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## Jews In USSR: Broken Lives, Unbroken Spirits



**Solidarity Sunday:** Avital Scharansky, holding the poster with the photograph of her imprisoned husband, Anatoly Scharansky, was one of the featured speakers at the recent rally held on May 6, in New York City. More than 150,000 people expressed their solidarity with Soviet Jewry. (Photo by Carol Gooter)

by Shari Rosenfeld  
*Jewish World*

High contrast, dramatic lighting, revealing portraits: We bring to mind images of Soviet Jews as black and white photographs, stringing together dates and places, painting a picture without a palette.

But Soviet Jews do not live as still life portraits. A refused emigration application, a disrupted Hebrew class, the death of a family member one has not seen for many years, as well as weddings, and holiday celebrations all happen in living color. Tears are wet and laughter is real.

The authorities repeat: "Renounce your desire to emigrate. We will return your job; you will live as you did before." But the refuseniks, those Soviet Jews who have applied to emigrate and have been denied, don't give in, and they don't give up. Stubbornly and repeatedly they bring their application to OVIR, the emigration office. Their reason to emigrate one or three or 15 years ago, their desire to live in Israel, to reunite with the family, is bolstered by a new reason: A person should not live in a country where refusal is possible.

As they wait, new stories unfold, new families are born. And as they wait, their stories continue to be told from afar. Each slice of life presented here depicts not only the story of one individual, though they are true accounts of refuseniks; the stories also document the cycle of Jewish life in the Soviet Union — the waiting, the human grief, the broken families, the unbroken spirits and the small triumphs. As Soviet Jews detail their experiences, they bring their fears to life, they share their troubles, and they attempt to communicate, in their own words, a flavor of their lives as Jews in the Soviet Union.

As Jews in the USSR, their life cycles are scarred by scenes of repeated refusal, of inhumane prison conditions, of family separations. Yet they continue to wait, growing up and growing old, dreams surviving the dreamers.

### Brit Milah

They were on vacation in Sukhumi, a seaport and health resort in Abkhazia, part of the Soviet Republic of Georgia. In a courtyard sat two old men, who overheard the whispered Hebrew of two refuseniks.

Two more men appeared and invited the vacationers for a *brit milah* (circumcision ceremony) in their home. It was so marvelous and so sudden that they accepted the invitation although these were complete strangers and they were very tired. It was like a dream — to come to a town, find a synagogue and Jews and to see a *brit milah* in a private house. So they went home with them, not too far from the synagogue.

A beautiful house, in a style very different from the Russian, a foreign language, but these were Jews, a Jewish house, where tradition and religion were completely natural. A mezuza on every door, the food strictly kosher. Here they were families where there was no generation gap, where Jews had never stopped living as Jews. And therefore it was completely natural.

### New Generation of Refuseniks

Sasha came home from school sullen and withdrawn. Her parents, like all parents, have tried to protect her, but now must listen to report on how she was ridiculed in front of the whole class as a "traitor" whose parents want to leave the country.

Some young married couples decide to wait before starting a family. It's not fair, they reason, to involve small children in the uncertain and often dangerous life-style of the "refusenik." But after years of waiting and no visa, a new refusenik is born, a new generation grows up.

"It's hardly the ideal way to plan a family," said Yuli Kosharovsky of Moscow, who has already had two children, "but we've been waiting seven long years and life just has to go on, however hard things are." That was five years ago. Yuli and his family still wait.

Aleksandr and all of his classmates were given a homework assignment to read a new book. When his teacher gave him the book he was to read, the title jumped off the cover and thundered into his head. *The Poison of Zionism*. Feeling that every eye in the room was upon him he pried open the pages. "Zionists are arch imperialists whose sole aim is to undermine and destroy Socialist States," read Aleksandr

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## National Yiddish Book Center Opens In Amherst, Mass.

by Aviva Cantor

(JTA) — The National Yiddish Book Center of Amherst, Mass., will be moving the 250,000 Yiddish books it has rescued from all over North America in the past four years in a new and spacious haven next week.

The new headquarters for the Yiddish books is a renovated old paper mill in Holyoke, Mass., with 17,000 square feet of fire-protected space. The Center is currently seeking to raise \$75,000 to enable volunteers to move the books, and install lighting and humidity controls, and steel library shelving in their new home.

The books, all but 25,000 of which are still in the boxes they were mailed or carried in originally, have been temporarily stored for the past two years in a warehouse near Amherst, the lease on which expires in June. Every week 2,000 additional books, many of them rare, continue to arrive there.

### Project Began Several Years Ago

The project began when Aaron Lansky, the Center's founder and executive director, was a graduate student of Yiddish Literature at McGill University in Montreal, in 1978-79. "We had no books to use — most were out of print," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "We went to Jewish neighborhoods, ringing doorbells, asking to borrow books."

"Meanwhile," he continued, "it was becoming obvious that Yiddish books were being thrown out or routinely destroyed,

for example, when Jews moved out of old neighborhoods. We were at a point of transition: the grandparent generation was dying, and the grandchildren were abandoning their books. We realized that if nothing was done, within a few years the books would all be lost."

Lansky started to collect old Yiddish books. They "inundated" his parents' apartment in New Bedford, Mass. to a point where the floors began to sag under their weight. In 1979, he and several other young Jews in their 20's decided to move the operation to the Amherst area, which Lansky knew as an artistic and literary center, having been an undergraduate student at Hampshire College.

After acquiring a factory loft in Northampton, and the cooperation of five colleges in the area, Lansky mailed out an announcement to all the Jewish papers in North America. It read: "Send books."

### Thousands of Yiddish Books Sent

Within weeks, he said, "thousands of Yiddish books came in. It was a deluge. One day I remember, 125 boxes arrived. It became a big problem with the post office!" The Center was offered a school building in Amherst rent-free. Within two years, that, too, was overflowing with books.

"Our original idea was that books would come to us. We soon realized it could not work entirely that way — too many people were old and unable to send them." The

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## Rabbi Arrested In Terrorism Probe

JERUSALEM — Rabbi Moshe Levinger, spiritual and political leader of Jewish settlers in occupied Arab territories, has been arrested in connection with a probe of an armed, anti-Arab underground.

Police said yesterday that Levinger, 48, was arrested late Sunday night. No details have been given on the charges being brought against the rabbi, who has been the most vociferous spokesman of the settlement movement for more than a decade.

However, according to the Israeli daily Yediot Aharonot, Levinger, who was detained for 48 hours after several long periods of interrogation by Israeli police, signed a statement admitting some of the charges against him.

The newspaper said Levinger acknowledged that he had been aware of the acts of terror, and that he provided those involved with spiritual guidance. His arrest is seen here as possibly marking a deep and painful split in Israeli society over the attitude toward the Jewish underground.

The first arrests of alleged members of the underground were made April 27, after security forces found explosive charges planted under five Arab civilian buses. The bombs were defused before they could explode.

Police and security forces made more than 20 additional arrests of alleged members of an underground organization, all of them inhabitants of Israeli settlements in Judea, Samaria and the Golan Heights. Although no one has been officially charged, and their names are being withheld by court order, it has been reported that some have confessed to several attacks on Arabs in the West Bank.

Among the incidents were bombs planted in the cars of three Arab

mayors in the West Bank four years ago, maiming two of them; the murder of three students in the Islamic seminary in Hebron a year ago; and the explosives placed in two mosques in Hebron less than a year ago.

Those arrested reportedly include respected figures in Gush Emunim, the right-wing movement of orthodox Jews that has been the powerhouse of the West Bank settlement movement.

The shock that struck Israel's right-wing parties has begun to gather momentum. While no political figure has openly justified or even condoned the acts, several right-wing leaders have expressed "understanding" and argued that there were "extenuating circumstances."

Levinger, who made several public statements on the subject before he was arrested last night, has said the violent acts should be seen in the context of the West Bank situation. The Israeli authorities, he said, have been lax in providing protection for the Jewish settlers.

While Levinger and several other leaders of the settlers in Hebron area have been trying to dismiss the acts of the Jewish underground as deeds of vigilantes, others say the motives for some of the acts go far beyond that.

For example, if the underground planned to bomb the El Aksa mosque and the Dome of the Rock — the third holiest site of Islam — as has been rumored in recent days, and if it planned other acts of mass terror, then the only possible motives it may have had was to precipitate an all-out war between Israel and all the Arabs. It is speculated that members of the underground hoped such a war would result in an Israeli victory and the flight of the Arab population from the West Bank.

## Local News

### JNF Proclaims May 20 "Green Sunday"



Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy proclaims Sunday, May 20 as Jewish National Fund Green Sunday. Shown receiving the proclamation are, left to right, Bernard E. Bell, R.I. Council Chairman, Seymour Krieger, Jenny Klein, Gov. Garrahy, Ramon F. Berger, Green Sunday Chairman, Claire Bell and Jerald Katz, JNFNE Regional Director.

On Sunday, May 20, the Jewish National Fund Rhode Island Council will commemorate the 36th anniversary of the State of Israel by holding **Green Sunday**. The goal of this nation-wide telephone campaign, which will reach Jewish communities throughout the United States, is to add acres of new forest to the more than 160 million trees planted in Israel by the JNF since its inception in 1901.

On **Green Sunday**, JNF volunteers will be calling on members of the Jewish community to ask them to plant at least one tree in Israel for each family member. Green Sunday Chairman, Ramon F. Berger, stated, "Volunteers are still needed during the 12-2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. calling sessions. Phoning will take place in the Crystal Room in Alumnae Hall, at Brown University."

JNF has been creating new forest lands in Israel throughout its 83-year history. But the organization is also responsible for a wide range of vital activities which aid the rehabilitation of the Jewish homeland. JNF prepares sites for new settlements, reclaims soil for agriculture, builds roads, and supports breakthrough agricultural

research projects.

"JNF's record of accomplishment in Israel is indeed impressive," explained Bernard E. Bell, president of the Rhode Island Council, but fully 75% of Israel remains undeveloped, awaiting the blessings of new green life. "That's what **Green Sunday** will help achieve: the fulfillment of the vision of Israel blanketed in green 'from Dan to Eilat.'" Mr. Bell stressed that **Green Sunday** is intended to involve all Jews in the greening of Israel. "For 83 years, the JNF has been supported by contributions of all sizes from every segment of the Jewish population. We want every Jew to take part in the redemption of Israel."

To become a **Green Sunday** volunteer, call 272-2856.

