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### Temple Shalom Celebrates Milestones

by Robert Israel

MIDDLETOWN — Two weeks ago, a capacity gathering of members of Temple Shalom, a Conservative synagogue on Route 214 here, gathered to recognize the tenth anniversary of Rabbi Marc S. Jagoliner as spiritual leader of the congregation. It was an event which marks one of many milestones the Temple has experienced over the past decade.

#### Growing Congregation

"When I first began as a Rabbi at this congregation," Rabbi Jagoliner told me, "I told people where I worked as a spiritual leader, and they replied, 'Oh, that other congregation,' meaning that in everyone's eyes, Touro Synagogue, the historic synagogue, was the only important synagogue on Aquidneck Island. Well, that has changed. Temple Shalom has been put on the map."

Middletown and Newport, like all Rhode Island communities, has changed over the years. The Touro Synagogue, the first synagogue built in the United States, has a diminishing Orthodox congregation. Rabbi Lewis, spiritual leader of the synagogue, will soon be retiring. Many families moving into the area — and families from across the bay, from Jamestown, Narragansett and South Kingstown — have joined Temple Shalom. What has attracted many of these families has been the creative approach to Judaism that Rabbi Jagoliner has brought to the congregation and to the community.

"The number of families that are members here," Rabbi Jagoliner continued, "has doubled in the past ten years. Since my coming here, we've held many interfaith events. Every Thanksgiving time, we have an interfaith Thanksgiving service here and for the past ten years, on Yom Hashoa, we have an interfaith remembrance service for the victims of the Holocaust. We've brought speakers in — a couple years ago Peter Hellman, author of *Avenue of the Righteous*, spoke here, as well as survivors of the Holocaust — and we've shown films to educate the community about the Holocaust."

Yet the Holocaust and Thanksgiving have not been the only examples of Temple Shalom's involvement in the non-Jewish community. Rabbi Jagoliner has opened the doors on many other occasions and has held interfaith services. Members of the Middletown-Newport clergy have met in

the Temple's sukkah and Rabbi Jagoliner has spoken at Trinity Church — the first rabbi to speak at that church in its history. There have also been model seder held for the community during Passover.

Rabbi Jagoliner remains visible and active within the community and encourages his congregants to do the same. He serves as a chaplain to the Middletown Police Department as well as being a board member of the local hospice organization, the hospital and an organization called Generations which sponsors events for the elderly. He teaches Hebrew at the local schools and has spoken on anti-Semitism at Salve Regina College as well as other places in Newport and Middletown.

#### Importance of Family

"Young people have been extremely important to Temple Shalom," Rabbi Jagoliner said. "Kids are involved in the worshipping and the teaching here. We have a fine relationship with teenagers and frequently, they lead the services. Recently, a congregant told me one Friday evening he and his wife were tired and did not want to come to services but their son, who is age 6, told them how important it was for him to come and so they came to services. Young people are the future and they are also an important link to involving the adults."

The involvement of young people in the Temple has indeed been a remarkable feature. During services I have attended, special attention has been paid to the younger members of the congregation. At Rosh Hashanah, for example, Rabbi Jagoliner explained the shofar to the children and invited them up to the pulpit to examine it. He has used creative learning aides like puppets to communicate Jewish history, building on the natural enthusiasm children feel. There have been special mentions when a child in the congregation has a birthday and becomes a member of the "Rabbi's Birthday Club." Rabbi Jagoliner and his wife, Barbara, are parents of three children. Last year, the *Herald* published my story on the welcoming ceremony of Jonathan Jagoliner, which was a memoir warm and loving ceremony.

Because Temple Shalom is a small congregation — around 115 families — there are varied possibilities open to a congregant to be involved. Like many Temples, there is an active sisterhood and an active

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### Dr. Irving Kenneth Zola — Sharing Secrets Of The Heart

by Susan Higgins

There are moments that transcend our physical existence. Moments when the commonality of human experience shakes our perception of reality. At a recent meeting of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee, Fall River Chapter, Irving Kenneth Zola shook the world.

Dr. Zola, elicited nervous laughter from his hosts, when he whimsically pointed out that other than the title of his speech, "Moments in Time: Meaningful Relationships," no one actually knew what his talk was going to be about. He playfully threatened to recite a series of dry facts about health. As the audience exchanged bemused and unsettled glances, Dr. Irving Kenneth Zola, satisfied with having ruffled the minds of his audience, began his unconventional and bewitching talks.

There are moments when someone or something reaches out and clutches your heart, when you are no longer aware of breathing or being part of the world around us, as we know it. When Kenneth Zola, Chairman of the Department of Sociology at Brandeis University, writer, consulting sociologist at Massachusetts General Hospital, executive Director and co-founder of the Boston Self Help Center, speaker/sorcerer spoke, time left the room. He spoke of the days after polio had



come to him, ("polio, a disease already a part of history. A disease the youth know only from sips at school"), not begrudgingly, but with the same tone one uses when one has been the recipient of some heart-wounding prank. Recounting the insecurities of adolescence complicated further by the image shattering effects of a disease and the emasculation of crutches,

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### Report From Jewish Quebec

by Marie Poirier

(JSPP) MONTREAL — In response to statistics showing that a large percentage of Jewish university graduates were leaving Quebec, the Allied Jewish Community Services (AJCS — The Federation of Jewish Agencies) conducted a survey in 1980 to find out why.

After the survey was conducted, Quebec's Jewish community set up the Youth Retention Project (YRP) to help university graduates find entry-level jobs because the questionnaires showed that most young people cited job opportunities as the determining factor in their decision to stay in, or leave, Quebec.

The AJCS initially conducted the survey because 22 percent of the 10,000 English-speaking (mainly Ashkenazic) Jews (10 percent of the community) which left Quebec between 1971 and 1981 were between 15 and 54 years old. This large emigration stemmed from a combination of political uncertainty over the separation of Quebec from Canada, controversial legislation on language enacted by the recently elected French-speaking nationalist political party, and Quebec's sagging economy.

In 1983-84, 213 Jewish university graduates approximately one out of four — signed up with the YRP. Among them, 82 or 38.5% were placed in jobs. YRP director Jacques Mizne calculated that another 20% have found jobs on their own but may have been indirectly helped by YRP's advice on resume writing, interview techniques and information on companies.

The YRP's success rate is currently higher than the government employment centers which, like YRP, is free to both applicant and employer. YRP director Jacques Mizne credits his success to the personal contact he maintains with applicants and employers. "Agencies keep sending people until you get the right person for the job. I send a maximum of three applicants for each position. Employers like the fact that I match carefully people with the job." Satisfied employers keep using the service, one firm hired seven people.

In a city where Jews have a high degree of economic self-sufficiency — most are either self-employed or they work for other Jews —, 80 percent of the companies using the service are Jewish-owned. But there were cases where no Jewish connection was involved, like at the Bank of Montreal, one of Canada's leading banks. Most YRP users are small and medium-sized Jewish owned businesses. To keep potential employers informed, the YRP publishes a quarterly newsletter with profiles of job-seeking graduates and organizes informal get-togethers a few times a year where employers (or their representatives) and graduates mingle.

YRP seems to be meeting its challenge of keeping young Jews in Quebec. "Among our users, few have left. But our sample is biased in favor or people predisposed to stay (here). I tell people very clearly that I only look for jobs in Quebec," noted Mizne. Those who don't sign up with YRP may not be preoccupied with their future career location, he qualified.

Mizne prefers to emphasize the business aspect of his employment service and to avoid making it a "community" issue. But despite his wishes, the community dimension is unavoidable. To his knowledge, no other major Jewish community in North America has set up such a service. He explained that they don't need to because they haven't lost any significant population. Large North American cities are used to mobility: Montreal is unusual for having a Jewish population that was born there or that had immigrated from abroad. Interprovincial mobility was almost non-existent before the 1970's.

In Montreal, unspoken political and demographic concerns are added to the economic context to explain the creation of such a project. The Jewish community may strive to keep its youth in Quebec to prove that Anglophones can function bilingually. Also, it may want to ensure an Ashkenazic presence for the future in a community where the only growth is among French-speaking Sephardim.



Reviewing last minute details prior to the Tenth Anniversary observance of Rabbi Marc S. Jagoliner's decade of service to the Congregation of Temple Shalom are Temple President, Dale G. Blumenthal, honoree, Rabbi Jagoliner and Past President Howard M. Solomon.



## Local News

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### Torat Yisrael Spring Book Fair

Torat Yisrael School Committee and Library Committee are co-sponsoring a spring book fair May 19, 20 and 21.

The fair will feature a wide selection of hardcover and paperback books for children and adults. This will be a fine opportunity to plan your summer reading schedule. Stock up on books for camp, beach, and vacation reading; expand your home library; purchase gifts for special occasions.

Come to browse: Come to buy: Come! Hours of the book fair will be:  
Sunday, May 19 — 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Monday, May 20 — 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 21 — 10:00 a.m.-12 noon.

### Torat Yisrael Sisterhood Donor Dinner

The Sisterhood of Temple Torat Yisrael will hold its 29th Annual Donor Dinner on Wednesday May 15, 1985 at the Temple, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Socialize with hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment will be by "Koli" one of New England's most popular performing groups with traditional, contemporary and familiar show tunes and folk music. A special feature for the evening will be a complimentary 2-day trip at the Concord Hotel, Lake Kiamasha, New York, obtained through the efforts of Zelda Kaufman of Cranston Travel.

### Arthur Poulten To Receive Award

Arthur Poulten of Cranston heads a list of men and women who will be honored for service to Temple Am David, its Men's Club and other affiliated groups at the Men's Club Annual Awards Sabbath, Friday, May 17, at 8:15 p.m., at the Temple, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick.

Poulten will receive the Lester Aptel Award in recognition of nearly a dozen years of work for the Temple and the Men's Club. The award, named in honor of the late Lester Aptel, a charter member of the club, will be presented by Rabbi Richard Leibovitz.

Poulten served two terms as president of the congregation, from July 1980 to June 1982. During that time the merger between Temple Beth Am here and Temple Beth David of Providence was completed. Prior to becoming president he chaired the committee that arranged details of the merger.

Also during his administration, construction was begun on the now-completed Temple sanctuary and daily chapel. Poulten headed the committee established two years earlier to study the need for and feasibility of an addition to the Temple's then dual-purpose (sanctuary and social hall) building.

Poulten has been publicity chairman for the Temple and the Men's Club for nearly 12 years and has served on the board of directors of both organizations during that time.

Jerome Aron, chairman of the Men's Club Awards Selection Committee, will present plaques to the following for their work in special areas of the Temple:

Mary Cohen of Coventry; Fredric Kamin, East Greenwich; Herbert Wagner, Providence; and George Berman, Scituate; Chermov, Suzanne Cohen, Daniel Gluckman, Ruvin Klein, Faye Schachter and Dr. Bruce Werber, all of Warwick.

The services and the awards presentations are open to the public.

### Hebrew Free Loan Assoc. Elects Officers

At the 82nd annual meeting held on Wed. May 1st, Herbert B. Meister was re-elected President. Other officers re-elected are Louis A. Brown, 1st vice-pres.; Maurice Prager, 2nd vice-pres.; William Melzer, sec'y; Sam Rotkopf, treas.; Bernard Rosenfield, custodian.

