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"Precious Legacy" Opens June 7 Hartford's Wadsworth Atheneum



Deportation, 1943

The Precious Legacy: Judaic Treasures from the Czechoslovak State Collections, an exhibition of over 350 objects drawn from one of the world's most significant collections of Judaica, will begin the final leg of its landmark U.S. tour with a June 7 opening at the Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, Conn.

First seen in November, 1983 at the Bohemian Institution's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., the exhibition has been on a coast-to-coast tour of major urban centers, displaying its treasures to record-breaking crowds for the first time ever on the North American continent. It is at once a celebration of the history and vitality of Czech Jewish life in culture from the Middle Ages to World War II and a solemn commemoration of the devastation of Jewish life during the Holocaust.

The Precious Legacy is organized by the Bohemian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES), in collaboration with Project Judaica, Mark Talisman, Chairman, the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Socialist Republic; the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic; the National Committee of the Capital of Prague; and the State Jewish Museum in Prague. Philip Morris Incorporated is the official corporate sponsor. Local sponsors are CIGNA Corporation, Connecticut National Bank and Aetna & Casualty.

The source for the exhibition is the Jewish Museum in Prague, with its 1000-object collection largely accumulated through Nazi wartime confiscations from Bohemian and Austrian Jewish deportees in the Nazi effort to create a "museum to an extinct race." The exhibition instead displays five centuries of artistry and dynamism in the Jewish community, its North American tour is the result of 15 years of negotiations with the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic by Mark Talisman and others.

The exhibition highlights include rare religious and secular objects in a variety of artistic media such as silverwork, jewelry, tapestries, paintings, books and illuminated manuscripts. Jewish scholarship is represented by various new books and manuscripts, one

dating as far back as 1594.

A section illustrating communal history presents the gathering horror of 1939 with a photomural of a young boy and two men, their numbered suitcases in tow, on their way to the Terezin concentration camp. The final section, entitled "Tragedy and Transcendence," features ceremonial items created from scrap materials by prisoners at Terezin where 140,000 Jews were sent to await deportation to death camps further east. The show ends with one drawing by a child from Terezin depicting a swimming place.

This drawing is among four thousand that survived, hidden from the Nazis in metal canisters. Dozens of them, by both adults and children in Terezin, may be seen in a companion exhibition, *Image and Reality*, opening on June 3 at the University of Hartford.

Also in conjunction with **The Precious Legacy** and opening simultaneously on June 7, the Lions Gallery at the Wadsworth Atheneum has planned a multi-sensory exhibition entitled *A Glossary of Jewish Ritual Objects*. It explores the distinctive features of Jewish Art using objects from everyday life at home and in the synagogue.

There are also a series of special lectures, films, and performances planned in conjunction with **The Precious Legacy**. For further information call (203) 278-2570, ext. 322. A free 25-minute orientation film entitled "The Precious Legacy," produced in conjunction with the exhibition, will be shown in the Avery Theater. The film has been made possible by funding from Philip Morris Incorporated.

The Precious Legacy will be on view at the Wadsworth Atheneum through July 28. Tickets issued for specific times are required. Cost is \$5 per person; members and children under 12 are free but still require tickets. Those interested in individual tickets or group booking should call (203) 547-1595. Some same-day tickets may also be available for purchase at the Avery entrance, but advance ticketing is advised. Recorded tours guiding visitors through the Atheneum's installation are available for a \$2.50 rental fee and may be reserved in advance with ticket orders. Exhibition hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10-7; Saturday and Sunday, 10-5.

A Conversation With Arthur Avnon

by Robert Israel

Arthur Avnon, Consul of Israel, was born in Bucharest, Romania in 1946. He and his family immigrated to Israel in 1950 and settled in Kfar Saba. From 1964-1966 he served in the Israel Defense Forces, graduating from Hebrew University in 1970 with a degree in International Relations.

In 1972, Avnon realized his career goal by joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After several years working for Israeli embassies in Europe, he was appointed Consul in Houston, Texas, where he served until 1980. Since 1984 he has worked for the North American Division of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Boston.

Avnon is a soft-spoken man who listens keenly to each question he is asked, considering the answer long before he speaks it. When he expresses his opinions he is careful to make two distinctions clear: what he himself feels about the issue as an individual and as a Jew, and what he perceives the answer to be working as a representative of the Israeli Government.

The interview took place recently at the Jewish Federation office in Providence. It began with a question asking Mr. Avnon



Arthur Avnon

to discuss his roots in Romania before he and his family immigrated to Israel.