### News and more IN THE HERALD

### S.A.G.E. Concert May 30

S.A.G.E., the acronym for Senior Adult Group Educators, a group of professionals who work with older adults and represent several Jewish agencies in the community, is sponsoring a spring concert on May 30 to be held at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Avenue, Providence, at 1:00 p.m. The agencies affiliated with this group are the Bureau of Jewish Education, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, Jewish Home for the Aged, Leisure Club of Temple Emanu-El, Shalom Apartments and the Temple Torat Yisrael Mealsite.

Music and entertainment provided by Mike Bresler, Cantor Stephen Freedman and Cindy Gilman will be among the highlights of the afternoon.

Refreshments will be served at this event for which there is an admission fee of \$1.50.

All older Jewish individuals are welcome to attend. Anyone who is interested or needs more information may contact Maxine Richman at 331-1244.

### Dvorah-Dayan Chapter To Meet

The Dvorah-Dayan Chapter of Pioneer Women N/Amat will meet on Monday evening, May 21 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Gastfreund, 40 Wriston Drive, Providence at 8:15 p.m.

Our guest will be Dorothy Wiener who will review Eli Wiesel's "Testament."

Members and their spouses are invited.

### CJP Raises \$18,862,658

The combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston raised \$18,862,658 from 30,000 donors in its 1984 fund-raising campaign, the agency announced. The agency described the sum as the largest amount ever donated to a federated, sectarian charity in Massachusetts.

Combined Jewish Philanthropies provides money for 11 human services agencies in the Boston area as well as for organizations elsewhere in the United States and overseas.

### Chabad Offers Classes

Chabad-Lubavitch will offer a spring series of mini-courses.

"The Giving of the Torah" will be taught by Rabbi Laufer.

"Maimonides," will be taught by Rabbi Dubovick.

"Jewish Metaphysics," will be taught by Rabbi Phillips and Dovid Sears.

In addition, there will be Shabbos study groups in advanced chassidic teachings and Pirke Avos.

Courses begin May 16 and run for six weeks at the Chabad House, 360 Hope St., Providence. For more information call 273-7238.

### Holocaust Materials Available At BJE

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island has a large collection of Holocaust-related materials which are available on loan to community groups and schools. Some of these materials were given by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Materials include 16 mm. films, videotapes, filmstrips, curriculum guides, and books. Please call Toby Rossner at 331-0956 to make a reservation. There is no rental fee. 16 mm. films are:

**Hangman** — 12 minutes, color. The people of a town are condemned to hang, one by one. The remaining townspeople, in their fear, indifference or prejudice, find a rationale for each hanging as it is carried out. The last survivor, who has failed all along to raise his voice in protest, now shudders to find that there is no one left to protest on his behalf. This film, done with picture animation is an excellent discussion starter for a number of ethical issues. Recommended for ages 13 and up.

**Joseph Shultz** — 13 minutes, color, 1973. A German soldier, who has taken part in the destruction of a small Yugoslav village, refuses to join the firing squad execution of its male inhabitants, preferring, with quiet dignity, to share their fate. Based on a true incident. Ages 12 and up.

**After The First** — 8-15 minutes, color. A trigger film based on the interactions of a father and son when the father takes the son hunting. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

Videotapes are:

**Genocide** — 52 minutes — A documentary that tells the inhuman story of Hitler's "final solution."

**Dr. Raul Hilberg, Politics of Remembrance**, lecture.

**Dr. Henry Feingold, Witnesses of the Holocaust**, lecture.

**Dr. Lawrence Langer, Coping with the Holocaust** experience, lecture.

**Dr. Spencer Parsons, Religious sources of anti-semitism**, lecture.

Filmstrips are:

**Anne Frank & the Holocaust** — The well-known story of Anne's personal thoughts while hiding from the Nazis.

**The Camera of my Family, Four Generations in Germany, 1845-1945** — a family history told through old family photographs, focusing mostly on the period from 1930-45.

**The Anatomy of Nazism** — Historic presentation of the social, economic and political workings of Fascism in Hitler's Germany, as well as the general threat of all forms of totalitarianism to democracy.

**940.5404 I Never Saw Another Butterfly** — Children's drawings and poems from Terezin Concentration Camp, 1942-1944.

**The Holocaust and the Resistance** — An artist's personal account of the Holocaust.

**Rescue in Denmark** — Major part devoted to the rescue of Danish Jewry.

## What Do The Following People Have In Common?

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**Barry Elected President, Finger Honored By New Bedford Federation**

Nathan D. Barry of South Dartmouth was elected president of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford at its May 8th annual meeting, it was announced by Joel Karten, chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Mr. Barry had been first vice-president in the administration of Rubye Finger, who is retiring after two terms in office. A former chairman of the Federation's annual Campaign, he has also served the Federation as chairman of its Personnel Committee, Co-chairman of the newly created Endowment Fund, and chairman of the Campaign's Pacesetter Division. Currently he is heading up a search committee to hire a new Federation executive director.

Formerly president of Belmont Manufacturing Corporation, Mr. Barry serves the Town of Dartmouth as chairman of its Personnel Committee, and is a member of the Board of Directors of Tifereth Israel synagogue and past president and member of the local Jonah Lodge of B'nai B'rith.

The May 8th annual meeting was also the Federation's celebration of Israel Independence Day, commemorating 36 years of partnership between the people of the State of Israel and Jewish communities throughout the free world. An annual report highlighting the Federation's activities in areas as broad as counseling, senior services, Holocaust education and recreational activities was distributed.

Elected along with Mr. Barry were Lillian Shwartz, first vice president; Robert Feingold, second vice president; Louis B. Russell, third vice president; Steven Shuster, treasurer; Janice Cohen, secretary; and Samuel Ades, Joel Karten, I. Edward Morse and Sue Siegal, honorary vice presidents. Elected at-large board members were Rosalind P. Brooker, Alan S. Cohen, Stanley M. Goldstein, Steven Gorban, Kenneth Lipman, Miriam London, Dr. Arthur Rosenblatt, Judi Roth, Dr. Eli Rubin, Larry Shwartz and Alvin Youman.

Rubye Finger of North Dartmouth, Mass., received a special award at the May 8th annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford in appreciation for her outstanding service as president of the organization.

Known for her involvement in numerous civic and philanthropic activities, Mrs. Finger's administration has witnessed the creation of an endowment fund, greater emphasis on campaign and resource development, and outreach to new leadership in the community.

In addition, Federation has undertaken an expanded role in Holocaust education and has seen the revitalization of its Jewish Family Service during her two terms in office. National recognition came to Federation in late 1982 with acceptance of the Council of Jewish Federations' Charles Goodall Award for outstanding achievement for the Family Activities Section program, a social, cultural and recreational program for entire family units.

Under the Federation's constitution, Mrs. Finger is unable to succeed herself for a third term and passed leadership of the Federation on to Nathan Barry of South Dartmouth at the May 8th event.

Her award took the form of a decorative "mezzuzah," a Jewish ritual object which is generally affixed to one's door in order to symbolize a continuing commitment to the moral and ethical precepts of Judaism. Other awards at the annual meeting went to Federation and Campaign leadership. Chairman of the event was Judy Sterras of North Dartmouth.

**Jewish Studies Chair At Yale Established**

(JTA) — Establishment of the Lucy G. Moses Professorship of Jewish Studies at Yale University, with a \$1 million gift, has been announced by A. Barlett Giametti, Yale president, in an expansion of the university's Judaic Studies program.

The gift from Moses, a New York City philanthropist, brings the campaign total for the program to \$6.2 million, Giametti said. The campaign has been seeking funds for endowed chairs, lectureships, scholarships and acquisition of rare and significant research materials.

**Martha Smith To Speak At NCJW Installation**

Martha Smith, syndicated columnist, will be the featured speaker at the National Council of Jewish Women's installation meeting on Wednesday, May 30, 1984 at the Jewish Community Center, Elmgrove Avenue, Providence. Refreshments will be served with the program following at 1 p.m.

Ms. Smith whose column appears in the Sunday *Providence Journal*, will present a lighthearted look at a single women's perspective on life today.

Marilyn Friedman is chairwoman of the day. Refreshments will be provided by Lillian Ludman, Kay Abrams, June Goldfarb and Shirley Goldberg. For transportation or babysitting, please call Barbara Coen at 274-8369.

The Installation of officers will follow Ms. Smith's presentation. The officers for 1984-1985 are as follows: President, Barbara Coen; Vice Presidents, Sylvia Brown, Marilyn Friedman, Marion Goldstein, Eleanor Shepard, Beth Weiss; Recording Secretary, Ilene Green; Corresponding Secretary, Eva Sapolsky; Treasurer, Blanch Revkin; Financial Secretary, Esther Share.

Elected board members are: Sylvia Denhoff, Norma Goodman, Bernice Gourse, Phyllis Corwin, Zeld Goldman, Dorothy Schwartz, Lillian Bernstein, Doris Sher, Sarah Baker, Fredda Dressler, Sheila Kaufman, Doris McGarry, Roberta Segal, Pearl Barad, Claire Ernstoff and Zara Matzner.

**Alan Gittleman Elected Director Of Atlan-Tol**



**Alan Gittleman**

Allan M. Gittleman has been elected a Director of Atlan-Tol Industries. Through its 80% owned subsidiary, Astro-Med, Inc., the West Warwick based company is one of the world's leading manufacturers of graphic recorders used widely in Medical, Aerospace, Energy and testing applications. Its Am-Met Division, also based in West Warwick, is one of only two independent U.S. manufacturers of vacuum metalized film for the capacitor industry.

Gittleman is Vice-President with the New York Stock Exchange firm of Burgess & Leith, Inc., Boston, MA. He resides in East Greenwich with his wife, Ellen and daughters Danielle and Rachel Cyd.

**Lubavitcher Education Day Proclaimed**

President Reagan has proclaimed April 13, 1984 "Education Day, U.S.A." in honor of the 82nd birthday of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe. The President praised Rabbi Schneerson's work as "a living reminder that knowledge is worthy only when accompanied by moral and spiritual wisdom and understanding."

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# From The Editor

## Rauff's Death, Chile's Shame

by Robert Israel

News arrived this week that Walter Rauff, the former Nazi SS colonel who was accused of killing almost 100,000 Jews in gas chambers during World War II, died in his Santiago, Chile home.

His death came after the Chilean government was preparing to endure another round of increased pressure from foreign governments to extradite him to Europe to stand trial for his role in the Nazi gas chambers during World War II. Last week, West Germany and France, on behalf of the European Parliament, demanded that Chile extradite Rauff for trial in West Germany on charges that Rauff gassed 97,000 Jews in mobile gas chambers that were known as the "trucks of death" invented to speed up Hitler's program for exterminating Jews during the war.

