readied for press. A second volume, now being planned, will be entitled *American Judaism: Sources and Interpretations*, and is intended to be the standard reference on the religious history of American Jews. This book is expected to fill a serious void that exists in teaching American Judaism at the college level, according to Dr. Sarna.

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