Directors for term ending 1986: Rennie J. Brown, Joseph Connis, Steven Levy, Ken Resnick, J. Gordon Snow, Morris Tippe, Edward Grossman, Stanley Greenstein, and Harold Kaufman.

Directors for term ending 1987: Samuel Stepak, Gerald Connis, Alexander Eides, David Hochman, Gerald S. Muldoon, Jeffrey Perlow, Elliot Slack, Lewis F. Salk and Sayre Summer.

### Novak and Horwitz To Appear For Survival Series

A unique community-wide forum exploring new directions in Jewish identity is being presented as a four-part series in April and May and is entitled, "Toward Jewish Survival."

The series is sponsored by the Synagogue-Federation Relations Committee of the Southern Area Advisory Board of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, and is chaired by Seth A. Perlmuter.



Murray Horwitz



William Novak

On Thursday, May 23, 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Am/Beth David, William Novak, noted author of *The Big Book of Jewish Humor*, and with Lee Iacocca, *Iacocca: An Autobiography*, will present: "Jewish Humor Through the Ages."

The final presentation of the series will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 7:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston as "An Evening of Shalom Aleichem" with Murray Horwitz. The final evening is being held under the auspices of the Torat Yisrael Florence Margolis Fund for the Arts.

Tickets are available through the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island at a cost of \$5 per person for the entire series or any part thereof. College students are free with I.D. cards, and children under the age of 18 are also free.

This series is the third major program sponsored by the Synagogue-Federation Relations Committee, which is also responsible for a highly successful Safam music concert in 1982 and a well-received Synagogue Leadership Skills Conference in 1983. The Committee was established several years ago with the goal of enhancing cooperation between synagogues in the southern area of the state and between synagogues and the Federation.

For more information on this series, please contact Steven A. Rakitt, Assistant Executive Director at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, 421-4111.

### Mark Patinkin To Speak

Mark Patinkin, columnist for the *Providence Journal*, will be guest speaker at the Hope Lodge of the B'nai B'rith's membership drive breakfast on Sunday, May 19, at 9:30 a.m., at Temple Sinai, 30 Hagan Avenue, Cranston.

Other dates to remember for the Hope Lodge: Annual Dinner Dance and Installation of officers, Sunday, June 9, Las Vegas Inn, June 22. For more details call Bob Wurawitz, 941-1718.

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## Marcia Kaunfer At Emanu-El's Torah Fundraiser



Marcia Kaunfer

We are most fortunate to have as our guest speaker for this year's Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood's Annual Torah Fundraiser, Mrs. Marcia Kaunfer, whose topic will be "Rites and Rights — A Personal Statement." Our event, to be held on May 17, is following an exciting new format of a family Shabbat Service and Dinner.

Mrs. Kaunfer, a graduate of Hebrew Teachers College, Brandeis University, and Harvard Graduate School of Education, has been a teacher at day schools and afternoon religious schools since 1966. She is also a curriculum writer for the Melton Center, at the Jewish Theological Seminary, as well as a writer of simulations games, several of which have been published, including *Dilemma* by Behrman House. In her "spare" time, she does beautiful calligraphy work, specializing in hand-illuminated Ketubot. This multi-talented woman is the wife of Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer, and mother of Eliezer and Oran Kaunfer.

Shirley Aronson Goldberg will be honored with the 1985 Women's Achievement Award for her long record of dedication and accomplishment on behalf of Sisterhood and the Jewish Community.

The proceeds raised at our annual Torah Fund event benefit the Jewish Theological Seminary, which is the source of guidance and inspiration for our synagogue and school. Sandi Rubin is the Chairwoman for the event. Children are encouraged to attend, and babysitting will be provided during the program. For further information, please call the Temple Office at 351-1616.

## Phyllis Brown To Speak



Dr. Phyllis Brown

Prof. Phyllis R. Brown, Chemistry Department of the University of Rhode Island, will be the guest speaker at the annual luncheon of the Providence Chapter of Hadassah Study Group on Wednesday, May 22, at the Ramada Inn in Seekonk. Her topic, "A Sabbatical in Jerusalem," is based on her experience as visiting professor at the Hebrew University in Israel.

The Study Group has been under the direction of Jeannette E. Resnik, Education vice-president of the Chapter, for the past three years.

Lillian Ludman, chairman, Shirley Goldberg and Kay Abrams are the arrangements committee for the event.

## Mother's Day Barbecue

The Men's Club of Congregation Ohave Shalom of Pawtucket will host a glatt kosher Mother's Day Barbecue on Sunday, May 12, 1985 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. on its grounds on East Avenue. The barbecue is open to the public and no reservations are necessary.

## Annual Spring Concert

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 planning its spring concert. This event will be held on May 14 at Temple Emanu-El which is located at the corner of Morris Avenue and Sessions Street, Providence and will begin at 1:00 p.m. The agencies affiliated with this group are the Bureau of Jewish Education, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, Jewish Home for the Aged, Leisure Club of Temple Emanu-El, Shalom Apartments and the Jewish Family Service Meals at Temple Torah Yissel.

The entertainment will be provided by "Shirim," a Klezmer group from Boston. The concert will be partially funded through a grant from the Klezmer Conservatory Foundation of Cambridge, Mass. Klezmer is the music of Eastern European Jews. The word "klezmer" is the contraction of two Hebrew words meaning "instrument of song." There will be an admission fee of \$1.50 and refreshments will be served after the concert.

Funding for all S.A.G.E. concerts is provided by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Besides reaching out to the older Jewish population in the Greater Providence area, S.A.G.E. is hoping that a significant representation from Woonsocket and Newport will attend the concert.

Space is limited and free transportation will be available on a limited basis. All older Jewish individuals are welcome to attend. Anyone who is interested or needs more information may contact Deborah Prinz at 331-1244.

## Irving Fain To Be Inducted By R.I. Heritage Hall Of Fame

Irving J. Fain will be one of 10 persons inducted by the R.I. Heritage Hall of Fame at its 20th annual dinner meeting May 23 at the West Valley Inn, West Warwick at 6 p.m. Fain, businessman and philanthropist who led the campaign that resulted in Rhode Island's fair housing law died in 1970. Among his many accomplishments.

He was President of Temple Beth-El, the Rhode Island Urban League, Chairman of Citizens United for Fair Housing, National Chairman of the Social Action Committee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Developer of Hepzibah Housing and of University Heights.

The annual dinner meeting of the R.I. Heritage Hall of Fame is open to the public. Since attendance each year changes according to the honorees, no invitation list is followed. Tickets may be obtained from the Jewish Community Center reception desk for fifteen dollars each.

Other inductees include H. Cushman Anthony, active in the Narragansett Council and Boy Scouts of America; Richard J. Reynolds, retired *Journal-Bulletin* sports writer; Walter H. Reynolds, former Providence mayor; Vincent J. Turco, chief of orthopedic surgery at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Conn.; John C.A. Watkins, publisher of the *Journal-Bulletin*; William D. and Olive F. Wiley, husband and wife for more than 60 years. William Wiley, 87, edited Rhode Island's first black newspaper, the *Providence Chronicle*. Olive, 82, was a former Rhode Island Mother of the Year.

To be inducted posthumously in addition to Irving Fain are:

William "Dixie" H. Matthew, former deputy city clerk of Providence and an athlete of note in his younger days.

Henry J. Tascia, late U.S. Ambassador to Greece and several other European countries.

## "Jews In USSR"

### At U. Of Hartford

A course on "Jews in the Soviet Union" will be one of the first of "The Holocaust in Historical Perspective" events scheduled at the University of Hartford this summer.

Edward Drachman, associate professor of government, who has visited the Soviet Union three times, will teach the course which will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from May 23 to July 3.

Samuel Rachin, a native Siberian who is now a Nieman Fellow at Harvard's Russian Research Center, will be a guest lecturer on June 6.

## Solomon Schechter School Fundraiser

Solomon Schechter Day School of Rhode Island will have its annual fundraising event on Tuesday, May 21, 1985 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Steven Peiser.

Co-chairmen for the event are Dr. and Mrs. Harris Harnich and Mr. and Mrs. Joel Roseman. This fundraising event will benefit the school's Scholarship and Resource Funds. For further information, call the school office at 751-2470.

## Solidarity Service Held At Temple Shalom

A Service of Solidarity was held last Sunday evening in the Main Sanctuary of Temple Shalom of Middletown to mark President Ronald Reagan's trip to the Bitburg cemetery earlier that day. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer coordinated the service and spoke of why the congregation had gathered together. The Reverend Dr. L. Edgar Stone, Jr. of the United Baptist Church in Newport delivered in the invocation. Readings were offered by Dale G. Blumen, Temple President, "Reflections of a Survivor" and by Rabbi Jagolinzer, "Reflections of a G.I."

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## From The Editor

by Robert Israel

### A Never Exorcized Evil

She arrived at the *Herald* office by cab, to drop off a press release. She has visited me before, and I asked her to sit down. I knew she had more to tell me than just what was typewritten on the press release. "Someone should bless the President," she said, "but not me. I mean about his visit to Germany. I am so upset."

She is not alone. Last week, several people called and told me just that. Since the announcement of his visit to Bitburg, there have been a steady stream of telephone calls, and letters, and statements by various representatives of the Jewish organizations that lobby for human rights, calling for sensitivity in an age when sensitivity is mocked and ridiculed.

"I taught school once in Israel," she said. "I had an English class. We read from the *Jerusalem Post* and other newspapers and we had discussions in class. A man in the class who had been silent throughout many of our discussions became agitated one afternoon when the discussion focused around the Holocaust. I've always thought that was a strange word to describe what happened in Nazi Germany during World War II. It wasn't so much a holocaust as it was genocide, barbarianism, destruction of human beings, and one word alone does not describe what went on, what these people who had tattoos on their arms lived through."

"It was driving me home. I lived in a town not far from the school. And he told me his story, and I felt like I was there."

"The only reason they kept me alive, the only reason I was spared, was because I was an expert tailor. I worked all the time. I knew it was summer when I was hot. I knew it was winter when I was cold. I knew it was daytime when they woke me and took me from my filthy lodgings and brought me to work. I was sent on, months passed by, and then I saw an old man. He was just like me, a prisoner. But he was doing something strange. He was standing facing a wall, a blank wall. I watched him. He was praying. It was Yom Kippur! And I suddenly realized they had succeeded in taking everything from me — my life, my identity, my memory, my belief in God. They had succeeded in making me become an animal!"

Many people ask her, when they are planning a trip to Israel, should they visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust museum in Jerusalem? Yes, she tells them, go, but not because it is part of a tour and you stop there before visiting the next museum. No, she told me, one should plan to go to Yad Vashem and spend time there, dwell on what they see there, so the images at Yad Vashem become one with who you are. In this way you become one with fellow Jews before the ovens climbed them.

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After work one afternoon I visited my friend and his wife and sat in their living

room and he told me that he wanted to fly to Germany, to be there when the President got there, to protest the visit which he felt should have never taken place.