We cannot look upon Chile's actions in the Rauff case with anything but outrage. The Chilean government has rejected Rauff's extradition shortly after he moved to the country in 1958. Extradition requests were issued by both West Germany and Israel and denied on the grounds that Chile's statute of limitations barred

prosecution for any crime more than 15 years after it was committed. Efforts to extradite him, initiated by Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld, who spoke to the Rhode Island Jewish community last year, failed when Mrs. Klarsfeld was arrested earlier this year while leading a demonstration of members of the Chilean Jewish community outside the former Nazi officer's home in the wealthy Las Condes section of Santiago.

One can certainly agree with Joel Barnea, first secretary of the Israeli Embassy, who said, "The Rauff problem has been resolved. God has passed judgement." But for a man who tortured and killed so many Jews during the war, that judgement was too beneficent. Rauff should have been brought to justice and condemned to death, but he was not. He lived his last days in freedom, freedom his victims never knew. The government of Chile should feel great shame. It would be in the best interests of this country to enforce a human rights policy that prohibits such acts from occurring again, so that the other criminals of Hitler's Germany can be brought forward from hiding to face justice.

## Soviet Jewry Movement Growing

The large and enthusiastic turnout for last week's 13th Annual Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry in New York is heartening evidence that the U.S. movement on behalf of Soviet Jewry is alive and well and is continuing to grow.

This year's highly successful march and rally ought to be persuasive evidence, if any were needed, that the Soviet Jewry movement is not going to fade away out of discouragement or apathy, but will redouble its efforts in the face of the greatest crisis the movement has faced — the virtual cutoff of all Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union and stepped up Soviet efforts to destroy the Jewish cultural movement through brute force and repression.

The message voiced by the 200,000 who mobilized on Solidarity Sunday — that we will not relent in our efforts until the doors of the Soviet Union have swung open — will be heard loud and clear in the White House and State Department and in the backrooms of the Kremlin.

The message will also be heard in the cramped apartments of refuseniks in Moscow, Leningrad and scores of other Soviet cities. These exemplary people who have risked everything for the dream of freedom will be heartened by the news that American Jews stand behind them as they continue their courageous and resourceful struggle against Soviet tyranny.

Even in the happy aftermath of the successful march and rally, however, the Soviet Jewry movement has begun a process of reassessing its strategies and tactics to see if new approaches which might have a more direct impact on the Soviet government are warranted, in light of the virtual cutoff of emigration. As Herbert Kronish, chairman of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry (GNYCSJ), said "Whatever we have been doing has not been succeeding in getting Jews out of the Soviet Union."

Kronish affirmed that the leaders of the GNYCSJ, along with leading communal and religious leaders, top educators, politicians and others concerned about the plight of Soviet Jewry, will engage in "free thinking . . . and brainstorming sessions" in the coming weeks to see what new strategies and approaches to the issue can be developed in a time of almost total impasse in emigration and of greatly increased tension between the U.S. and U.S.S.R.

Kronish said he believed that the Soviet Jewry movement should press the Administration and Congress "to make it clear to the Soviets that we will be looking for concrete actions by them that demonstrate compliance with international and Soviet law . . . showing that they are willing to respect the rights of Soviet Jews and other groups to emigrate." Kronish conceded, however, that at this point the Soviet Jewry movement has no specific legislative agenda to help accom-

plish this purpose.

Such an agenda should be developed as rapidly as possible. Congressional sympathy for the Soviet Jewry movement is strong and deep, but we must work with Congress and the administration to develop a concrete agenda more firmly linking the Soviet Jewry question to U.S.-U.S.S.R. relations.

In his speech at the Soviet Jewry rally, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan said, "It is one thing to point out that Soviet anti-Semitism is more virulent than ever. But while we say (such) things, we continue to feed their army. What are they to think of us? What are we to think of ourselves?"

The Soviet Jewry movement needs to ask itself if pushing for a new grain embargo would be a sensible approach in the present political climate. Should we instead try to link Soviet Jewry to the sale of phosphate or of advanced technology? It is vital that the Soviet Jewry movement evolve and articulate positions on these issues.

Kronish deserves credit for criticizing the Administration's failure to send a representative to the rally. Whether due to oversight or to a deliberate downgrading of the Soviet Jewry movement, the Administration's failure to send a credible spokesperson shows a lamentable lack of sensitivity and understanding of the importance and long-term viability of the Soviet Jewry movement. Kronish's message to the Administration was clear: The Soviet Jewry movement is a critically important part of the American Jewish agenda, and a less than serious attitude toward the movement by any administration will have negative political repercussions.

The Soviet Jewry movement, in the year of this bar mitzvah Solidarity Sunday, is showing commendable maturity, self-confidence and willingness to look beyond old slogans and try new approaches. The movement is giving heartening evidence that however bleak the immediate news from Moscow, it is in this battle for the long run.

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## Candlelighting



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7:43 p.m.

## Edwin Black's Bombshell

by Frank Isaacs

The appearance of a new book *The Transfer Agreement: the Untold Story of the Secret Agreement Between the Third Reich and Jewish Palestine* by Edwin Black, coming at a time when we are observing Holocaust Memorials, is most sadening. The exploitation by him of the efforts to save Jewish lives and return of Jews to the Land of Israel, presenting it instead as part of a "Nazi-Zionist secret collaboration" are insulting and traumatic.

The "great discoveries" in the book are neither "great" nor "discoveries," and the "untold story of the secret agreement" is neither "untold" nor "secret." Any reader with a knowledge of Nazism and the Holocaust, could find in the most elementary books a description of this "great secret." There was no need to spend years researching it.

Let us take a look at the "Transfer Agreements" in the perspective of the times and circumstances. The initial design of Hitler and the Nazis regarding the Jewish question was to make Germany a nation free of Jews — Judenrein. Jewish emigration from Nazi Germany until 1938 was handled by the Reich Office of Migration which was part of the Ministry of Interior, the Office of Migration and was staffed mostly with officials who were not National Socialists, but had prior to 1933, been members of the Catholic Center and other non-leftist parties. These bureaucrats continued to operate until 1938 not only within the Weimar Republic legality but also with sympathetic understanding for the priorities of the German Jewish organizations in trying to foster a systematic program of Jewish emigration.

According to a prominent historian of the Holocaust, Lucy Dawidowicz, matters affecting Jews were administered by the Reich Ministry of Economy operating with habitual bureaucratic routine since it was staffed with old-time government officials.

The "Transfer Agreements" were, in essence, a compromise on the blocked accounts of 60,000 German Jews (about 10 percent of total German Jewry), who were able to emigrate and settle in Palestine. The agreements between the Reich Ministries and the Jewish Agency for Palestine made possible this resettlement of German Jews in Palestine including the saving of some of their assets. This must be considered in the tradition of the most sacred Jewish task — to save lives. The Zionists acted in the spirit of this tradition and commandment. At the same time, due to German Zionist pressure, Hitler did not

object in his early stages of power, to allow German Jews to emigrate and settle in Palestine. In a 1933 speech he claimed that while England was hindering Jewish settlement in Palestine, Germany was aiding it even to the extent of letting German Jews take out currency required for their landing fee in Palestine. It should also be clear, however, that the "Transfer Agreements" in no way were regarded by Hitler and the Nazis as an ideological compromise with the Jews.

The policy of Nazi Germany between 1933-1937 was to remove the Jews from Germany, *The Entjudung* — de-Jewification of Germany. The "Transfer Agreements" were looked upon in some Nazi circles as an incentive for Jewish emigration. By 1937 Adolph Eichman had developed the idea of forced emigration, in actuality a policy of expulsion, as an expression of the German people's wrath against the Jews.

The "Transfer Agreements" were never considered by Hitler and the Nazis as supporting the Zionist ideal to establish a Jewish state in Palestine. In an interesting statement by an official in 1937, it is reported that "Hitler had concluded Jewish emigration should be concentrated in Palestine because this would create only one center of Jewish trouble in the world which Germany could oppose by concerted countermeasures." At the same time a Gestapo official told the German Jewish leadership that the Gestapo preferred Jewish emigration to Palestine because "there we will catch up with you . . ."

Now, as to the "famous non-boycott against Germany," even Black agrees that the decision of "no boycott" and other related actions had absolutely no significance in the rise of Hitler and Nazism. It did, however, encourage the most sacred task of saving Jewish lives.

Edwin Black, perhaps unintentionally, with his diversion from remembering and knowing the Holocaust, the greatest human tragedy and crime of the 20th century, to sensationalism and innuendos desecrated the sacred memory of six million Jews who were massacred by Hitler and the Nazis. His book is an insult to the Jewish people and their holy movement of redemption — Zionism — one of the greatest national liberation movements of mankind. The State of Israel was reborn as the fulfillment of the eternal dreams and prayers of the Jewish people expressed in Zionism and not because of Black's distorted presentations and misinterpretations.

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**Letters  
TO THE EDITOR**

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### To The Editor:

Despite considerable support rendered Saudi Arabia and Jordan, whom President Reagan considers "moderate" and "reasonable," he seems to be constantly amazed by their lack of cooperation.

Following the strong objections regarding the sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia a few years ago, the government surmounted this problem by the sale of military equipment in small amounts to Arab countries that would not require the approval of Congress, and their troops were trained without publicity. Jordanian commando units have been armed and trained by our special forces.

In speaking to Jewish groups, the president solicited their support for the sale of many hundreds of "stinger" hand-held anti-aircraft missiles to Jordan and Saudi Arabia, as well as other sophisticated armaments, assuring his listeners that the arms would not be used against Israel, and would induce the Jordanians to sit down at the negotiating table with Israel, as called for in the Camp David accords.

Congressional support for present or future arms sales to Jordan appears to be contingent on Jordan's agreement to sit down and conclude peace with Israel as Egypt had done, which would include settlement of the issues of the West Bank, Gaza and Jerusalem.

Before agreeing to peace with Israel, the Arabs insist that Israel must first return to its pre-1973 borders, which would inevitably lead to the destruction of the country. An election is also being held in Israel this year, but neither Likud or the Labor Party would dare make any changes in the present policy. Israel is anxious for

peace, but not at the risk of its survival, and to survive, defensible borders are essential.

Israelis are generally suspicious of Arab treaties or agreements, as Arabs consider that in Moslem law no agreement between Moslem and Jew can be considered binding, particularly as it affects the welfare of the state.

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## Jews In USSR: Broken Lives, Unbroken Spirits

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in the new book which was part of the required reading for school-aged children.

Lionya Barras was only four when his parents received their first refusal. For an adult the word refusenik, or "otkaznik" as Soviet Jews call themselves, tells a story. But for a child, the difficulties and problems associated with a denied exit visa are not as apparent.