A Family Decision
"The decision to immigrate to Israel (Continued on page 9)

Essie Einstein — Providence Will Miss Her

by Susan Higgins

In less than two weeks, the movers will come to take more than 50 years of material belongings that Essie Einstein has accumulated during her life in Providence and drive them to her new home, with her son, in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Even with the moving date rapidly approaching, you won't find Mrs. Einstein worrying about the details of packing. Instead, she has a full calendar of meetings, graduations, dinners, appointments and yes, she is still selling Israel Bonds. Although her address is changing, Essie Einstein's dedication to helping others, and her love of music and Judaism remain constant. Besides, Essie said, she has already packed her most

precious possessions, her memories.

Tears fill her eyes, as she remembers the "beautiful times" she spent with her husband, Arthur. She was seventeen years old, a student in the Russian Conservatory for Music in Odessa. He was seven years older, a brilliant musician, and her professor. Times were very difficult when the communist takeover of Russia began. Communist officials visited the conservatory and restricted the study of certain composers they felt to be too "bourgeois." Arthur Einstein was troubled by these demands and made two decisions. He asked his talented, young pupil to marry him and escape to a place where

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Essie Einstein with a photograph of her late husband, Arthur Einstein.

Local News

Students Celebrate Bar/Bat Mitzvah At Emanu-El

Six students in Temple Emanu-El's Institute of Jewish Studies will celebrate their Bar/Bat Mitzvah on the First Day of Shavuot, Sunday morning, May 26.

They are graduates of the Institute's Ben and Bat Torah Program, a program designed to prepare for, who never had the opportunity to prepare for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, with a basic comprehensive Jewish education. Students in the program are required to take credits in the following core areas (each one semester course is 1½ credits):

- A. Jewish History, 3 credits
- B. Basic Jewish Practices and

- Observances, 3 credits
- C. Biblical Literature, 3 credits
- D. Rabbinic Literature, 3 credits
- E. Hebrew Language 3 credits
- F. Haftorah Cantillation, 1½ credits
- G. Elective, 1½ credits

Beginning in the Fall of 1985, people interested in participating in the Ben and Bat Torah Program will be able to fulfill course credits through Temple Emanu-El's Leisure Club classes.

This year's Ben and Bat Torah graduates are: Gershon Barros, Gabriella Barros, Shelley Parness, Abe Gershman, Carolyn Turcio, and Cindy Kaplan.

URI-Hillel Award Winners

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of Rhode Island is proud to announce the 1985 winners of its prestigious Hopfenberg and Brown awards. The Lawrence H. Hopfenberg award for the most active freshman was awarded to Hilary Cohen, '88, from Paramus, New Jersey. The Bertram M. and Phyllis R. Brown award for the most active graduating senior was given to Lori Solomon, '85, from East Brunswick, New Jersey.

The Hopfenberg award is annually given to the Jewish freshman who has the greatest impact on the quality of Jewish life on the URI campus. The Brown award is given annually to the graduating senior who has made the strongest impact on the URI Jewish community during his or her time there.

Hilary Cohen was extremely active on behalf of pro-Israel causes at URI. As President for Students for Israel, she was the campus American Zionist Youth Federation representative as well as the major student spokesperson on behalf of Israel. She arranged a number of successful programs on Israel's behalf. In addition, she did much of the leg work that is necessary to promote Israel and its needs to the URI student populace.

Lori Solomon has been extremely active in Hillel since she became a freshman here in the Fall of 1980. During her tenure at URI, she was an officer of the Board four times, serving as Secretary, twice as Vice-President, and as President during her senior year, 1984-85. She was also active in the establishment of a Jewish sorority on campus, Alpha Epsilon Phi. She participated as well as involved herself in many programs that were run by Hillel or by other Jewish campus groups.

The Hopfenberg award was named after Lawrence H. Hopfenberg who was president on Hillel's Board of Trustees from 1981-1982. He was very fond of Hillel and he worked many hours on his behalf. He passed away in October, 1983.

The Brown award was named after Bert Brown, Board of Trustees President from 1982-85, and his wife Phyllis Brown, a Professor of Chemistry at URI. Under Bert's leadership, the organization matured and developed. He devoted much time on many projects and needs of Hillel. The Browns are very supportive of Hillel.

Alan Gourse Elected Touro Assn. President

Alan M. Gourse of Cranston will be installed as president of Touro Fraternal Association Wednesday, May 29, at the West Valley Inn in West Warwick.

Gourse heads a list of new officers of the Association who were elected at the group's annual elections held at its offices here. Touro is made up of nearly 1,000 men and women from throughout Rhode Island and is considered largest independent Jewish fraternal order in the area.

Other officers elected for one-year terms were: Vice President, Thomas R. Bornstein of Warwick; Secretary, Charles Coken of West Warwick; Treasurer, Gerald D. Hodosh of Cranston; Chaplain, Steven M. Shuster of Smithfield; Faithful Guide, Joseph Shapiro of West Warwick; Inside Guard, Michael D. Smith of Warwick.

Elected to three-year terms on the association's board of directors were Simon Chorney of Barrington, Nathan Lury and Judah Rosen of Cranston and Robert D. Miller, the immediate past president; and Irving Wolpert of Providence.