When I left his house I reflected on the reams of material I have read over the years about the Holocaust. I recalled all the films — from *Night and Fog* and the horrible newsreels through to *The Sorrow and the Pity*. I recalled the conversations I have had with survivors and with teachers like the woman that visited my office this week and the memorial services I have attended for Yom Hashoa and the lectures I have attended like the one in New Bedford two weeks ago when survivor Robert Clary, tears streaming down his face, recalled the experience of boarding the cattle car with his family, never to see them alive again.

The repetition of images, of stories, of pain, reverberates throughout my system where it coagulates with images of the Vietnam War, and the black marble memorial Washington I visited last month.

Each day that passes, these memories become more finely engraved in my mind.

I have often felt it is my purpose here in this life to listen, to absorb, to report on the experiences that come my way, that I seek out, that are told to me when others seek me out. And now I realize, keenly, that this is the responsibility of us all.

I disagree with the editorial writers of the *Presidential Journal Bulletin*, who wrote this week that they felt President Reagan had "transcended these impurities by his clear and ringing evocation of feelings that would have been felt even without the words. The folly of Bitburg, one hopes, has been exorcized."

One simply had to watch the definitive film, "Memory of the Camps" that was shown on PBS on Tuesday night this week, to see that the "impurities" committed by our President can never be forgotten. *Boston Globe* writer Ed Seigel put it this way:

"And how abstract is such a summation when the United States says that a visit to a concentration camp would only open old wounds and that German soldiers were as much victims of the Nazis as were the Jews and others massacred by the SS? One wonders whether Ronald Reagan would have gone to Bitburg if he had seen 'Memory of the Camps.' It is unfortunate, but the world still needs to learn the lesson these pictures teach."

The visit to Bitburg by the President has set the spirits of the Waffen SS free. Now, more than ever, those around me are wincing in pain, in humiliation, and are even more determined effort to tell the story that is memorialized at Bergen-Belsen, at Yad Vashem, and, when the Holocaust Memorial is built, in Washington, D.C. It is a message that we, the living, must repeat until our dying day.

### Elan Adler In Shimush Program

Elan Adler, a native of Providence, and a student at the Yeshiva University-affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), has joined rabbi and Rabbi Shmuel Goldin, spiritual leader of Congregation Ahavath Torah in Englewood, NJ, as part of the *shimush* fieldwork program at RIETS.

The *shimush* program places students who plan to enter various fields of Jewish communal service with pulpit rabbis, educators, and chaplains who have agreed to serve as their mentors. The apprenticeship provides work experience in as many comparable to fieldwork that social work students engage in as part of their professional training.

Students in the *shimush* program work closely with their mentors, whom many come to regard as successful role models. The mentor-student relationship, which forms the crucial component of the *shimush* program, often extends beyond the program's formal requirements. Students who have received Semiknah (ordination) will continue to seek the advice and counsel of their former mentors and now colleagues, bridging whatever "gener-

ation gaps" might be found within professional rabbinic ranks.

Rabbi Goldin graduated in 1973 from Yeshiva College, the men's undergraduate division of liberal arts and sciences at the University. He was ordained at RIETS in 1976.

The Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik Center of Rabbinic Studies at RIETS was named to honor the famed teacher of Talmud and Jewish philosophy at RIETS. Known as the "Ra" by his many students, Rabbi Soloveitchik is considered the foremost teacher in modern Jewry. He is the Leib Merkin Distinguished Professor of Talmud and Jewish Philosophy at RIETS.

The rabbinic education component at RIETS was named to honor Rabbi Soloveitchik in response to a major gift to the Seminary by Maurice H. Saval, one of the founders of the Saval Group and American Universal Insurance Company of Providence, RI.

Mr. Saval is chairman of the Board of Directors of Maimonides School in Brooklyn, MA, the oldest Hebrew day school in New England. That school was founded by Rabbi Soloveitchik.

LENINGRAD — It is a raw April day and the war is all around. I have driven a half hour out of the city into a landscape painted from a monochromatic palette of gray and beige.

To my left, a tall grove of white birch trees hovers over lines of gray tombstones. In front of me, huge rectangular mounds of earth stretch out in rows, identified only by a discreet granite marker with a number: 1942, 1943. In each mound is buried 10,000 people.

In all, there are 460,000 Soviet dead in this vast, haunting place, the Piskarskoye Memorial Cemetery. They are men and women and children killed during the Nazis' 900-day siege of Leningrad, killed during what the Soviets call The Great Patriotic War. As my guide tells me in morbid one-upmanship, there are more Russians buried in this one place than the total number of Americans lost in the war.

For the past week, I have watched this country preparing to celebrate May 9, the 40th anniversary of victory. It is not being commemorated coolly as some distant historic event here, but emotionally, with all the immediacy of a recent and nearly fatal wound. Every night, on television, there is another war movie. Every morning, the newspapers carry another story. Today it is the tale of a woman who lost nine sons.

The theme of war is as somber and relentless as the Russian music broadcast from the loudspeaker over the cemetery. It is so heavy, so constant, that I am tempted to dismiss the war as a relic resuscitated for holidays, waved in front of the people for current needs rather than past. The Great Patriotic War, after all, forged a nation out of its diverse nationalities. The war still impresses Soviets with their vulnerable place on the European map. The war still subliminally persuades many that sacrifices have to be made for defense.

But here, before me, is another reality. A small sample of death. Twenty million Soviet people died — one out of every 10 citizens. The figure translates into spouses, parents, and now grandparents. Of all the men born in 1922 and sent to the front, only 3 percent survived. The figure translates into a generation of 20-year-old widows, now 60-year-old widows.

Among the older people, these memories are indeed vivid. Just this morning, Vasili Kulik Emzeva, a warm, engaging Leningrad grandmother who lived through the siege, talked to me in the rhythmic cadences of a practiced storyteller about the winter of 1942. For seven months, she remembers, people lived on a ration of four ounces of bread a day. Young girls brought food rations to people too weak to get their own. Some of these girls brought back the live babies they found in the arms of their dead parents.

### House Votes Additional Aid Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations voted 12-0 last week to provide an additional \$1.5 billion in economic aid which Israel has been seeking.

The action, which must be approved by the full committee, followed Secretary of State George Shultz's notification to the subcommittee chairman, David Obey (D,

The middle-aged Soviets, postwar born talk about what it was like to grow up with shortages of everything, especially fathers. Even the teen-agers who confess — rolling their eyes to the heavens — that they are turned off by war movies and have overdosed on this spring's portion of history pay their respects.

As a 17-year-old high school student said: "I don't like to talk about it with my grandparents. But it's important to a member. To forget means to forgive."

It's an article of faith with the Soviet people that Americans don't really understand war because it hasn't touched American soil for so long. Even a young Jewish scientist and reusenik whose own parents fought on the front echoed the common refrain, "Americans do not understand what Russia went through in the war."

It is also a successful prop of propaganda that convinces the Soviet people that the experience of war has made them more diligent in pursuit of peace. As a professional America-watcher at the USA Institute in Moscow tells me pointedly, "One of the main dangers in the world is that you lack firsthand experience with war." Ironically, this man was born in 1947.

In the last week, Arthur Hartman, the U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union, tried to counter some of this feeling. In a letter published here to commemorate the meeting of Soviet and American soldiers on the Elbe, he wrote: "Our sacrifices remain as real and as vivid to us as those of the Soviet Union are to its people. We hold them no less sacred. And we learned no less from them."

But his message was erased by reports of Reagan's visit to Bitburg. In or out of government, the Soviets I met found that trip to lay a wreath in a Nazi cemetery incredible, insensitive, even sacrilegious.

Walking down the pathway between these common graves, counting by the tens, the tens of thousands, I am struck by how far the two powers have traveled from the Elbe, from the time when war made us allies. What a cemetery this would have been for a presidential visit — a place to side with victims, not aggressors. It's the victims who inhabit these grounds now, hundreds of thousands of them.

And on this damp and dismal day, at the nadir of relations between my country and this one, those great humps of common graves seem less like a memorial to the distant past and more like a warning about the future.

Ellen Goodman is a syndicated columnist.



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# WWII Forty Years Later

by Morris Gastfreund

May 8th marks the fortieth anniversary of the end of World War II, and also the destruction of European Jewry. It also marks the 40th anniversary of my own liberation from concentration camp. Analyses from a historical perspective indicate that six million would have never perished solely because of the evils of the Nazis; rather, the Nazis were able to carry through their atrocities because of the indifference, and in some cases, the collaboration of the rest of the world.

Many victims of the Nazis went to their death because the British and Americans deliberately withheld any rescue attempt. The Americans were indifferent to Britain's decision to keep Jews from entering Palestine, their national Jewish homeland. The gates to America were closed as well: The U.S. immigration quotas which existed at the time were not even filled; some 200,000 Jews from Europe could have been admitted. Only 21,000 were admitted, and this figure included all nationalities.

Professor David Wayman in his newly published book, *The Abandonment of the Jews*, brings to light various hair-raising facts regarding Allied leaders who were fully aware of Hitler's destruction of European Jewry, but nevertheless avoided taking any rescue action. Particularly cruel was a statement of British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden at a March 27, 1943 meeting with President Roosevelt's Secretaries Hull and Welles and British Ambassador to the United States Lord Halifax. Foreign Secretary Hull raised the issue of 60,000 to 70,000 Bulgarian Jews who were threatened with extermination unless the British and Americans could get them out. When Hull pressed Eden for a solution, Eden replied: "If we would take out the Jews from Bulgaria, then the Jews of the world will be wanting us to make similar offers in Poland and Germany. Hitler may well take us up on any such offer and there simply are not enough ships and means of transportation to handle them." In a group that included the foremost statesmen of the democratic world with the exception of Winston Churchill — a group that was well aware of what was happening to European Jews — no one expressed any qualms about Eden's callousness. Nor did anyone challenge the contrived reason Eden gave for not rescuing Jews. During this time the Allies provided transport for 100,000 non-Jewish Polish, Yugoslav and Greek refugees whom they moved to safe sanctuaries in the Middle East and Africa. They even found transportation to rescue a herd of Lipitzaner horses. Empty Liberty ships were returning from Europe and neutral ships were available to transport refugees to America.

One crucial question plagues us today: Why wasn't Auschwitz or the rail lines leading up to it bombed? From March 1944 the Allies controlled the skies over Europe. On August 20, 1944, when the Nazis were killing 12,000 people daily in the Auschwitz gas chambers, 227 bombers dropped 1336 five hundred pound bombs less than five miles from the gas chambers; the excuse, however, for ignoring the pleadings to bomb Auschwitz was that such an operation was viewed as impractical and as hampering the war effort. Based upon these facts, one must come to the sad conclusion that the democratic powers were indifferent to Hitler's Final Solution

of the European Jews.