What does the word "refusenik" mean? wondered Lionya and thousands of other Soviet Jewish children. Leonid, his father, tried his best to explain. But it wasn't easy, particularly as they playfully called the family dog by that name. Slowly and patiently, Leonid groped for words a four-year-old could understand, explaining his dismissal from the newspaper where he worked as a journalist, recounting his struggle to find another job, describing their isolation from friends and neighbors. For Lionya the solution was simple. "Why don't we change the name of our dog to Visa?"

### Prayers For Freedom

It was Thursday night before her trial. Maria Slepak, or Masha as she is better known, had just been discharged from the hospital where she was being treated for ulcers and depression. As she herself awaited trial, her husband, Vladimir, awaited the results of his appeal of a five-year sentence of internal exile to Siberia; her son, underground, was avoiding military conscription; another son, living in Israel, was far away from his mother who waits to join him.

Noticing her visitor's *kippah*, she asked, "You are a religious man, tell me what does God want from me? Why is he doing all this to my family?"

She said she did not know how to pray and asked her visitor to guide her. Together they read the Shema, phrase by phrase, two words at a time. And together they recited the 23rd psalm, pausing for a long time after they read, "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall know no fear because You are with me."

### Prisoners of Conscience

Isolation in a basement cell. Four stone walls. A cement floor, and a plank that serves as a bed. No windows, no electric light, no heat. An air vent in the cell allows a dim light to sneak through during the daytime. Evening, darkness is total. Food is bread and watery soup.

In isolation, a person has to fight for sanity. Keeping track of the days, sustaining thoughts and memories, seemingly simple tasks, become goals which are difficult to obtain.

"Incidental thoughts pass in a dream, more quickly than they come. If I should wish to recall them, I must discuss them

instantly with a neighbor or write them down, otherwise they are forgotten in a matter of seconds," wrote Anatoly Shcharansky in a letter to his wife, Avital. The thoughts escape with no trace, and still Shcharansky holds on.

At age 35, Levi Elbert had already waited seven years to lead his family to Israel. So when he was called up for a second term of military service, he asked that he be given duties which could not later be labeled classified and delay the possibility of his receiving an exit visa for an additional seven or eight years. The authorities refused.

Reject the draft. Go to prison, this is what some military-age refuseniks and others face: the choice of accepting conscription, serving the required two years, and then being automatically categorized as a security risk for an additional five years at least, or they could reject the call up, and go to prison. Like Levi Elbert. Like Aleksandr Panarev. Like Simon Shnirman.

Lazar Lyubarsky, a former prisoner of conscience who now lives with his wife and two daughters in Tel Aviv, tells the following about Ida Nudel before she was sentenced to four years in exile.

"Ida's apartment consisted of one room and a kitchen. A large bookcase stood in her room, containing, among other things, a thick catalogue with many cards, one for each prisoner. The cards listed all available relevant information about each and every prisoner: date of birth, year of arrest, location, addresses of relatives, education, interests and hobbies.

"A large table which stood in her kitchen was used for preparing material based on the information in the catalogue. Each month she updated the cards with whatever new information she had gathered. She would prepare packages for prisoners a month in advance of dates scheduled for delivery by the authorities, so that when the time for dispatching them arrived, she was ready. Ida used to send the prisoners letters, pictures and gifts in keeping with each one's interests. Ida would also send all the prisoners and their families greetings, telegrams and souvenirs for their birthdays. She was always up-to-date on everything that concerned the prisoners.

"Included in the information Ida gathered about the prisoners was all the legal material bearing on their respective trials, as well as camp regulations and all that pertained to food allotment, clothing, packages and letters.

"I suddenly realized that Ida's entire life revolved around the prisoners and their problems," Lyubarsky said in conclusion.

## What You Can Do For Soviet Jews

Write to President Reagan, Secretary of State George Shultz and to other members of the Administration. Tell them about your concern for Soviet Jews, and urge them to use their offices to take personal action to remedy the current situation.

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## National Yiddish Book Center



Molly Picon in a scene from Joseph Green's first Yiddish film *Yidl Mitn Fidl*, one of the Yiddish treasures preserved in the new Yiddish library in Amherst, Mass.

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Center then set up a system of 200 "zamlers" — volunteers who travel around their areas of North America collecting books — from abandoned buildings in the South Bronx to garages in Beverly Hills.

"We put our energy into collecting because the books were in danger of being destroyed" just at a point when interest was growing in Yiddish culture, Lansky said. The Center's goal is to "get the books back into circulation — to match old books with new readers."

The Center has already put many of the books it has collected into libraries in 20 countries, including Japan and Scandinavia, and into the hands of individuals, who learn of the available books through a catalogue published by the Center. The YIVO Institute for Jewish Research and

the Library of Congress each get a copy of every book not already in their library.

### Possible Rate And Precious Volumes

Once the Center moves into its new headquarters, "we will finally be able to unpack and shelve all of our quarter of a million books," Lansky said. "Some have not been opened in decades. There may be rare and precious volumes among them." He looks forward to the discoveries the Center's volunteers will be making. "It's a real treasure trove," he said. "One thousand years of Jewish history and culture is tied up in these books."

Lansky said that anyone interested in helping the project can do so by writing to the National Yiddish Book Center, P.O. Box 969, Old East Street School, Amherst, Mass. 01004.

## Social Events

### Marci Ellen Saltzman And Ronald Karp Are Married



Ronald and Marci Ellen Saltzman Karp

Rabbi George Astrachan and Cantor Stephen Friedman officiated at the wedding of Marci Ellen Saltzman and Ronald Alan Karp on April 14, 1984, at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston. A reception at the Temple followed.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Saltzman of Providence,

### 1934 Grads Are Sought For St. Dunstan's Reunion

The Board of Trustees of St. Dunstan's Day School, along with the staff of the school, is seeking the locations of several members of the Class of 1934. The fiftieth year reunion will be held at the Marriott Inn on June 1, 1984. The following are still being sought:

— Kenneth K. Green, Richard A. Mayforth, Preston S. Salisbury and Kenneth B. Rowley.

Please call St. Dunstan's Day School at 421-4414 with any information which might lead to locating these alumni.

### Mr. and Mrs. Rosenfield Celebrate Their 45th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rosenfield of Providence celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on May 7, 1984. A surprise dinner was given for them by their daughter and son-in-law at the Venus de Milo restaurant on May 12. Left, a memory from their wedding day in 1939, and right, in a recent photo.

and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Karp of Warwick.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white slipper satin designed with a sheer silk illusion Schiffli embroidered neckline accented with satin and lace leg-o-mutton sleeves. The A-line skirt was accented with satin and re-embroidered Alencon lace and fell into a chapel length train. She wore a matching lace headpiece and scalloped fingertip veil. Her bouquet consisted of white orchids, white japettes and pink roses.

Ronni Guttin was matron of honor for her sister. She wore a gray taffeta gown and carried pink flowers. Bridesmaids were Lisa Goodman, Karen Siperstein and Susan Karp. They wore gowns of dusty pink taffeta and carried pink hand arrangements.

Steven Karp was best man for his brother, and ushers were Mitchell Atkins, Jeffrey Cohen, and Charles Singer.

The couple honeymooned in Jamaica and are currently residing in Providence.

### Dr. Marcia Katz To Wed Dr. Joel Wolenberg

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome J. Katz of Cranston, R.I., announce the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Marcia Fay Katz, to Dr. Joel Scott Wolinsky, son of Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Wolinsky of Huntington, New York.

Dr. Katz is a graduate of Brown University and Boston University School of Medicine. She will be doing her residency in Internal Medicine at Boston City Hospital. Dr. Wolinsky is a graduate of Boston University and Boston University School of Medicine. He will be doing his residence in Neurology at Boston University Medical Center.

A June, 1985 wedding is planned.



### Hollis Meg Ettinger And Ralph Barbaro Are Wed

Hollis Meg Ettinger and Ralph Barbaro were married on April 8, 1984, at the Aquaturf Club in Southington, Connecticut.

She is the daughter of Milton and Sandra Ettinger of Pawtucket, and he is the son of Ralph and Virginia Barbaro of Hamden, Connecticut.

The bride wore a gown of ivory sheath of georgette over taffeta with Venice lace trim on the bell sleeves and hem. Her veil fell from a Juliet crown and was made of georgette trimmed with Venice lace applique. She wore pearls given to her by her maternal grandmother. She carried a bouquet of calla lilies accented with Venetian lace and fern.

Wendy Schimel was the maid of honor and Claudia Barbaro was the bridesmaid. They wore liberty print chiffon, handkerchief hem dresses and picture hats. They carried floral baskets.

Jacqueline Barbaro, daughter of the groom, was the flower girl. She wore a sleeveless gown of pink tulle over taffeta and carried a basket of pink flowers.

Leonard Barbaro was best man, and Andrew Ettinger, Stephen Wynne and Fred Francesco were ushers.

The bride is employed at the Life Sciences of New Haven as a registered physical therapist. The bridegroom is district manager for FCO Industries.

The couple traveled to the Canary Islands for a wedding trip and are now living in New Haven, Connecticut.

### Rothbergs Announce Birth Of A son

Rabbi and Mrs. Samuel A. Rothberg announce the birth of their third child a son, Marcus Daniel, on April 25, 1984.

Marcus's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Myer Hass of Cleveland, Ohio, and his paternal grandparents are Esther Rothberg and the late Maurice Rothberg.

### BBYO Holds Regional Installation

Naomi Zeigler of Newport and Lisa Waldman of Providence were installed as regional president and vice-president for the 1984-85 B'nai B'rith Girls Regional Executive Board. The installation took place at the New England Region's annual spring convention held earlier this month.

Other Rhode Islanders elected to the board are Penny Sloane, Aaron Schmier and Jonathan Cohen. The Providence chapter, Judy Ann Levin, received five awards, including ones for the best chapter, membership and programming.

Any youth who is interested in joining may contact Lisa Waldman at 831-7967 or 274-1751.

### Mr. and Mrs. Stein Announce Birth Of Their Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Stein of Newton Centre, Massachusetts, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Jessica Frances on April 29, 1984.

Jessica's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Landry of Ashland, Massachusetts, and her paternal grandmother is Jeanne Stein of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Mrs. H. Atkinson of Orange, Massachusetts is her great-grandmother.



Ralph and Hollis Meg Ettinger Barbaro

### Bilows Announce Birth Of Son

Jay and Sandra Bilow of East Providence announce the birth of their first child and son, David Charles, on May 1, 1984.

David's maternal grandparents are Hy and Sylvia Levin of Cranston, and his paternal grandparents are Louis and Gertrude Bilow of Boynton Beach, Florida.

### Richard Jacobs Earns College Degree

Richard Louis Jacobs of Cranston graduated fourth in his class from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., in a ceremony held on May 6, 1984. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration.

Jacobs is the son of Martha Jacobs, also of Cranston, and the late Donald Jacobs. He is the grandson of the late Rebecca Sinkis and the late Sadie and Louis Jacobs.

### Hugo Bert To Lecture At JCC

Rhode Island artists — past and present, well-known and lesser-known — will be the subject of a lecture by Hugo Bert, a member of the Providence Art Club, on Tuesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. the lecture, sponsored by Gallery 401, will include a representative showing of their works.

Bert, an authority on Rhode Island art history, owns the Bert Gallery at the Providence Biltmore and the Cottage Gallery in North Providence. If you own a work by a Rhode Island artist that you'd like to have evaluated at the lecture, please call Ann Miller at 861-8800.

### ADDITION

Maxine Fishbein, whose forthcoming wedding to Robert Pilavin was announced in last week's *Herald*, is the daughter of Gilbert Fishbein of Providence and the late Anne Werber Fishbein. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Morris Fishbein of Providence, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Max Werber.

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... **Furniture, Furnishings: Subject and Object**, Mar. 16-June 27, RISD Museum of Art, 224 Benefit Street, Providence; investigation of furniture as sculpture, sculpture as furniture.

... **Raku And Smoke**, April 7-May 21; presented by Salve Regina College and the Newport Art Museum; opening reception, Sat., April 7, 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Newport Art Museum, 76 Bellevue Ave., Newport.

... **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.

... **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.

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

... **Renee Kahn Exhibit**, May 6-29; Gallery 401, Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, opening reception May 6, 2-4:30 p.m.

... **"Wall Forms — Recent Works in Porcelain" by Frank M. Carrano**; through May 31; Center for the Arts, Westerly, R.I.; opening reception, May 6, 2-3:30 p.m.

... **RISD Graduate Student Exhibition**, May 18-June 3, Museum of Art, 224 Benefit St., Providence.

... **13th Annual Rhode Island Art Show**, sponsored by the East Greenwich Art Club, May 17-20, Warwick Mall.

... **1984 Degree Project and Furniture Show**, May 24-29; Woods-Gerry Gallery, 62 Prospect St., Providence; designs by 1984 graduates of RISD's Industrial Design/Woodworking department; opening reception May 24, 5:30-7 p.m.

... **Kathleen Hodge Exhibit**, June 3-29; Pawtucket City Hall Gallery, open daily 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

... **Arts Fair '84**, June 16, Wilkison Park (off Park Place); 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; over 50 artists and craftsmen will display.

## DANCE

... **Providence**, April 20, May 4, 18, June 1, 15; open dance for people of all ages; School One, John and Hope Street; call 274-1375 for information.

... **Evening of Dancing**, June 3, 8 p.m., Roger Williams Park Casino; sponsored by the New Leadership Division of Israel Bonds; call 751-6767 for more information.

... **Summer Dance '84**, July 9-Aug. 31, Dance Innovations, 1463 Atwood Ave., Johnston; call 831-1116 or 331-5157 for information or to register.

## DRAMA

... **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.

... **Arthur Rimbaud's In Town**, May 10-13, 18-20, 25-27; 8 p.m., 2 p.m. Sunday matinee; presented by the Bright Lights Theatre Company, School One, 75 John Street, Providence; call 724-8030 for ticket reservations.

... **The Sunshine Boys**, May 18-June 10; Fridays, 9 p.m., Saturdays, 6, 9 p.m.; Sun-

days, 2 p.m. Newport Playhouse, 104 Connell Highway, Newport; for reservations call 849-4618.

... **A Child's View of the Burning of the Gaspee**, May 19, 10:30 a.m., Providence Public Library, Empire Street, Providence; presented by the Puppet Workshop, free and open to the public.

... **The Comedy of Errors**, May 31-July 8, Rhode Island Shakespeare Theatre, Swanhurst, Bellevue Avenue, Newport; 8 p.m.; call theatre for ticket reservations.

... **Last of the Red Hot Lovers**, Fridays and Saturdays in June, beginning June 1; City Nights Theatre, Elk's Building, Exchange Street, Pawtucket; for reservations call 723-6060. Dinner served at 7 p.m., play begins at 8:15 p.m.

... **A Day In Hollywood, A Night in the Ukraine**, June 1-June 17, Theatre By The Sea, Matunuck; for reservations and a summer schedule, call 789-1094.

## MISCELLANEOUS

... **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**, 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 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.

... **Poetry Reading**, May 19, 3 p.m., Pawtucket Public Library; sponsored by the Pawtucket Community Arts Council; free and open to the public.

... **Fashion Show**, May 20, 6 p.m., Biltmore Plaza Hotel, to benefit the Big Sisters of Rhode Island; call 331-8987 for tickets or information.

... **The Ugly Little Boy**, May 21, 7:30 p.m. Barrington Public Library; discussion will follow.

... **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.

... **R.I. Self-Care Conference**, May 23, Ray Conference Center, Butler Hospital, 345 Blackstone Blvd., Providence; 9-12:30; admission is free.

... **R.I. Bridge Association Spring Sectional Tournament**, May 25-27; Holiday Inn, South Attleboro; for more information call Mike Kaufman, 273-6109, or Betty Leafie, 521-1352.

... **Whalewatch**, June 30; for ticket reservations or more information, call Barbara Simmons, R.I. Zoological Society, 758-9450, ext. 17.

... **Zoo Craft Fair**, to be held Sept. 16; to reserve space, call Barbara Simmons, R.I. Zoological Society, 758-9450, ext. 17.

... **Old Dartmouth Whaling Museum**, now open summer hours; walking tours of Historic District, whaling films, special programming. Call 1-617-997-0046 for schedules; 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford.

... **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

... **Rhode Island Philharmonic**, May 19, 8:30 p.m., Providence Performing Arts Center final concert of season; call 421-9075 for reservations.

... **Bus Trip to Tanglewood Music Festival**, July 15; sponsored by the Pawtucket Community Arts Council; call 725-1151 for more details.

## THE SINGLES SCENE

**CENTER SINGLES**

... **May 20 — On Lag B'Omer**, it's traditional to have a PICNIC. Meet at the JCC at 1:30 p.m. to carpool, or at the Elmwood Avenue entrance to Roger Williams Park at 2 p.m. Bring a dairy lunch, sports equipment, and games to play.

... **May 30 — We'll HAPPY HOUR** at the JCC at 7 p.m. Wine and cheese, danceable music, and friends, new and old, make for a great evening! Members: \$2.50/Non-members: \$4.00.

## CHAVERIM

... **Sunday Night at Foxboro**, May 20, dinner and admission is \$13.

Chaverim is a singles group for people over 30, sponsored by Temple Emanuel, May and Chandler streets, Worcester; for more information on the above events or the group itself, contact Linda Weisenberg at 617-756-9075.

## CLUB 385

**Temple Emanuel Newton Centre, MA**

... **Spring Fling Dance**, May 19; begins at 8:15 p.m.; sponsored by the Club 385, Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward Street, Newton Centre, Mass.; call 617-527-6907 or 617-527-7810 for information.

## GREATER PROVIDENCE JEWISH SINGLES

... **Lag Ba'Omer Picnic**, May 20; 11:30 a.m.; meet at Temple Emanu-El.

... **Friday Night Singles Service**, May 25, 7:45 p.m., Temple Emanu-El; join group the last Friday of each month for singles service and Oneg Shabbat.

## 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.

## SPORTS

... **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.

... **North American Small Boat Show**, May 25-27; Newport Yachting Center, America's Cup A., Newport.

## Liesha Mann To Speak At JCC

Liesha H. Mann of the Child Development Center at R.I. Hospital will speak on behavior management at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, R.I., on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Mann will discuss the principles of behavior modification with emphasis on management of the preschool-age child, specific behavioral techniques and a comparison of these and other methods.

The program is open to the community at no fee.

For further information call 861-8800.

## Rose Berlinsky To Discuss Her Impressions Of Israel

Rose Berlinsky, who recently visited Israel, will address the Mishkon Tfiloh Sisterhood meeting on Sunday, May 20, at 1:30 p.m. Her topic will be "Israel As I Saw It."

The business meeting, preceding Mrs. Berlinsky's talk will be chaired by the Sisterhood president Dorothy Berry. Plans are to be formulated for the closing Sisterhood affair for the season in the form of a mini-luncheon on June 17.

Jeannette E. Resnik is program chairman.

## Sylvia Finklestein To Speak On Jerusalem's History

Sylvia Finklestein will be the featured speaker at the Providence Chapter of Hadassah Study Group session to be held at the home of Bessie Frank, 241 Morris Avenue, Providence, on Thursday, May 24 at 10 a.m. Mrs. Finklestein's topic is "Jerusalem — 1948 and 1967."

A general discussion of topics of the day will follow. The final session of the season is planned for June 21, in the form of a luncheon.



Jacqueline Jepson and Larry Calabro in *The Last of the Red Hot Lovers*, to be presented by City Nights Theatre on Fridays and Saturdays in June.



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# Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



## We Are A Team



Marion Goldsmith, luncheon chairwoman, presents Dr. Phyllis R. Brown with The Community Award.

Perfect in every way. The spirit, the joyous mood, the warmth of a special occasion. Even the sun was shining rays of approval.

It was a committee's utopia. Every step of the way ran smoothly.

Providence Section National Council of Jewish Women was honoring Dr. Phyllis Rosen Brown at its Community Service Award Luncheon for her accomplishments and contributions as a professor and research chemist.

This day was different. The spontaneity of affection and enthusiasm for Phyllis Brown radiated from person to person. A biographic multi-media program entitled *Renaissance Woman*, written and produced by Florence Markoff, allowed us to become even closer with the honoree.

Listening to Dr. Brown's speech after her award presentation by chairwoman Marion Goldsmith, I was touched by her charisma, her sparkle, her inner beauty, and her down to earth qualities that made us feel accessible to her.

This is some of the inspiring words spoken by Dr. Phyllis Brown.

"The Council has always been a favorite organization of mine because of its goals and accomplishments and also because the women who work for it are true professionals-volunteers who are committed, capable and creative. Council was one of the first organizations that I joined when I came back to Providence in the Forties because of the enthusiastic and articulate 'sales pitch' given me by Sylvia Rossmar Galkin, mother of one of my best friends, Anne Louise.

"Sylvia told me of the great things Council was doing in education, in welfare and in social action. And though the specific projects may be different today, the goals of Council have not changed. Council is still accomplishing a tremendous amount in its Thrift Shop, RICAS, and in the Scholarship Fund we are supporting today which aids so many worthy students.