It is also pathetic that the American Jewish leadership did not live up to the challenge of rescuing its brethren in Europe. The petty ambitions of the Jewish leaders and the bitter fighting among themselves prevented them from forming a united front for rescue. The American scene was filled with prominent Jews who possessed a tremendous amount of influence and could have helped, but chose to turn a deaf ear to the outcry of their fellow Jews in Europe. Bernard Baruch was extremely influential with Roosevelt, Congress and the wartime bureaucracy, as were Herbert Lehman, the director of UNRRA, and David Niles, a presidential assistant. Samuel Rosenthal, a special counsel to the President on Jewish matters, argued with Henry Morgenthau that American aid to European Jews might increase antisemitism in the United States. Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter had regular access to Roosevelt during the war, and had powerful influence in many sectors of the Administration, but the rescue of Jews was not among his priorities. Jewish Congressman Sol Bloom, head of the Foreign Relations Committee, sided with Brekinridge Long, the antisemite in the State Department, who kept American gates closed to any Jews escaping from Hitler's hell. Prominent Jewishly owned newspapers such as the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times*, which could have forcefully brought to the forefront the catastrophes which had befallen European Jews, and could have urged rescue, instead buried the tragedy in a few lines in small print in the inner pages of their newspapers. Walter Lipman, the highly influential news columnist, dealt with practically every major topic of the day, but wrote nothing about the Holocaust. These self-hating Jews could have saved hundreds of thousands of Jews. Of the seven Jewish Congressmen, only Emanuel Celler urged the government for rescue action.

Roosevelt's indifference to the Holocaust was affected by political expediency. The vast majority of Jews supported him and trusted him blindly, so that an active rescue policy offered little political advantage; rather, a pro Jewish stance could lose votes. American Jewry's great loyalty to the President thus weakened the leverage it may have exerted on him to save European Jews. In fact, it was only the continuous pressure of one organization, "The Emergency Committee to Rescue Jews of Europe," led by Peter Bergson (who was denounced and condemned by the official American Jewish leadership) which led Roosevelt in late 1944 to organize the WRB. The WRB saved some Jews from destruction, but too few and too late.

Today, forty years after the catastrophe in Jewish history, we Jews must understand our role in the future because "those who cannot remember the past are doomed to repeat it." After Hitler's defeat the world proclaimed that it would never again let antisemitism rear its ugly head. Yet, antisemitism has reappeared, and again the world has stood by. Soviet Jews are being persecuted for merely wanting to preserve their heritage and practice their religion. Jews in London, Paris and Rome have been murdered just because they are Jews. In our own country antisemitism is on the rise — the Nazi march in Skokie, the sniper attacks on Jewish students at Yeshiva University, and other incidents

too numerous to mention. We are all aware that during the last presidential campaign a candidate made antisemitic slurs, and a black "minister" glorified Hitler as a great man. Now the President of the United States, although a friend of Israel, has chosen to honor the memory of the SS. By doing so he will be contributing to the efforts which exist to whitewash the crimes perpetrated against the Jewish people.

What must our response to the reappearance of antisemitism be? We know that with respect to the Soviet Union, the Iron Curtain was unmovable until we protested, marched and raised our voices. Only then were 200,000 allowed to leave. With the knowledge of this power, we must pledge to continue our efforts so that the remainder of Jews seeking to preserve their heritage will be allowed to do so. This miracle occurred in Ethiopia. By strong

action these people, after more than 2,000 years of suffering, were rescued and brought to Israel, their promised land.

A glimpse of Israel shows us a country that has had a single day of peace. The right of the Jewish people to their homeland has brought either indifferent or hostile reactions on the part of so much of the world. It is a reaction that has been brought about by Arab petro-dollars; even the United Nations has been blackmailed into condemning Zionism as racism.

We must recognize that Jewish survival is in our hands, and that our remembrance, our actions and our insistence on our survival are the best ways to honor the memory of our six million.

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Morris Gastfreund lives and writes in Providence.

## Letters To The Editor

### To The Editor:

As we mark the fortieth anniversary of the liberation of Dachau by the U.S. Army, I thought I would share with you a letter I recently found. My father, Rabbi Eli A. Bohnen (Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Emanuel in Providence), was serving as Chaplain of the 42nd Rainbow Infantry Division when it entered the death camp on April 30, 1945. The next day, he wrote to my mother:

"...nothing you can put in words can adequately describe what I saw there. The human mind refuses to believe what the eyes see. All the stories of Nazi horrors are underestimated rather than exaggerated. We saw freightcars with bodies in them. The bodies were skeletons with skin on them. The people had been transferred from one camp to another, and it had taken about a month for the train to make the trip. In all that time, they had not been fed. They were lying in grotesque positions, just as they had died. Many were naked, others in thin clothing. But all were horrible."

"We entered the camp itself and saw the living. The Jews were the worst off. Many of them were worse than the dead. They cried as they saw us. I spoke to a large group of them. I don't remember what I said, I was under such a mental strain, but Corporal Heimberg tells me he cried as I spoke. Some of the people were crying all the time we were there. They are emaciated, diseased, beaten, miserable caricatures of human beings. I don't know how they didn't all go mad."

"There were thousands and thousands of prisoners in the camp. Some of them didn't look too bad, but most looked terrible. And as I said, Jews were the worst. Even the other prisoners who suffered miseries themselves couldn't get over the horrible treatment meted out to the Jews."

"I shall never forget what I saw, and in my nightmares the scenes will recur. When I got back, I couldn't eat and I couldn't even muster up enough energy to write you. No possible punishment would ever repay the ones who were responsible."

My father remained in Europe for another year where he spent most of his time as Chaplain working with the survivors of the Nazi horror.

Michael J. Bohnen

### To The Editor:

One might wish for more thorough coverage of the Holocaust memorial events of this 40th anniversary season.

The R.I. Jewish subcommittee of the R.I. Heritage Commission joined with the Polish subcommittee at the State House — a controversial and dramatic event reported in many local newspapers — but not the *Herald*.

Survivors were asked by representatives of the Providence Visitor: "Do you forgive your enemies?" The answers were important to consider. At the Jewish Holocaust commemoration, other significant disagreements emerged. The Wiesenthal Center had sent a script including dedications of six candles, one to a Mother, a Father, Uncle, Aunt, Brother Sister. A survivor in the congregation stood up to protest: "What about a candle for the children? Not just my own son, but a million like him?" And she left the hall. Even the Wiesenthal Center can make a mistake of such magnitude! These events of memorial are not to be taken lightly, as though they resembled or repeated each other. Each has its own shape and surprise, its own inner story. The *Herald* staff ought to cover them and accord them their due, especially in the year of Bittburg.

Michael Fink

### To The Editor:

The President's gentle eloquence at Bergen-Belsen will resonate for a long time; not so his discomforting walk at Bittburg.

It's all over now. The President has a new debt in his ledger: Bittburg. But as we all want to be judged by our full records rather than our worst lapses, so should a president be judged.

Bittburg evidences an insensitivity to the victimized dead. The miraculous airlift of Ethiopian Jews from Sudan and the defense of Israel reveal a great sensitivity to the living and the future.

Nathan Perlmuter, ADL

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## Social Events

### Perlmans Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Perlman of Narragansett, announce the birth of their son, Michael James, on April 5, 1985.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schwartz of Narragansett. Great grandparents are Mrs. Rose Dworkin of Pawtucket, and the late Isadore Dworkin and Mrs. Martha Schwartz of Pawtucket and the late Morris Schwartz.

Paternal grandparent is Cantor Ivan Perlman of Providence. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Katherine Perlman of Providence and the late Henry Perlman and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Herman of Lauderhill, Florida.

### Pawtucket-Central Falls Hadassah

The Pawtucket-Central Falls Chapter of Hadassah is pleased to announce the successful completion of the 1985 Hadassah Medical Organization Souvenir Ad Book.

Members of this year's committee were Arlene Goldstein — chairman, Lorraine Ageloff — treasurer, Goldie Goldstein, Harriet Frank, Ruth Blustein, Sara Cokin, Jack Cokin, Terry Chasan, and Stanley Chasan.

Captains in charge of ads were Arlene Goldstein, Ruth Blustein, Myrna Finn, Roz Bolusky, Jan Ziegler, Dorris Mendelsohn, Jeanne Feldman, Elaine Kroll, Harriet Frank, Norma Richmond, Dorothy Rosen, and Sara Cokin.

The Souvenir Ad Books will be distributed to all members at the Annual Donors' Dinner, May 13 Ramada Inn.

### Glenna Brown Is Florida Graduate

Glenna Susan Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Brown of Fern Park, Florida, formerly of Pawtucket, graduated from the University of South Florida in Tampa on April 28 with a Bachelor of So-

cial Work degree. She will start her graduate studies in June at Florida State University in Tallahassee.

Attending graduation exercises and a reception in her honor were grandparents, Mrs. Marion Brown of Providence; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Castleman of Woonsocket; her brother, Jeffrey C. Brown of Newtonville, Massachusetts; and her aunt, Mrs. Muriel Nirenberg of Hartford, Connecticut.

### Levins Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin S. Levin of Warwick announce the engagement of their daughter Ms. Lori G. Levin of Warwick to Mr. David L. Salk of East Providence, R.I., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis F. Salk of East Greenwich.

Ms. Levin and Mr. Salk are both graduates of Bryant College. They will be married on November 23, 1985.

### Mindy Schretter Is Valedictorian

Mindy Sara Schretter will be valedictorian of her graduating class at South Lakes High School in Reston, Virginia. Mindy is the daughter of Stan and Judy Schretter, formerly of Cranston, and granddaughter of Lena Drazen of Fall River, Mass. and Freda and Leo Schretter of Deerfield Beach, Fla. Mindy will attend Cornell University where she will major in Engineering.

### May Breakfast At Amos House Women's Shelter

Mrs. Edward D. DiPrete, Chairperson of the Amos House-Women's Shelter project, announced today that there will be a May Breakfast on May 19, 1985, at Amos House to benefit the Women's Shelter project.

### Mrs. David Friedman — Chair Of Annual Pioneer Women Luncheon



Mrs. David Friedman

Mrs. David Friedman will be Chairwoman of the Annual Pioneer Women Luncheon of the Pioneer Women Na'amat Club #1 of Rhode Island which will be held on Thursday May 16 at Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

Mrs. Sarah Greenberg will lead the National Anthem and Hatikva.

Mrs. Geraldine Foster will be the main speaker at the luncheon. She will speak on "What's going on in Israel."

Assisting in the event will be Co-chairwomen Mrs. Abraham Grebstein and Mrs. Hyman Stone.

Mrs. Beryl Segal, President of The Pioneer Women Club #1; Mrs. Samuel Solkoff, Donor Secretary; Molly Sklut, Chairman of the Program and Mailing

Secretary; Mrs. Esther Harris, Secretary; Mrs. Bertha Gershman, Treasurer; Mrs. Sarah Bloom, Decorations; Mrs. David Friedman, Donor Raffle; Mrs. Esther Resnick, Invocation; Mrs. Hyman Stone, The Moitza; Mrs. Rose Marks, Hostess; Mrs. Leonard Bornstein; Mrs. Edith Aaron; Mrs. Jennie Uffer, Reservations; Mrs. Molly Sklut, Editor of the Journal; Mrs. Martha Sonion, Chairman of the Program Journal.