"I feel flattered to be honored by all of you today, because I know that many of you sitting in the audience in your own way have accomplished greatly and have made significant contributions to the community and deserve this award as much, if not more than I do.

"It is really easier to achieve when there are set goals and rewards as there is in a profession. In volunteer work, the rewards are usually within oneself in the satisfaction of a job well done, in helping others in so many ways, in giving a talented youngster a chance to go to college.

"And I think I am here rather than some of you who are doing outstanding work as professionals, nurses, teachers, social workers, therapists etc. because I happen to be in a field that is traditionally male oriented and dominated. . . and so I stand out like a 'sore thumb.'

"But if the truth is known, I am probably here because I am a 'retread' . . . a living example of 'There's a life beyond children after all.' That really life or rather a new life can begin at 40 or later, and it can be rich, exciting and rewarding.

"We women are lucky because we can be very creative in structuring our lives. There is no reason to stay in a rut at any time with the availability of resumed or continuing education or re-education to re-directionalize our lives.

"I have been blessed with good health, good luck and a wonderful family. I hope that through my work I can make a significant contribution to society. I am most appreciative of the honor you have given me.

"I would like to close with some lines that were on a birthday card sent me recently: 'There are some days in life so lovely so special, so filled with happy moments that we store them in our memory forever.' For me, this is one of those days!"



"I am overwhelmed...almost speechless...but not quite!" says Dr. Brown as she begins her acceptance speech. At left is Florence Markoff. To the right is Barbara Long. (Photos by Dorothea Snyder)



Among Dr. Brown's family proudly enjoying the day were left to right seated: Edythe Salzberger who flew in from Dallas, Ruth Adelson, Rosalie Fain, Dorothy Gozonsky. Standing left to right are: Beatrice Porrazzo, Janet Waldman, Elizabeth Brown.



A happy foursome from left to right are: James Goldsmith, Marion Goldsmith, Phyllis Brown, Bertram Brown. "I am fortunate," Dr. Brown tells the 113 women at the Luncheon, "to have a wonderful supportive husband who shares my ups and downs, as I share his, who always encouraged me in everything I wanted to do, who always said 'you can do it' when I was ready to give up. And I found I could do it. We are a team. Without him I would never have become a scientist, and I probably would not be here today."

# Behavioral Development Center:

## Working With Children, Families And Autism

by Pamela F. Greenhalgh

Part I

Autism. The word comes from the Greek meaning self, but for autistic children and their parents, it has more far-reaching implications. For the child, it means a struggle to learn to communicate and reach out to others, if indeed they ever can. For the parent, it is a terrifying, mysterious behavioral disorder with no known cause or cure.

There are, of course, some very precise, clinical definitions of autism. The National Society for Autistic Children (NSAC) has derived explanations which they label "Autism in Nutshells," which define the syndrome in lay terms. One of these definitions, which are consistent with the clinical guidelines, read as follows:

"The syndrome of autism is a profound, physically-based developmental disability which becomes evident during the first 30 months of life. Disturbance of the brain causes cognitive and perceptual dysfunctions, resulting in severe problems in the ability to handle context-dependent concepts, to learn in a

uniform manner, to understand and communicate (particularly by spoken language), and to behave appropriately in the social content."

While the cause of autism is unknown, its symptoms are easily identifiable. They include an inability to interact with others, sustained odd play, inappropriate behavior or language, no eye contact, resistance to change in routine or learning, no fear of real danger, inappropriate attachment to objects or spinning of objects, delayed speech development (the child might act as if deaf, or indicate needs with gestures) and is not cuddly.

Professionals stress that this checklist is only one of the diagnostic tools they use to identify autism, and that a child must exhibit several of these characteristics over a period of time. Medical and psychiatric exams, developmental and intelligence tests and the child's social history are all components of the diagnostic procedure.

In Providence, the Behavioral Development Center specializes in treating and educating children with autism and providing support and counseling for their parents. Barely into its eighth year, the BDC provides a day program for children

from ages 3-21, an early intervention program, residential programs in community homes, individual therapy and social skill development, integrated experiences with non-handicapped children, vocational training, therapeutic recreation programs, and family education and therapy.

"Our purpose is to provide daytime treatment and educational programming to serve autistic, behaviorally disordered and emotionally disturbed children and their families," explains Dr. June Groden, who along with her husband, Gerald, serve as directors of the BDC. "The philosophy of the BDC arises from a developmental, behavioral and ecological model, and all decisions are data-based."

What all of that means, is that there are three areas of prime consideration in the programming at the BDC. The developmental approach means that a child develops in a given sequence, and that the educational programming for each child is determined by his or her own developmental level. This treatment is behaviorally oriented in that techniques of positive reinforcement are used, and progress is recorded and reviewed.

Encompassing all of this is the

ecological perspective that is emphasized. The BDC believes that the child is part of the environment and must learn to live in it. As a result, skills are taught that will help the child to function in that environment.

"One activity we do is to take the children shopping. It is one example of what we mean by a developmental and ecological approach," says June Groden. "In class, the child might be learning the word bread. They are then taught how to buy bread at the store. This is interaction with the environment. Next, they learn to make sandwiches which shows the logical development of the skills."

The program at the BDC, which opened in 1976, was an answer to proposals made by the State Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals for an intensive treatment program. What began with 11 children now serves over 50 and is open six days a week.

"Our major purpose is to develop the abilities of autistic children to the fullest extent so they can have productive dignified lives," says June Groden. "Our goal is to provide services to both the child and his parent in order to keep the family

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Alice Oster, second from left, proudly displays her Service Award, presented to her by the Behavioral Development Center at their recent Banquet at the Alpine Country Club. Pictured with Mrs. Oster are Dr. Arnold Herman (far left), a member of the Center's Advisory Board, Dr. Gerald Groden and Dr. June Groden, Directors of the Center, and Edward Goldin, also an Advisory Board Member. Others receiving awards that night from BDC, which is a treatment and education center for autistic children, were Charles Dyer, Joseph Trimble, and Sara Wye.

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## Women's Association Holds Auction

The Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged will hold its Annual Bazaar on Sunday, May 20, in the Martin Chase Auditorium at the Home at 99 Hillside Ave., Providence, R.I. from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Weather permitting there will be booths and a barbecue out on the patio, too.

Phyllis Berry, Millie Eisenstadt and Estelle Kemer are chairmen of the event. Claire Ernstof is treasurer and Freda Rosenberg is in charge of publicity. The committee includes the following workers: Kay Abrams, Roz Applebaum, Herbert Brown, Sylvia Brown, Roberta Blum, Esther Alter, Sam Eisenstadt, Sara Cokin, Mollie Fisch, Esther Feldman, Zeldia Feldman, Estelle Forman, Betty Goldstein, Diana Goldstein, Shirley Goldberg, June Goldfarb, Doreen Harrison, Lil Ludman, Howard Poulton, Helen Rosen, Barbara Rosen, Trudy Rotenberg, Norma Richman, Charlotte Shapiro, Esther Schwartz, Ethel Shindler, Joseph Schwartz, Mervin Bolusky, Harriet Grunberg, Ellis Waldman, Jimmy Galkin, Betty Bolton.

Refreshments will be sold all day with luncheon specials available at noon. There will be a TV raffle and a Liquor raffle plus home baked goods, electrical and auto appliances, watches, jewelry, plants, fabrics and hand knit items. New merchandise at flea market prices and used merchandise at give away prices.

## Textbook By Ingall Is Published

The Melton Research Center for Jewish Education of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America has announced publication of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program by Carol K. Ingall, Associate Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island. The program, originally developed and field tested at Temple Emanu-El, Providence, is a project-oriented, individualized learning approach to Jewish learning and experiences. Involving parents and siblings as well as the bar or bat Mitzvah candidate, it maximizes family involvement when interest in Jewish education is at its peak.

## Career Women's Affiliate Of JFRI Hold Installation

The Career Women's Affiliate of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's Annual Meeting and Installation will take place Monday, May 21 at Cafe in the Barn, 1590 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk. Gladys Kapstein will act as installing officer when Gloria Feibish turns the presidency to Barbara Ruttenberg, and Jacqueline Teverow will relinquish the secretarial role to Judith Richter. CWA members hail Gloria Feibish for her singular leadership and salute Maxine Goldin whose innovative spirit will offer a new dimension to CWA's growth.

Also assuming executive board positions are Ada Beth Cutler, Alice Eichenbaum, Marilyn Eisenberg, Cheryl Goldman, Rosalind Kurzer, Judith Levitt, Jane Perel, Ellen Steingold, Ada Winsten, Victoria Lederberg, Betty Levitt, Pauline Berkow Makowsky, Charlotte Marcus, Marilyn Schlossberg, Jacqueline Teverow.

Co-chairpersons of the meeting, Judy Levitt, Coordinator of Community Relations at the Behavioral Development Center in Providence, and Maxine Marks, an owner and vice president of Nan-Max Travel of Providence have combined their capable and adventuresome talents to offer CWA members and guests an evening of warmth, sociability, and surprise. Cocktails and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the installation and finale will follow.

All members should reserve for themselves and their guests. For further information contact the Federation office, 421-4111.

## Temple Sinai

Senator Lila Sapinsley, minority leader since 1975, will address the Congregation of Temple Sinai on May 18 in celebration of Sisterhood Sabbath. Her topic will be "The role of Jewish Women in Politics."

Senator Sapinsley was first elected to the R.I. Senate in 1972 and served on numerous committees. Her legislative interests have been in the area of open government, women, and minority rights, education and legislative reform.

In 1975 Senator Sapinsley was declared Woman of the Year in Politics by the Governor's Commission on Women and in 1983 was one of 10 legislators, nationwide, cited for outstanding performance by the National Republican Legislator's Community Service Award. She also serves on the Jewish Federation of Women's Division board and has been elected Woman of the Year by the R.I. Women's Political Caucus, the Governor's Advisory Commission on Women.

## Sons Of Israel And David Hold Their Annual Meeting



Carl Feldman

The 129th Annual Meeting of the Congregation Sons of Israel and David, Temple Beth-El, will be held Sunday, May 20, at 4 p.m. in the Temple meeting hall. Lynn and Stuart Aaronson, co-chairmen of the meeting, encourage all members of the congregation to attend this year's meeting during which officers and trustees of the congregation will be elected.

The nominating committee, chaired by Mrs. Raul L. Lovett, has submitted the following slate of officers: President, Carl Feldman; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Donald M. Levine, Bruce Sundlun, Melvin L. Zurier; Treasurer, Irving Schwartz; Secretary, Dr. Arnold L. Herman. Additionally, nine persons have been nominated for three year terms. Further, Mrs. Bertram L. Bernhardt has been nominated as an Honorary Life Trustee.

For the first time in over a decade, members of the Congregation will also be affirming the appointment of a new Associate Rabbi, Rabbi Lawrence Silverman. Members will have the opportunity to meet Rabbi Silverman and his wife at the meeting.

## Florence Hanzel To Be Installed As Hadassah President

The Cranston Chapter of Hadassah will hold its installation of officers on Monday, May 21 at Garnishes-Jordan Marsh at 7:30 p.m. Bonnie Lipton, immediate past president of the Western New England of Hadassah and a member of the national board will be the installing officer. Those to be installed are President, Florence Hanzel; Vice President of Membership, Helen Abrams; Vice President of Education, Alice Schneider; Vice President of Program, Fran Sadler; Vice Presidents of Fund Raising, Bertha Goldberg and Blanche Eisenstadt; Treasurer, Shirley Frank; Financial Secretary, Charlotte Primack; Corresponding Secretary, Beatrice Feldman; and Recording Secretary, Ruth Fink.

# Obituaries

### ABRAHAM M. SHANKMAN

PROVIDENCE — Abraham M. Shankman, 98, a pharmacist in Springfield, Mass., most of his life, died last Thursday at the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave. He was the husband of the late Sophie (Konikow-Sablinsky) Shankman.

A son of the late Max and Frieda Shankman, he was born in Russia.

He was educated at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and he held an honorary degree from Western Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.

As a young man, he was associated with a Malden Drugstore. Self-employed for more than 50 years, he first owned Shankman's Pharmacy in Springfield, and later, the Triangle Pharmacy. After retiring from his business, he was a part-time pharmacist in the area for almost 15 years.

Shankman was a former officer in the Springfield Druggist Association, and a life member of the city's B'nai B'rith Lodge. Before entering the Jewish Home for the Aged a year ago, he lived in Warwick for three years.

He leaves two daughters, Lenore F. Miller of Warwick and Louise B. Schraeter of Brooklyn, N.Y.; a sister, Etta Baxt of Providence; two grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

Graveside service rites were held Sunday at Mount Ararat Cemetery, Pine Lawn, Long Island. Arrangements were made by the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope Street, Providence.

### UNVEILING

An unveiling will be held in the memory of Sema Silverman on May 20 at 1 p.m. at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

### EUNICE FLAINK BROWN

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Eunice (Flaink) Brown of Palm Beach, Florida, died last Wednesday.

Mrs. Brown is survived by her mother, Rose G. Flaink of Bristol, R.I.; a daughter, Marilyn Riner Klarman of Lawrence, Ga.; a son, Dr. R. Myles Riner of Modesto, Calif.; a sister, Shirley Rosenbloom and a brother, Ellis M. Flaink, both of Palm Beach; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Sunday at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### UNVEILING

An unveiling will be held in the memory of the late Nathan Goldfarb on Sunday, May 20, 1984, at 11 a.m. at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick, Rhode Island. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

### UNVEILING

An unveiling will be held in the memory of the late Ruth Lillian Woolf on Sunday, May 20, 1984, at 11 a.m. at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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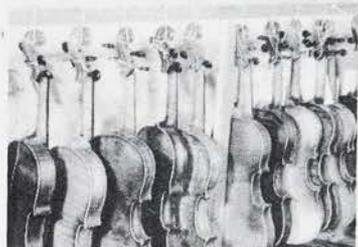
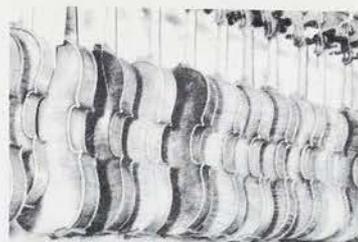
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The "Precious Legacy" exhibit, drawn

from a vast collection at the Jewish Museum in Prague, Czechoslovakia, consists of several hundred Jewish religious, community, and household artifacts impounded by the Nazis in World War II. Until the exhibit went on tour in the U.S. last fall, none of these objects had ever been shown outside Czechoslovakia. "Image and Reality" is an exhibit of photographs and artifacts of Jewish inmates of the Terezin concentration camp, on loan from various institutions. Together these exhibits constitute an unforgettable tribute to European Jewry before and during the Holocaust.

Further details on the museum trip, (including departure and return times, and cost) will be forthcoming by mid-May. To preregister, please fill out the form below and return it to Ann Miller at the JCC.

**Plitt Appointed Marketing Director**

Miriam R. Plitt of Pawtucket has been named Director of Marketing and Education for the Rhode Island Credit Union League as Robert V. Bianchini, President has announced. Plitt, formerly Director of the Pawtucket Community Arts Council and recent recipient of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce Community Recognition Award will be responsible for all public relations, communications, marketing and training programs. She is Vice-Chairperson of the Rhode Island Conflict of Interest Commission and a graduate of New York University and holds a certificate in management from Rhode Island College.

**Spivack Elected President**

Gloria J. Spivack of East Greenwich, a state and nationally certified teacher of piano, was elected to a two-year term as President of the R.I. Music Teachers Association at its annual conference held on May 6 at the Mary K. Hail Music Mansion in Providence. A member of the organization for 10 years, Mrs. Spivack has served as its Certification Chairman and First Vice-President.

Mrs. Spivack, who maintains her piano studio at 80 Birchwood Way and whose students encompass the entire West Bay

area, is a graduate of the Boston University School of Fine Arts and is an Adjunct Professor of Music at the Community College of Rhode Island. She is a Past President of The Schubert Club, is currently Secretary of the R.I. Federation of Music Clubs, and holds membership in the Chopin Club and the R.I. Music Educators Association. Her students have been consistent winners of Superior and Excellent ratings in various state music festivals, and have been active participants at the keyboard in the Rhode Island musical community, at schools and in the music clubs.

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## Rebecca Tollen Writes Winning Poem

Yom Yerushalayim — Jerusalem Day — is May 30th this year. In honor of Yom Yerushalayim, readers of NOAH'S ARK wrote poems expressing their feelings about Jerusalem. Many excellent entries were received. Thanks to everyone who entered!

The winning poem was written by **Rebecca Tollen**, 11-years-old, from Columbia, Maryland. Here is her poem:

Jerusalem, a joyful place for  
 Everyone of a different  
 Race. Now you  
 Understand why the Jews fought for  
 Such  
 A  
 Lovely land. There we  
 Embraced history, old and new,  
 Meaning so much to me and you.



Two other good poems are printed on page 2.

## A New Jewish Holiday

One of the newest holidays on the Jewish calendar is Yom Yerushalayim, Jerusalem Day. This year Yom Yerushalayim is celebrated on May 30, 1984, which is the 28th day of the Hebrew month of Iyar.

In 1967, on the 28th of Iyar, Israel's army won control over the old city of Jerusalem. Before that, from 1948 to 1967, Jerusalem was divided between Israel and Jordan. Jordan did not allow Jews to enter the old part of Jerusalem and pray at the Western Wall.

The Western Wall was the last remaining wall of the area around the Holy Temple, first built by King Solomon during the days of the Bible. The Holy Temple was destroyed twice. The second time was about 2000 years ago, when the Roman army destroyed everything except the Western Wall.

Since then, Jews have gone to the Western Wall to pray (except for the years when Jordan would not allow it). Because they often cried to God while they prayed, the Wall is sometimes called the "Wailing" (Crying) Wall. Jews do not call it this; we call it the Kotel (which means "Wall") or Western Wall.



During the Six Day War, on June 7, 1967, Israel won control of the old city of Jerusalem. Soon after the war was over, many Jews from all over the world travelled to Jerusalem to pray at the Kotel. To celebrate this important day in Jewish history, the holiday called Yom Yerushalayim was added to the Jewish calendar.

Because it is a new holiday, it is celebrated differently in different cities. Some people read prayers about Jerusalem or sing songs about the Holy City. Other people have big parades to show how they feel about Israel and Jerusalem.

It took the rabbis many years to create ways to celebrate most Jewish festivals and they are just beginning to create ways to observe Yom Yerushalayim. Imagine how different the first Passover or first Shavuot celebrations were from the ways we celebrate these holidays today. A hundred years from now, YOUR great-great grandchildren may be studying how YOU celebrated this new holiday!

## Shavuot Word Find

Because Shavuot is a spring holiday and a harvest festival, the custom is to decorate the home and synagogue with fresh flowers. Some of the flowers that grow in Israel are listed below. Find and circle them in the Shavuot Word Find. They can go across or up and down — and some are even spelled backwards!

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| Anemone    | Gladiolus       |
| Buttercup  | Iris (2 times)  |
| Calendula  | Narcissus       |
| Cornflower | Peony (2 times) |
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— Answers on page 2.



# Arts & Entertainment

## R.I. Philharmonic In Warwick

by Jerry O'Brien

*Arts in the Parks Reporter*

The phlox and forsythia may be in bloom, and the lilacs not far behind, but the residents of Warwick have one sure way of knowing that spring is here. For the second year, the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra will perform in a free concert, outdoors at the Mickey Stevens Sports Complex, on Sandy Lane.

The concert, which looks as if it may become something of a tradition for the city, will feature a selection of popular tunes and light classics, ending with a rousing performance of Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture," complete with a thirty-minute fireworks display. Sponsored by the Warwick Parks and Recreation Department, the show will begin 7:00 on Sunday evening, May 27, and will conclude at 9:00.

With the two baseball fields at the Complex, there will be plenty of room for relaxing and listening to some fine music. So bring along your own blankets and folding chairs to get into the right mood. And parking will not be a problem since there is enough space by the fields and at the nearby High School and Star market. Warwick policemen will be on hand to provide traffic control. The fields can accommodate 10,000 persons, so there is lit-

tle excuse to miss a fine opportunity to celebrate the rites of spring.

The Philharmonic has had a long tradition of playing outdoors in various Rhode Island communities, including Westerly, Narragansett, and Bristol, but last year was the first time the group had played in Warwick. It was a stunning success. Nearly 6,000 persons showed up despite the rainy weather, and so the concert was moved indoors to the Thayer Ice Arena. Still, 3,000 persons waited outside in their cars to watch the fireworks.

According to Bruce Murray, general manager of the Philharmonic, appearances such as the one at the Stevens Complex are not only good for the community but for the Orchestra as well. The outdoor concerts, held in the spring and summer, have a nice way of giving the group some fine exposure to people who might not otherwise attend a concert at the Rhode Island Performing Arts Center, in Providence. And many of these people will later be buying tickets.