Also assisting are Mrs. Jennie Uffer, Reservations and Mrs. Sarah Bloom, Martha Sonion, Edith Aaron, Esther Harris, Ethel Matteson, Mildred Backman, Bertha Gershman, Samuel Solkoff, Leonard Bornstein.

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## Lori Sherman and Paul O'Brien Exchange Wedding Vows



Lori A. Sherman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Sherman of Warwick, Rhode Island, exchanged marriage vows with Paul F. O'Brien, son of Mrs. Barbara O'Brien Corcoran, also of Warwick, and the late Francis T. O'Brien, May 4, 1985. Rabbi Samuel Umen and Father Frank Timar officiated.

The ceremony took place at the Hospitality Center in Cranston at 6 o'clock. Immediately following the ceremony there was a reception.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and mother. She was attired in her mother's gown of satin and lace and carried a cascading bouquet of roses and carnations.

## Chocolate Explosion At Bayside

Boston's Bayside Exposition Center will be host on Sunday, May 19, the Boston's first ever "Chocolate Explosion." Chocolate lovers from throughout the Boston area will have the opportunity to be tempted by New England's finest chocolate makers. Dozens of chocolate companies will be exhibiting their finest and most extravagant confections. From 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., you will have the opportunity to browse, take in the heavenly odors of chocolate and, of course, sample the many delights on display.

Admission is just \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children and seniors. Group rates are available. For more information please call (617) 828-1356 or 566-6902.

The "Chocolate Explosion" is being sponsored by the Eastern Massachusetts Region of Women's American ORT. Proceeds will benefit ORT's world-wide network of schools. For 104 years ORT has offered to children and adults, alike, training in marketable skills as well as offering retraining to combat job obsolescence.

## Shavuot Celebration Planned

The Home Start Committee of the Bureau of Jewish Education and the West Bay Jewish Community Center are sponsoring a Shavuot celebration on Sunday, May 19, 1985 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Fireman and Veterans' Association of East Greenwich. The program will include songs, crafts, games & refreshments. R.S.V.P. by May 17 to the Bureau of Jewish Education, 331-0956.

## Late Years At Butler

Thursday, May 16, 1985: "The Late Years: Keeping It Together," including scenes from the play "Close Ties." Open free to the public at Butler Hospital in Providence, R.I. Times: 7-8:30 p.m. Location: Butler's Ray Conference Center. Call 456-3750 for details.

## R.I. Rape Crisis Center

The RI Rape Crisis Center is holding two training programs for volunteer counselor advocates, in May. One will held in Woonsocket, the other in Newport. If you are interested in helping victims of sexual assault, please call 941-2400 today for more information. The Center will provide all necessary training; your help can really make a difference.

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Joe Howard was best man. Dave Palumbo and Bob Antonelli were ushers. Junior ushers included Danny and Christopher Corcoran, brothers of the groom.

After a wedding trip to New Hampshire, the couple will reside in Warwick.

## Senior Events At RIJCC

May 14 — The Senior Adult Group Educators present the Shirim Klezmer Band from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at Temple Emanuel. Only a limited number of tickets are available. GAC, Members: 75¢ Non-members: \$1.50. For tickets and information, call Renee.

May 22 — Special Field Trip to Newton JCC. Limited seating available — call early.

May 21 — General meeting of the Golden Age Club with special guest, the new director of the Department of Elderly Affairs, Mrs. Luber.

## Summer In Israel

That's what the young people from around the world who will gather to share in another spectacular summer are planning to do this year. Learning and recreation will highlight the 5th Annual Summer Program in Jerusalem, sponsored by the Sephardic Educational Center.

After last year's enormous success, the 1985 Summer Session will include extensive travel throughout Israel, a stay on a Sephardic Moshav (farm) and life at the Center in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Again, young people from countries with diverse cultures and languages will spend 5 weeks in study and travel, exploring the common bond of their Sephardic traditions. The 2 regular Sessions are Group I, ages 18-24, July 1 to August 5, 1985 and Group II, ages 16-17, July 22 to August 26, 1985. A special 4-week Leadership Program has been added this year for prior participants, ages 18-24, beginning on July 15.

Call the S.E.C. office (213) 654-7365, for further information.



## Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



Front and sports page headlines blaring blustery blubs of the Boston Marathon, the New York Marathon or even the Ocean State Marathon may squeeze out any space for the Torah Freedom Run.

"The Torah Freedom Run? What Run is that?" you may ask.

Flapping between two telephone poles where Savoy Street spills onto Elmgrove Avenue, a banner has announced this event for the last month. The words informed all motorists, walkers and joggers who drive, walk and jog north and south on this well-travelled street about the impending event.

Last Sunday at 12 noon, many milled around the sponsor desk and signed up for Providence Hebrew Day School's Sixth Annual Torah Freedom Run.

Tabbed "The Fun Run," it's purpose is

to celebrate Lag B'Omer, promote physical fitness and benefit the school's athletic fund.

Bright green and white official T-shirts were donned by raring-to-go children and adults who waited patiently for their chosen distances to officially start.

Be it the one miler, the three miler or the 6.2 miler, enthusiasm soared high. The one mile race included the "Rabbi Run," the "Maternity Mile," and the "Mini Mile" for tots under five.

Sponsored by both the Rhode Island Podiatry Assn. and Insurance Underwriters Inc., Russell Raskin has been the Run's coordinator since it started. He observed that exceptional school spirit prevailed this year.

The Torah Freedom Run may not blaze headlines, but it did spark the 90 runners and all who helped.

## On Your Mark . . .



On Your Mark, Get Set Go! Runners dash off for the three-miler. (Photos by Dorothea Snyder)



A racer round-up. From left are Rena Silverberg, Shara Zuckerman, Meredith Wernick, Paula Baron, Aviva Miller, Ari Miller, Anna Brown Chana Dubovick.



Sidewalks, the greatest invention for weary runners. Marcia Brown and Aaron Gibber take a deserved rest after completing the three-miler.



Breathless but buoyant is this trio who ran the three-miler. . .David Ellison, Norton Salk and Rabbi Sholom Strajcher, from left.



John Valvo quenches daughter Stephanie's thirst following the three-miler.



Deborah Raskin posts the winners.



Boston Terrier Brutus waits hopefully for someone to race with him according to his owner. At last sight, Brutus was still waiting at the sidelines.

Students who have received Semiknah (ordination) will continue to seek the advice and counsel of their former mentors and now colleagues, bridging whatever "gener-

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# Devar Torah



**Jews and The Land: An Eternal Bond**  
by Rabbi Shmuel Singer

The Torah portion of this weekend, Bechukotai, deals with the laws connected with the purchase and ownership of land in the land of Israel. One of the operating procedures which the Torah ordains in regard to this subject is concept that the Jewish people were the land of Israel not as the absolute owners but rather as the trustees of a long-term loan. The Torah expresses this right by forbidding the permanent sale of land in Israel by its original owner, and by requiring the reason for the prohibition: "Because the land is Mine since you are my strangers and sojourners on it," (Leviticus 25:23). Obviously, what the Torah is trying to get across here is the fact that the real owner and possessor of the land is God, who gives it to those whom He chooses.

There is, however, an additional shade of meaning which this verse is meant to convey. The Talmud, in commenting on this verse, summarizes in form of a halakha, or law, that which has actually been the history of the land of Israel. "Although the land cannot own property in the land of Israel," says the Talmud, "so fully as to use it from the obligation of the title, yet a heathen can own land in the land of Israel so fully as to have the right of digging in it pits, ditches and caves." (Gittin 7a). What the Talmud is here expressing is a legal norm is also meant to express a profound historical truth. Throughout centuries invaders, ranging from the ancient Assyrians to the modern-day Arabs, have temporarily occupied the land of Israel, but somehow they have never fully possessed it. Neither did they leave it, certainly not spiritually but not physically. Instead of improving the

land, they impoverished it. They uprooted the trees and abused the fields. Fertile soil was turned into barren inhospitable desert. Yes, indeed, they were able to possess property within the land of Israel, but only with the right of digging in it pits, ditches and caves, as the Talmud so aptly puts it.

Yet for us Jews the land retained its sanctity, even after it was ruined. Therefore, we have obligations towards the land. As Rashi explains the passage in the Talmud: "One should not regularly sell land to a heathen in the land of Israel; and if he did sell it, he should make every effort to redeem it." In other words, the Jewish connection and indeed the Jewish obligation towards the land of Israel remains eternal. The ultimate reason for this connection and this obligation is given in the verse of the Torah which has been quoted. The land is God's and it is His decision that is decisive in the flow of history.

At a time when the Jewish title to the land of Israel is put into question it well behooves us to remember these fundamental Jewish principles. The Torah comes and reminds us that the Jewish connection with Israel is not just as arguable as the connection of any other nation or faith. There can be no comparison between our claim to the land and that of any other group. We live today in a world of relativism. Every position is considered to have a grain of truth or to be justifiable. Nothing is black and white, we are told. It would be well worth our while to remind ourselves as Jews that some things are indeed absolute. Certainly one of the most sacred of these things is the eternal unbreakable bond which links together God, the Jewish people and the land of Israel.

Rabbi Singer is spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom in Providence.

## Just for Mom, On Her Day

My mother is special because she is my good things that I like. She lets me go out and play. She lets me play with the snow. She doesn't hit me too hard either.

**Rena Silberberg**

when I am sick and when I am sad. So mom, I am saying thank you very much.

Love,  
**Deverah**

My mother is special because she is my breakfast when I'm sick. My night she tells me a story.

**Lee Greenwood**

My mother is a very special person. She encourages me to do my own things but keeps me from trying when I do it. She comforts me when I'm in trouble, and teaches me half the things that aren't covered in school. These are the qualities I love in her.

**Ari Nadin**

My mother is kind and loving and always there when I need you. I know she loves me too. You take care of me

She's understanding, caring, loving, sweet and generous. These are all ways to describe my mother. With qualities like these, she makes up a very special lady. I say that she's special because there are not many people like that in this world. Sure, she yells sometimes, but ... doesn't everyone?

**Debra Franklin**

I like black. She likes white. We may not agree on everything but I love her anyway. She's been there in the rough with me and helped my wounds go down. From diapers to jeans she has always been there for me. You want to know why she's special? Because I love her! My mom!

**Melissa Kaplan**

My mother is my best friend. She's always there for me. She's the one who makes me feel like I'm not alone.



## American ORT Federation Honors A.G. Abrams

New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams will be honored by the American ORT Federation at a testimonial luncheon at the Sheraton Centre New York on June 20, announced AOF President Alvin L. Gray. Luncheon co-chairmen are Edward J. Cleary, President of the AFL-CIO of New York State, and Paul Jancu, Administrative Managing Director of L. F. Rothschild, Unterberg, Towbin.

The Attorney General will receive the American ORT Federation Community Achievement Award "in recognition of his consistent and ardent support of justice and humanitarianism." The presentation of the Award will mark the creation of the Attorney General Robert Abrams ORT Scholarship Fund.

"We are pleased to honor Robert Abrams, because as Attorney General he has demonstrated a profound commitment to serving and protecting the public, which has enhanced the quality of life for the people of New York State," noted Gray.

The American ORT Federation supports the ORT global network of 800 schools and training centers, which serves 116,000 people in 21 countries, 80,000 in Israel alone.



**Robert Abrams**

## R.I. Alliance For Civil Rights

If you'd like to know more about, and become involved with, the R.I. Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, call 351-4499 or 861-1269. The Alliance meets on a monthly basis at 7:00 p.m., on the third Monday. Call above numbers for place. All are invited.

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## Bound For Broadway — Alexanders Opens At Brown

For the first time ever, Brown University will be hosting the premiere of a new musical that promoters hope to stage on Broadway. Written and conceived by Zachary Morfogen '50, *The Alexanders* will be presented at Brown's Leeds Theatre May 22-26 and 28-31 at 8 p.m., May 26 at 2 p.m., and June 1 at 3 p.m.

In *The Alexanders*, an American of Greek heritage who has achieved success in television travels to Greece to put together a series on the life of his ancient Greek namesake, Alexander the Great. Through his growing involvement with the conqueror and a romance with a beautiful Athenian classics scholar, the contemporary Alexander gains a fresh perspective on his own life and a new sense of identity.

Playwright Morfogen developed the idea for the musical while he was managing director of "The Search for Alexander," a traveling exhibition of Greek artifacts from the age of Alexander the Great. The tour was sponsored by Time Inc., where Morfogen is director of corporate cultural affairs.

The music for *The Alexanders* is composed by one of Greece's leading contemporary composers, Thanos Mikroutsikos, who has composed over 55 works of popular, chamber, and electronic music. He has given some 800 concerts all over Europe in the past eight years, has composed music for many theatrical productions, and has recently been commissioned by the Paris Opera. Morfogen's co-lyricist Alexandros Kotziaris is a prize-winning Greek playwright and novelist, as well as the literary editor for a leading daily newspaper in Athens.

Peter Webb will be directing the professional New York cast, which will be supported by Brown undergraduates and other local theatre students. Webb has directed plays, operas, and cabarets all over the country and staged over 25 musicals for stock and dinner theaters. In New York, he has directed for the New York City Opera, the South Street Theatre, and the No Smoking Playhouse and co-directed several Broadway and off-Broadway shows.

The role of the contemporary Alexander will be played by Bob Morrissey, whose Broadway credits include *Cats*, *Annie*, *The First*, and *The Grand Tour*. Other cast members include: Mitchell Jason, who has appeared in such shows as *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Gideon*, and *A View from the Bridge*; Kathy Morath, who has had parts in *The Pirates of Penzance*, *The Fantastiks*, and others; Leonard Piggee, whose credits include *Showboat* and *Godspell*; Ginny Pulos, a member of the national tour of *A Little Night Music*; and James Stein, who toured with the national company of *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

On Saturday May 25, there will be two symposia related to the production. Morfogen and others involved in the show will talk about the joys and travails of mounting a pre-Broadway production in "The Evolution of a Musical," 10:45-11:45 a.m. at the Faunce House Theatre on the College Green.

In "The Search for Alexander," 3:30-4:30 at List Auditorium at 64 College Street, John Carter Brown, director of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., and John Rowe Workman, professor of classics at Brown, will discuss the lasting fascination that Alexander the Great holds for students of Western civilization and the mounting of the first major exhibition of his legacy in the U.S. Tickets for the musical are \$5.00 each, \$3.00 for students and senior citizens. For reservations and additional information, call (401) 863-2838. The symposia are free and open to the public.

## Music Festival Offers Four Delights



The Music Festival of Rhode Island will launch its thirteenth season on Tuesday, June 4, with a performance by Richard Goode, pianist, at Roberts Auditorium, Rhode Island College. Goode, winner of the 1982 Grammy Award, has had major recitals at New York's Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center in Washington, and in Montreal, Philadelphia, Boston, London, Vienna, Los Angeles, Toronto, Stuttgart, Florence, Milan and Rome; he has also been soloist with many of the world's leading orchestras. His forthcoming concert marks his second appearance with the Music Festival. One of the leading interpreters of Beethoven's piano music, he will play the *Sonata No. 24 in F-sharp*, Opus 78 and *Sonata No. 32 in C-minor*, Opus 111; his program will also include Brahms' *Four Piano Pieces*, Opus 119 and Musorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, a work rarely performed in this area.

The series, scheduled for the four Tuesday evenings in June, will continue on June 11 with a performance by the New Black Eagle Jazz Band, one of the country's leading traditional jazz bands, at Rhode Island College. A Massachusetts-based group of seven musicians, they are well known for their interpretations of King Oliver, Scott Joplin, Jelly Roll Morton, Louis Armstrong, Sidney Bechet and Duke Ellington. This concert is partially funded by a grant from New England Telephone, and the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, through the New England Foundation for the Arts.

On June 18, Lisa Lancaster, a former Rhode Island resident, a former principal cellist with the Brown University Orchestra, a founding member of the Providence New Music Ensemble, a member of the R.I. Philharmonic and of the R.I. Music Festival String Quartet, will return to Providence for a performance with Judith Mendenhall, flutist, and Richard McDon-

ald, pianist, at Sayles Hall, Brown University. Each member of the group has toured nationally with Music from Marlboro. A member of Alexander Schneider's Brandenburg Ensemble, Ms. Lancaster has appeared as featured soloist at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall and Symphony Hall in Boston. Ms. Mendenhall, a first prize winner of the 1978 Walter Naumburg Chamber Music Competition, made her New York solo debut last year at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Winner of the Gold Medal at the 1983 Busoni International Piano Competition in Bolzano, Italy, Mr. McDonald spends his summers as Director of Keyboard Activities at the Taos School of Music and the Chamber Music Festival in New Mexico. Ms. Lancaster and Ms. Mendenhall will perform the world premiere of a cello and flute composition, *Two Part Dissensions*, written for them by Paul Epstein, co-director of the Urban Symphonette. Their program will also include works by Beethoven, Brahms, Haydn and Prokofiev.

On June 25, the Beacon Brass quintet from Boston, will perform at Rhode Island School of Design Auditorium. The first brass ensemble ever to win the Concert Artists Guild Award, they made their Carnegie Hall debut in 1983. The Beacon Brass Quintet is dedicated to expanding the brass chamber music repertoire and has commissioned several major new works, performing six world premieres in the past two years. Their program will include short works by Albinoni, Bach, Debussy, Farnaby, Grieg, Heiden, Scheidt and Strauss. Their performance is partially funded by a grant from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, through the New England Foundation for the Arts.

For tickets and further information, call Barbara Levin, Executive Director, 751-0058.

## Kool Jazz Festival —

### Music Under Summer Stars

The schedule for this summer's KOOL JAZZ Festival/New York will be dedicated to Max Gordon, long-time proprietor of Manhattan's Village Vanguard. The Festival June 21-30 will operate simultaneously June 29-30 with programs at Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Among the highlights announced by producer George Wein will be the following:

Ella Fitzgerald, Moonlight Cruise with Dizzy Gillespie Quintet, Waterloo Village Piano Spectacular (Dick Hyman, Jane Jarvis, Dick Wellstood and others), the Musical Life of Dave Brubeck, marking the return of drummer Joe Morello and bassist Eugene Wright, with special guest Gerry Mulligan; Sarah Vaughan, Nina Simone, Wynton Marsalis Quintet and the Ray Charles Show. Early evening solo piano programs at Carnegie Recital Hall will include Marian McPartland, Teddy Elison and others.

Latin music will also be showcased this year with the presentation of Spanish night with Paco De Lucia, Tete Montoliu and Pega-

sus and Tropical Surge starring the Afro-Brazilian performer Alceu Valença.

The Festival will recreate "Dance Time in Harlem" with the Cobbs & Johnson organization at Small's Paradise.

Tributes to John Hammond, Louis Armstrong, Bud Powell, Ethel Waters and Wes Montgomery will also be scheduled. Dr. John and the Dukes of Dixieland will play for passengers aboard the Staten Island Ferry.

Miles Davis, Patti LaBelle, Wynton Marsalis, Roscoe Mitchell, Steve Ray Vaughan, Chick Corea, Miroslav Vitous, Woody Herman All Stars, Jackie McLean, Johnny Otis Show, Art Blakey and others will participate in the two-day noon to midnight gala at Saratoga Springs June 29-30.

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## Poet On Mission At Hebrew University



Senior Fulbright Writer-in-Residence Ruth Whitman of Harvard University delivers a reading of her poetry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Ruth Whitman cajoles the poet in each of us to come out of hiding and experience the human landscape with her in all its variegated hues and multitudinous meanings. Even if the poet in us is shy, awkward and bumbling, we cannot help but let him/her out for just a while to meet Ms. Whitman on the common ground of her poetry.

She is a poet disarming in her directness. At a recent reading of her work at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where Ms. Whitman is currently Senior Fulbright Writer-in-Residence, she easily drew the audience into her special, beguiling world of words.

Her poems range from the personal to the universal. Two of her best known works have been written in the persona of other women: "The Passion of Lizzie Borden" (where she assumes the identity of the woman accused of violently murdering her parents) and "Tamsen Donner: A Woman's Journey" (where Ms. Whitman becomes the doomed Western pioneer of the ill-fated Donner party).

Ms. Whitman explains, "I am interested in writing about women who are remarkable in some special way." She has also written poems in the male persona, as in "Seven Variations for Robert Schumann." Ms. Whitman's ability to assume androgynous roles reflects a love affair and fascination with the manners and motivations of exceptional people of both sexes.

Another one of her fascinations is Israel, particularly Jerusalem. As a Jewish woman and a poet, Ms. Whitman feels a strong connection with and attraction to Israel.

This year at the Hebrew University marks her fifth visit to Israel. Ms. Whitman, who teaches at Harvard University and Radcliffe College, was first invited here in 1974 as a guest of the Israeli gov-

ernment, and again in 1977, 1979, and 1981 as a resident poet at Mishkenot Sha'ananim, a residence for writers, academics and artists run by the municipality of Jerusalem.

"There is an intensity to living here which keeps the adrenalin high," she comments, speaking of Israel as a source of inspiration. The special texture of her life here in Jerusalem is reflected in the following poem:

### THE GRILLED WINDOW, JERUSALEM

Beyond the grilled window:  
yellow suns on a bush,  
churchy cypresses, mud, rosy stone,  
a tower that talks to angels.

On this side:  
books, spoiled paper,  
tongueless lectures. Hatahsput  
is finally at peace with her  
double sex. The Persian lovers  
twine around each other.  
Radiance leaks through the  
diamond-shaped spaces.  
I'm on both sides  
preparing  
to walk on the ancient hills.

Ms. Whitman is combining her own creative work this year with teaching a poetry writing course at the Hebrew University called "Creative Writing in the Context of Contemporary Poetry." Her class of sixteen students has an international flavor, consisting of Israelis, Americans, British and South Africans.

"I love my class here. It is one of the best classes I have ever taught. The students are more mature than most American undergraduates, and everyone is writing up a storm," Ms. Whitman said.

She takes pride in her Fulbright appointment. "I am the first woman and the

first poet to be selected for this position; my two predecessors were both male novelists," Ms. Whitman explained. Beyond the responsibilities of teaching and writing, Ms. Whitman said, "Part of the Fulbright is like being on a mission."