The Warwick appearance was the idea of Mayor Walsh — who participated in the music-making last year by ringing a bell on cue from the conductor — and is paid for out of Community Development funds, since the whole city benefits. Leo Perrone, Director of the Parks and Recreation

Department, is very enthusiastic about the event, and even thinks that the Mayor should do an encore this year. "After all," Mr. Perrone said with a hearty laugh, "he performed so well."

"The show costs the city between \$6,000 and \$8,000," Mr. Perrone went on to say. "It's a wonderful event. It gives a lot of needy people an opportunity to get out and do something that's fun for the whole family. And it's good for the whole community to hear a group of excellent, talented musicians for free. Everyone likes

fireworks, too. So it brings the city together. There's a lot of interest in Warwick in the arts, and we want to satisfy those people. And something like this has wide appeal — it's good for the youngsters and the seniors."

Indeed it is. And even if the weather is less than perfect, there is nothing quite like being outside in a casual atmosphere, listening to fine music and watching fireworks. Summer must be just around the corner.

## "Jonestown Express" Makes Its World Premiere At Trinity Rep

Adrian Hall, Artistic Director of Trinity Square Repertory Company, directs the Company in a World Premiere production of *Jonestown Express* by James Reston, Jr., beginning performances on May 18 and playing through June 16.

*Jonestown Express* is the culmination of over five years of focus on the Jim Jones story for James Reston, Jr. In 1981, Reston's book *Our Father Who Art In Hell* was published receiving critical acclaim. That same year Reston and Adrian Hall began collaborating on a stage adaptation which evolved into *Jonestown Express*. The play examines the phenomenon of Jim Jones, the messianic leader of the People's Temple, 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 the tragic mass suicide/homicide known as the "Jonestown Massacre." The play

looks at some of the personalities behind this widely publicized event which shocked and galvanized the world, setting off repercussions that affect us today.

Performances are scheduled Tuesday through Sunday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sundays and selected Wednesday and Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. Trinity's award-winning Humanities Program has scheduled five post-performance discussions. Dr. Chris Hatcher, nationally-renowned expert on cults and Jonestown from San Francisco, has been invited to participate in the series, along with Dr. William McLoughlin, an historian from Brown University. For further information and ticket reservations, please call (401) 351-4242 or visit the box office in the lobby of the theatre located at 201 Washington Street, Providence, R.I. Visa/Mastercard accepted.

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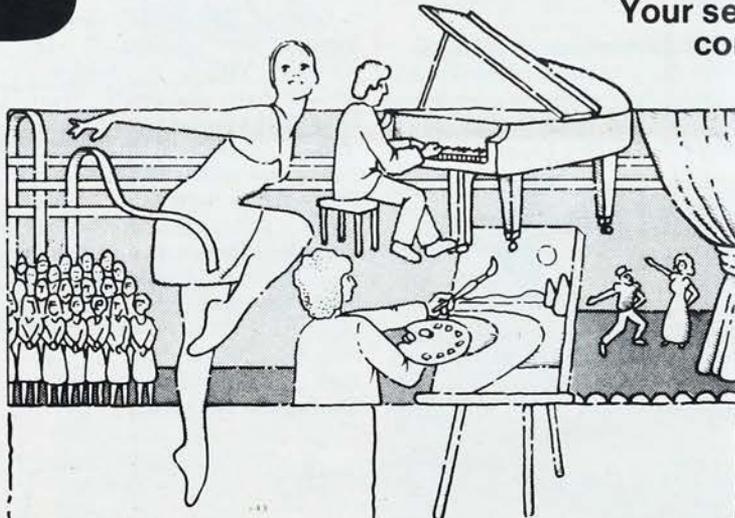
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## Sisterhood To Meet May 23

The Sisterhood of Temple Torat Yisrael will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the temple, 330 Park Ave., Cranston.

The slate of officers for the coming year will be presented and election will be held. Zelda Kauffman will present a Travelogue of "Places to Visit — Around the Corner to Around the World."

## Day School Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Solomon Schechter Day School will be held on June 13 at 7:45 p.m. at the school. Wilean and Steven Snow are the chairpersons for the evening.

Other news from the school relates to special trips being planned for the students. On May 21, the kindergarten and first grade will take the ferry to Prudence Island and go White Deer print hunting. At the end of the month, the fifth grade will be visiting Slater Mill in Pawtucket.

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## Behavioral Development Center

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together, and prevent institutionalization of the child."

To this end, the BDC offers a number of family and community programs in addition to the special education provided for the children.

Gerald Groden is in charge of the family support system at the BDC. For parents, there are counseling sessions, classes in behavioral management, and mother's classes with the child. The center also provides respite care for parents. Trained professionals are available for "babysitting" so parents can have relief from the constant care of the child. Arrangements can be made for weekends, a week, or longer, and can be arranged in or away from the home.

"This helps families meet planned or emergency situations," explains June Groden. "It also may prevent stressful situations from occurring."

Family outings such as carnivals, cook-outs and the annual field day are planned for both the children and their parents. The sibling program offers classes for children to help them realize that they are not the only ones with special needs brothers and sisters, and to help them better interact with each other.

Community education on autism is also a facet of the BDC. The center reaches out to the community in a variety of ways. Judith Levitt, Director of Community Relations for the BDC speaks frequently to civic groups on autism and the work the center does. In addition, she arranges for staff members from the center to address groups also. "We plan any number of fund raisers a year, not only to raise money for the center, but to also get our name and what we do known in the public," says Levitt. "We recently held a silent auction

as part of our annual awards banquet. A fun run is held every fall, and proceeds from that go to the physical education department. Last fall, 150 people participated. On June 14, we are sponsoring a theatre party at the Baker Playhouse to see *Something's Afoot*."

The BDC is appreciative of the assistance given by the community and each year honors people who in one way or another assist the center. This year, Alice Oster received the Service Award, Charles Dyer, the Benefactor Award, Joseph Trimble, the Humanitarian Award, and Sara Wye, of WJAR-TV the Media Award for an in-depth feature she did on the center.

"These people have helped the cause of autism either directly by their involvement with the center or by simply getting the word out on what autism is and what we do here at the center," Levitt says of the awards recipients.

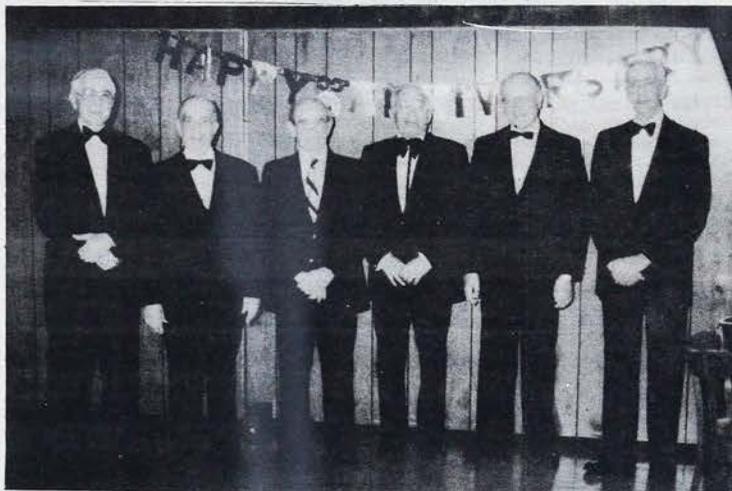
The BDC also has some volunteer opportunities.

"Working with the children does require special training because of the problems involved. Most of the volunteers are graduate students doing internships, but we do welcome people from the community," says Rita Herman, an administrative assistant at the BDC and Director of Volunteer Services. "We also require a minimum time commitment, since it often takes the children quite a while to get accustomed to a new face."

Anyone who is interested in attending the theatre party on June 14 or in having someone from the center speak at a group meeting, may contact Levitt at the BDC. People who would like to further investigate volunteering may call Herman. The BDC's number is 401-274-6310.

**NEXT WEEK — Special Programs for Special Children.**

## Crestwood Country Club Celebrates 25th Anniversary



**Founders: Nat Lipson, Irving Ackerman, Joseph Ackerman, Hy Fishbein, Milton Dubinski, Charles Salmonson.**

The cocktail hour started at 6:30 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m., 158 members walked into the ballroom at Crestwood Country Club to continue to celebrate the club's 25th Anniversary Presidential Ball on Saturday evening, May 5, 1984.

At 7:45 p.m. the new president, Dr. Harold Hanzel and his wife, Florence, marched into the ballroom and to their table to the tune of "Hail to the Chief."

A most tasteful full-course dinner was finished by 9:30 p.m., and the evening's master of ceremonies, Sidney Green, welcomed the gathering, and then began a most entertaining hour of presentations and nostalgic reminiscing.

Tedi and Sid Green read portions of articles printed in the Crestwood Divot, a monthly newsletter published in the 1960's, and that sparked many nostalgic comments . . . Joseph Gladstone who served as president for the terms of 1981, '82, and '83 spoke briefly, and introduced the other past presidents who were present . . . following this, Mr. Gladstone introduced

the current president, Dr. Hanzel, who spoke of the long and untiring efforts of the six men who founded Crestwood in 1959 . . . He then introduced them, and presented lovely plaques of appreciation from the club to each of them. Messers. Joseph Ackerman, Irving Ackerman, Milton Dubinsky, Hyman Fishbein, Nat Lipson and Charles Salmanson.

At this time, Sidney Green presented a beautiful clock plaque to Nat Lipson for 25 years of dedicated service to Crestwood, and a standing ovation was given to Mr. Lipson . . . A 'Presidential Proclamation' was read and presented to Mr. John Petraitis for his 25 years of service as the golf course maintenance supervisor.

Music for the entire evening was provided by "John Worsley and Friends," and the affair was planned by Crestwood's social committee which includes Tedi and Sid Green, Dodo and Vic Gold, Dot and Mark Weinberg, Trudey and Jerry Katz and Harie and Bernie Raisman.



**Rita Herman, left, Director of Volunteer Services at the BDC, and Judith Levitt, Director of Community Relations. (Photo by Pamela F. Greenhalgh)**

### Pioneer Women Hold Buffet, Penny Social

Shalom Chapter Pioneer Woman will hold its last meeting of the year on Tuesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Joan Tebrow in West Warwick, R.I. Members are bringing their favorite recipes for our annual end of year buffet. A penny social will follow.

For more information please call 822-0434.

### Ladies Night Planned For June 23

What Cheer Lodge 324 of the Knights of Pythias will hold its annual ladies night at Lincoln Greyhound Park on Saturday evening, June 23. For information and ticket requests, contact Evan Cronson at 724-1542. Tickets include a full-course dinner, and are available to members and a limited amount of guests.

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