This sense of mission was demonstrated on a recent trip to Egypt, where Ms. Whitman gave poetry readings at Women's College and Ain Shams University in Cairo. She said she was deeply struck by the warmth and responsiveness of the students and by their interest in contemporary American poetry.

Ms. Whitman went to Egypt in order to research the monuments of Queen Hatshepsut, about whom she is writing a poetic sequence. Hatshepsut was an Egyptian ruler who represented herself as a king in order to be accepted as the pharaoh of her people. Whitman has just finished a book about the Israeli parachutist, Hanna Senesh, called *The Testing of Hannah Senesh*, and is also completing a new collection of poetry to be entitled *The Promise*.

"There is a great interest in poetry in Israel," Ms. Whitman observed, "as well as a great number of excellent Israeli poets." She is translating the poems of Miriam Oren, an Israeli poet who has just published her fourth book. In addition to reading at the American Cultural Centers in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Ms. Whitman has

read and lectured at the University of Haifa, Tel Aviv University, and the Hebrew University. She is scheduled to read with an Arab poet in Nazareth.

Ms. Whitman received her B.A. in Greek and English from Radcliffe College and an M.A. in Classics from Harvard University. Her first book of poetry, *Blood and Milk Poems*, was published by Clarke & Way in 1963. Subsequently she has published four other books of poetry, *The Marriage Wig and Other Poems* (1968), which won the Alice Fay Day Castagnola Award of the Poetry Society of America and the Kovner Award from the Jewish Book Council of America; *The Passion of Lizzie Borden: New and Selected Poems* (1973); *Tamsen Donner: A Woman's Journey* (1977); and *Permanent Address: New Poems, 1973-80* (1980), as well as two books on the art of writing and teaching poetry and two books of translation from modern Yiddish poetry, *An Anthology of Modern Yiddish Poetry* (1966; second edition, 1979) and *The Selected Poems of Jacob Gladstein* (1972). Among her awards and honors she has received a National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing grant, a grant from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, and a Guinness International Poetry Award.

Ms. Whitman is living in Jerusalem for the year with her artist husband, Morton Sacks.

## Young Leadership Ball Smashing Success



Left to right, front row: Lori Weiner, Faith Packer, Carolyn Fuchs, Susan Rifkin, Barbara Mlawsky, Linda Grossman. Back row: Nate Zielonka, David Starr, Sidney Klawansky, Alan Bond, Mark Golden.

Over 200 people attended the First Annual Jewish National Fund Young Leadership Ball at Copley Place, Saturday, April 27. The ball which was held as a celebration of Israel's 37th Anniversary was billed on the invitation as asking the question "Do You Ever Wonder What Happened to Your Tree?"

Jewish National Fund responded by holding this gala event and suggested that the best way to find your tree is to join hundreds of singles and young married couples on JNF's first nation-wide Young Leadership Mission to Israel taking place

from July 18-28 at a cost of only \$1300 round trip from New York.

A highlight of the evening was a surprise birthday party for Susan Rifkin, JNF's Administrative Assistant who was presented with a huge cake.

Special thanks for the success of the evening goes to Nate Zielonka who was crucial in helping to plan every aspect of the Ball.

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## Kenneth Zola

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Kenneth Zola shared the secrets of his soul.

Unaccustomed to seeing someone without their protective mechanisms and ever-present mask, the audience shifted and rustled in their seats, as if they had suddenly come upon something so intimate, their first reaction was embarrassment. But the group was fixated upon Dr. Zola, much the same way one is terrified by an extraordinary event but cannot look away.

Knowledge doesn't stop with adulthood, nor just the insights of children, sometimes it comes from the support of friends, and sometimes from a certain curiosity. Someone pointed out that I looked at my own surprise, that if they asked to all the women I had been involved with in my life, the name Marsha seems to occur, with unpredictable frequency. This story is entitled, "Why Marsha Is My Favorite Name."

And so it went. In an outpouring of short stories, Kenneth Zola gave the people in that small room a gift of tenderness and love. Polio may have stolen the spirit from his leg, and tried to wash him up on the beach of life, but Irving Kenneth Zola has learned to fly. With shocking honesty, he penetrated the protective shields of his listeners with his vulnerability. Standing emotionally naked, he exposed his soul and his heart to these strangers.

There are no preparations for the crisis in life. Relationships exist between mothers and daughters, friends, lovers, siblings, etc. But reflecting back on my fifty years, this is probably my longest and most important. I call this "The Last Goodbye." Your name was Frances. I knew you as Aunt Fagy. You were my friend, my confidant, my ally, and soon I was going to lose you. We were warmed by the late afternoon sun on the deck as you laid on the chaise longue. To a stranger, you might have looked unburdened. But I knew it was the side effects of the radiation. Tomorrow you were leaving to go back to the mainland. "Well, smartass, it looks as if you have done okay," she said. "You mean the house?" "No," she said. "Your life." "Well I had lots of help from you." "After a silence she lifted her glass and said, 'Well, it's been a long time.' " "Yes," I replied, "Do you remember...?" and so we drifted in and out of memories all afternoon.

And so the afternoon passed, as Kenneth Zola opened his heart and the secrets of emotions we feel but never utter, engulfed the room. Misty eyes struggled fiercely to be brave as he offered his words, "But It Hurts Too Much."

The room had changed, no, the audience had changed. The people who left the room after Irving Kenneth Zola spoke were not the same people who had come in.

## Temple Shalom Celebrates Milestones

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men's club. Through the united Hebrew school, there is a post-graduate class. A Temple choir sings at special services. Dale Blumen, a woman, is President of the congregation, which speaks of the involvement of women in the temple in services as well as leadership capacities.

"At one time, we had a Jewish singles group here, but there aren't that many Jewish singles on Aquidneck Island, so it was disbanded," Rabbi Jagoliner said. "But I feel it is important to respond to the needs of the congregation and whenever they come forth with suggestions, I try to put their ideas into motion. Women count as part of the minyan here and during services take aliyahs, as they are a strong force in the Temple. In fact, during the first years of the Temple's growth, there were often more women attending services than men, and they have taken their responsibilities quite diligently."

### Extended Family

The feeling that is generated within Temple Shalom is that it is an extended family where the concepts of Conservative

## Richard Shapiro Admitted To Partnership

Richard J. Shapiro has been admitted to partnership at the national CPA firm of Oppenheim, Appel, Dixon & Co., headquartered in New York.

Born and raised in Providence, Rhode Island, Shapiro graduated cum laude with honors in Political Science in 1970 from Brown University. He went on to earn his J.D. in 1973 from Columbia University, and his L.L.M. in Taxation in 1977 from New York University.

In 1983, Richard joined Oppenheim, Appel, Dixon & Co., one of the twenty largest public accounting firms in the United States, bringing with him special expertise in the area of tax research especially in all aspects of the securities industry. A frequent speaker on tax matters, he was a principal author of the 1984 booklet prepared by the firm for the New York Stock Exchange: "Taxes and Investing—An Explanation of the New Tax Legislation and its Effect on the Individual Investor."

He is a member of the Wall Street Tax Association, and now serves as Oppenheim, Appel, Dixon's National Tax Partner.

Richard, the son of Charlotte and the late Shlepy Shapiro, lives in Rye Brook, New York, with his wife Rhonda and their children Sheryl, 4 and Elana 9 months.

Judaism with its emphasis on ethical, moral and spiritual values, are stressed and shared within the community.

"The Temple was indeed built as a labor of love," Rabbi Jagoliner said. "The bima was built by a congregant who lost two of his fingers to an electric saw while trying to complete it."

That feeling of warmth was evident at the tenth anniversary celebration that took place at the Temple two weeks ago honoring Rabbi Jagoliner.

A tribute was paid to Rabbi Jagoliner by Rev. Dr. Gilbert Y. Taverne of St. George's School, who spoke of his achievements in the community, and the growth and strength of the temple.

In addressing the congregation, Rabbi Jagoliner spoke of his ten years of service to the Temple and the community.

"We are no longer new together," he said. "We have been through many experiences together, both individually and collectively."

As people gathered afterward in the social hall, one could feel that there was an abundance of affection and close bonding between the members of the Temple Shalom family.

## White Rose Movement Honored In West Germany

The President of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Jacqueline G. Wexler, endorsed the special memorial held in Munich, West Germany on May 3 honoring the student leaders of the anti-Nazi White Rose Movement.

The ceremonial service was held at the Perlacher Cemetery in honor of Hans and Sophie Scholl, the founders of the university-based White Rose group, young Christians who protested Nazism and the slaughter of innocents in the concentration camps. The Scholls, brother and sister, were hunted down and beheaded by the Nazis.

"We fully endorse this service which honors the memory of these courageous young people," said Mrs. Wexler.

"Honoring the memories of anti-Nazi heroes and heroines is a most appropriate way to symbolize reconciliation between the United States and Germany. This particular service holds up to young Germans the best of their own national heritage. Memorial services for SS troops do not help the process of reconciliation between the nations or within the hearts of people."

The American Jewish Congress is served as coordinator of the service.

## Daily Walking Tours Scheduled

The Providence Preservation Society's daily walking tour season began May 6 and will continue on a daily basis (except holidays) through October 31. The tours, led by enthusiastic and knowledgeable volunteer guides, highlight Providence's rich architectural and historical heritage. The perennial favorite, the Mile of History tour, takes place on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays; and the Historic Downtown tour is offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Both tours begin at 10 a.m. (2 p.m. on Sundays) at the Society's headquarters, the 1769 Brick School House on 24 Meeting Street. No reservations for the daily tours are necessary except for groups of ten or more. Each tour lasts ninety minutes and costs \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children under twelve.

The Mile of History walking tour includes the city's landmark public buildings from the colonial era. The Old State House where Washington and Lafayette were entertained and the Market House where Providence residents burned tea in 1775 to protest British taxation are among the several public buildings covered in the tour. The residences of prominent Providence men such as the John Brown House and the Stephen Hopkins House are also among the many architectural landmarks included in the tour. These and other buildings along the route are discussed from their exteriors in a tour which emphasizes the political, economic, religious, and architectural growth of the city.

The downtown walking tour emphasizes the growth of the downtown in the nineteenth century. The Old State House was transformed from a maritime to a manufacturing center. The architecture in Providence's downtown spans the decades from 1828 to the present, and the tour will illustrate the changing nature of commercial architecture in the nineteenth century as technological innovation made the building of taller structures possible. The Arcade, built in 1828 and the oldest continuously occupied shopping mall in the United States, and the City Hall, considered to be one of the finest examples of Second Empire public buildings in the country, are among the many highlights included in the downtown tour. This tour, like its College Hill counterpart, will emphasize the architectural and historical evolution of the city's center.

For additional information about the daily walking tours, contact the society at 24 Meeting Street (831-7440). Special tours for groups are also available.

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## Obituaries

**JEANETTE BRAUNSTEIN**  
EAST PROVIDENCE — Jeanette Braunstein of 25 Arthur Ave., a buyer, died Sunday at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Harold S. Braunstein.

Born in Rutherford, N.J., she was a daughter of the late J. Samuel and Hattie (Schulman) Dressler.

From 1956 to 1973, Mrs. Braunstein was associated with her husband in Harold's Inc., a women's retail chain with stores in Pawtucket, Woonsocket and Worcester. Earlier, she was a buyer for Macy's and Hecht's Department Stores in New York City. She also taught elementary schools for three years after graduating from Newark State College.

Mrs. Braunstein was a member of Temple Beth-El, its Sisterhood and Garden Club, Hadassah, Ort, and the National Council of Jewish Women. She was a past secretary of the Jewish Community Center, a past vice president of its Parents' and Women's Associations, and a former Cub Scout den mother.

Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Susan B. Hedvat of Ashkelon, Israel; a son, Harvey S. Braunstein of Larchmont, N.Y.; a sister, Marion Dressler of Boynton Beach, Fla., and four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue, Providence. Burial was in Congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

**MARGARET S. BEHRENS**  
PROVIDENCE — Margaret S. Behrens, 83, of 4606 Charles St., an employee in the city tax office for more than 20 years before retiring in 1966, died Monday May 6 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of William Behrens.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Louis and Rosa (Grossman) Stone.

A member of the Women's Association of Miriam Hospital, she also was a volunteer at the hospital, as well as for RSVP, and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves great-nieces and great-nephews.

A funeral service was held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

**MORRIS GOLDMAN**  
PROVIDENCE — Morris Goldman, 90, of the Charlesgate Apartments, North Main Street, died at home.

Born in Boston, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goldman, he lived in Providence for more than 50 years.

For more than 40 years, he was a boys' apparel salesman at the former Outlet Co. He was a member of Roosevelt Lodge 42, F & A.M., the Scottish Rite and the Palestine Shrine.

He leaves a niece and a nephew.  
A funeral service was held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St.

Burial was in the Hebrew Progressive Lodge Cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass.

**VICTOR VINE**  
PAWTUCKET — Victor Vine, 72, of 178 Oak Hill Ave., a former instructor and therapist, died Wednesday in Miriam Hospital, Providence. He was the husband of Margaret (Wilson) Vine.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Morris and Bessie (Hazen) Vine. He had lived in Pawtucket since 1974.

Before his retirement in 1974, Mr. Vine served on the faculty of the New England Institute of Technology, Providence, as an instructor in plastics, fabrication and laboratory technology. In 1972, he was appointed chief of the manual arts therapy section of the Bath Veterans Administration Center in Bath, N.Y. Before that, Mr. Vine was a manual arts therapist for 20 years at the Canandaigua Veterans Administration Hospital in Canandaigua, N.Y.

Mr. Vine was a graduate of Providence College, class of 1936 and did post-graduate work at the former Rhode Island College of Education and the Rochester Institute of Technology. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Cheryl Vine of New York; a sister, Tillie Vascovitz of Pawtucket; a brother, Atty. Leo Vine of Woodbridge, Conn.; and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

**GLORIA G. LAKE**  
WARWICK — Gloria G. Lake, 50, of 20 Gardner St. died Saturday at New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston. She was the wife of Irving Lake.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Samuel and Manya (Marcus) Shprecher, she lived in Warwick for a year. Mrs. Lake was partner with her husband in Maguire's Package Store, Elmwood Avenue, Providence, for 10 years. She was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence, a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, and a member of the Sisterhood of Temple Am David, the Hadassah and the Pioneer Women.

Besides her husband she leaves a son, Mark H. Lake of Warwick.

A funeral service was held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

**BESSIE HELLER**  
PROVIDENCE — Bessie Heller, 92, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died at the home. She was the widow of Abraham Heller.

Born in Lithuania, a daughter of the late Solomon and Sarah Davidson, she lived in Providence for 80 years.

Mrs. Heller was a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, a vice president of the former

first post to be selected for this position; my two predecessors were both male novelists," Ms. Whitman explained. Beyond the

Sisterhood of the Congregation Sons of Zion, and a member of Temple Emanu-El and Hadassah.

She leaves two daughters, Mrs. H. Rita Millen of Barrington and Mrs. Selma H. Halpern of Providence; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

**JOSEPH BLOCK**  
RIVIERA BEACH, Fla. — Joseph Block, 72, of 4181 74th Road N., a consultant to the plastics manufacturing industry for 40 years, died at Palm Beach Garden Hospital, Palm Beach. He was the husband of Emma J. (Snyder) Block.

Born in Utica, N.Y., a son of the late Irving and Bertha Block, he lived in Florida for four years. He previously lived in Narragansett and Cranston.

Mr. Block was a manufacturer of plastic products for 35 years, the last with J.B. Teben Inc., Pawtucket, where he had been associated for 15 years, semi-retiring 21 years ago. He had been president of Barton Inc., Providence, and an executive vice president of the Merit Molded Plastics Corp. In World War II, he worked at the Walsh-Kaiser shipyard, Providence. He was a graduate of the Utica Free Academy School of Commerce and Finance.

He was a past president of the Congregation Temple Beth David, Narragansett, a past president serving two terms, of the Touro Fraternal Association, and was a member of its board of directors. He had been a member of the building committee of Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, the B'nai B'rith, and the Lions Club.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Thomas E. Block of Warwick; a sister, Mrs. Tillie Berkowitz in Florida; a brother, Jerry Block of Merritt Island, and a granddaughter.

A funeral service was held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

**RUTH LESSLER**  
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Ruth Lessler, 78, of 7010 Phoenix NE, died Thursday, May 2, at Anna Kaseman Hospital. She was the widow of Simon S. Lessler.

Born in Mountain Dale, N.Y., a daughter of the late Aaron and Clara (Lufit-Rednick) Apfelbaum, she lived in Phoenix for six years. She previously lived in Providence for 40 years.

Mrs. Lessler and her husband founded the former Sorority Shop, Providence, in 1933, and sold the business in 1966. She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood for 40 years, a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Miriam Hospital Women's Association and the Hadassah. She had been a volunteer worker at the Jewish Community Center, Providence.

She leaves three daughters, Abby Harris of Albuquerque; Cissy Levine of

Des Moines, Iowa; Carol Sokolov of Irvine, Calif., and 10 grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## Conference On Dyslexia At Brown

Brown University is expecting about 300 people to attend an all-day conference on the disorder called dyslexia to be held in Alumnae Hall on the campus Saturday, May 11, 1985.

Called "Acknowledging Dyslexia," the conference will begin at 9 a.m. with a keynote address by Dr. Drake Duane, a neurologist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, N.Y., who will discuss "Dyslexia — What It Is and What It Is Not."

There will be workshops throughout the day to discuss: classroom strategies for the elementary teacher; middle school students with learning difficulties; teaching writing to dyslexics; dyslexic students and foreign language learning; and college policies regarding dyslexic students.

The conference is sponsored by the New England Branch of the Orton Dyslexia Society and the University. More information can be obtained by calling Brown Shaw, assistant dean of the college, Brown University, (401) 863-2315.

## Judaic Institute Offers Credit Course

This year, the Sixth Annual Judaic Institute at Southeastern Massachusetts University has a new dimension, Professor Robert P. Waxler and Rabbi Bernard Glassman will offer a special three-credit course on Jewish culture and literature to accompany the Institute. The intensive course will run from June 17-27.

"The course will include readings of material that serve as a modern guide to the perplexing questions of our times," according to Professor Waxler. The course is part of the Jewish Studies minor program at the University. Another Jewish Studies course on the Holocaust is also being offered this summer.

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From left to right: Howard Gressman, Director, Jewish National Fund's Trade and Industry Events; Leonard Kaplan, Esq. Partner, Nutter, McClennen and Fish; C.J. Harwood, Senior Vice-President, Equitable Real Estate Group.

On April 25, a number of Boston's leading community leaders attended a cocktail reception at the Meriden Hotel in tribute to Benjamin D. Holloway, Chairman and CEO of Equitable Real Estate Group, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

Co-chairmen of this event were: Leonard Kaplan, esq., Partner from the law firm of Nutter, McClennen and Fish, and C.J. Harwood, Senior Vice-President, Equitable Real Estate, Investment Management, Inc.

## Belly Dancers Benefit Leukemia

The Leukemia Society of America, Rhode Island Chapter, will be holding their Fourth Annual "Four Hours for Life" Belly Dance-a-Long on Monday, May 20, 1985 at the Providence Marriott Inn, according to Chairperson Shamilar.

Dancers will dance to live middle eastern music from 7 to 11 p.m. and will obtain sponsors before the event for the number of hours they feel they can dance. The dancer who brings in the most money will win two tickets to Atlantic City for a weekend, which are being donated by Boulevard Travel, Pawtucket. Prizes for runners up will also be awarded.

Special guest appearance will be made by Amir, and intermission entertainers include break dancers, Co-Motion (improvisations), Jean DeLuca Company Dancers, and Middle Eastern Village Folk Dancers.

All belly dancers, male and female, are invited to participate, and spectators are

invited to attend. Although Mr. Holloway was not in attendance, his friends and colleagues in Boston made significant contributions to help fund the million dollar Benjamin D. Holloway Park and Recreation Area in Israel.

Other activities surrounding this project were the 1,000 person dinner honoring Mr. Holloway in New York which raised over \$750,000 and cocktail receptions similar to that held in Boston, in Dallas, Miami, Chicago and Cleveland. For more information about this project or about Jewish National Fund, please call 731-6850.

invited to attend.

Leukemia, a disease of the blood-forming organs, can strike at any age. It is still the number one killer of children but kills eight times more adults than children.

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## RIJCC Holds Annual Meeting

**JCCRI Annual Meeting**  
President Mark Mandell and the officers and Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Center of RI presided at the B'Nai Mitzvah Year 60th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 8 at 7:45 p.m. The meeting was held in the JCC Social Hall, with a reception immediately following.

Heading the agenda was the election and installation of a new slate of officers and directors for the coming year. The new slate for 1985-86 is as follows:

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For the third year in a row, the Board of Directors has chosen a distinguished Rhode Islander to be honored at the Annual Meeting as Rhode Island Jewish Citizen of the Year. The 1985 recipient of that award was Rabbi Shalom Strajcher. In his role as Dean of Providence Hebrew Day School, Rabbi Strajcher has helped develop a spirit of openness and sharing between Orthodox and other members of the Rhode Island Jewish community. His outstanding leadership and dedication make

him a truly deserving recipient of this high honor.

The Annual Meeting also provided an opportunity to recognize the efforts of JCC volunteers. With so many wonderful people helping to make ongoing programs and special events meaningful to the community, it's hard to select only a few individuals. This year, the JCC has designated the following people to receive Volunteer Recognition Awards:

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Other highlights of the Annual Meeting were the celebration of JCC B'Nai Mitzvah Year, 13 years at 401 Elm Grove Avenue with recognition of 13 living past presidents for their leadership in JCC development; a presentation of the I.S. Low Award to outstanding Jewish youth — Elsie Neusner and Lisa Waldman; the President Mark Mandell's message, and Lola Schwartz's Executive Director report, a slide show which provided an historical perspective on JCC buildings and programs.



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