Two past presidents of the Association will handle the installation: Morton L. Coken of Cranston will be installing officer and State Senator David Sholes, also of Cranston, will be master of ceremonies.

Charles Silverman To Exhibit Work

Charles M. Silverman will be showing original pencil drawings and limited edition prints with remarques featuring the unique charm of Rhode Island lighthouses at the Thistle Gallery, 3988 Main Road, Tiverton, on Monday, May 27 through May 29.

"Sholom Aleichem" At Torat Yisrael

Howard da Silva, well known to audience of stage, screen and television, will appear in "The World of Sholom Aleichem" on Wednesday, May 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston. Admission is free.

Mr. da Silva has starred in numerous Broadway and film productions, including "Sholom," "Fiorello," Arthur Miller's "The Price," "Sergeant York," "David and Lisa," and others. Last year he appeared on the PBS adaptation of Isaac Singer's short story, "The Cafeteria."

"The World of Sholom Aleichem" is dramatic recreation of the famed storyteller's tales of European Jewish life. Mr. da Silva first directed, co-produced and acted in the show in the 1950s, and has taken the highly successful show to audiences throughout America in the years since.

Mr. da Silva replaces previously-announced Murray Horwitz.

The program is free to the public, and is under the auspices of the Temple Torat Yisrael Florence Margolis Fund for the Arts.

Bernard Labush Elected Am David President

Bernard "Buzzy" Labush of Warwick was elected to his second term as president of Temple Am David in Warwick at the congregation's annual meeting Monday, May 13.

Labush and the newly elected officers and board members of the congregation will be installed by Rabbi Richard Leibovitz at special ceremonies at the Temple Friday evening, June 21. Also to be installed are the yet to be elected officers and board members of the Sisterhood, Men's Club and United Synagogue Youth (USY) Chapter.

Other congregational officers elected are: First Vice President, Fredric Kamin of East Greenwich; Second Vice President, Israel Yamuder, Warwick; Third Vice President, Dorothy Klein, Warwick; Fourth Vice President, Sheila Land, Warwick; Treasurer, Sheldon Land, Warwick; Financial Secretary, Morris Zenofsky, West Warwick; Recording Secretary, Faye Schachter, Warwick; Corresponding Secretary, Suzanne Cohen, Warwick.

Elected to three-year terms on the Temple's Board of Directors were Ruth Alper of East Greenwich and Paul Finstein, Sanford Gold, Hyman Schachter, Barry Shaw and Mike Smith, all of Warwick.

Warwick Memorial Day Events

Mayor Francis X. Flaherty announced that on Monday, May 27, the City of Warwick will be sponsoring a Pops and Fireworks Celebration to honor all local veterans. At this Memorial Day event, the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of George Kent will perform a free outdoor concert followed by a spectacular fireworks display.

After the colors have been presented by the Warwick Veterans Council, the concert will begin with the theme from "Star Wars." Other program selections include Gig, Showboat Fantasy, Lover, Firebird Polka, Excerpts from "The Irish Suite" and the famous 1812 Overture by Tchaikovsky. During this ever-popular rendition, cannon fire will be provided by the Newport Artillery Company.

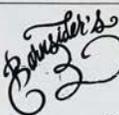
Co-sponsored by the City of Warwick and AT&T, the Pops & Fireworks event is also partially funded by Rhode Island State funds on the Arts. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 27, at the Mickey Stevens Sports Complex on Sandy Lane in Warwick. Members of the audience are advised to bring their own chairs or blankets. In case of rain, the concert will be moved indoors to the nearby Thayer Rink.

Alzheimer's Support Group At Miriam

The Rhode Island Chapter of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association is sponsoring a support group for family members of Alzheimer's Disease patients.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at The Miriam Hospital. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 1985.

For additional information, contact Sheila Webster at The Miriam Hospital at 274-3700, ext. 2072.



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Irving R. Levine

Irving R. Levine, a native of Pawtucket, was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Roger Williams College in Bristol on Sunday, May 26. He is a graduate of Brown University, holds a Master's Degree from Columbia University and a Ph.D. in Journalism. For the past 14 years he has been NBC economic affairs correspondent. Other honorary degrees conferred on Gov. DiPrete, the Rev. James R. Peterson, and Sarah Caldwell.



Gov. Michael Dukakis

Honorable Michael S. Dukakis, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, will receive a Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, on May 29 from The Jewish Religious Seminary of America for his lifelong work as a public servant. The ceremony will take place at 5:00 p.m. at the Congregation Mishkan Tefila, 300 Hammond Parkway, Chestnut Hill, Mass. The evening will begin with a procession of standing Jewish community leaders from the New England area, many academics from New England colleges and universities and numerous rabbis and cantors. The Governor is expected to deliver the keynote address of the evening. In conferring the honorary degree on Gov. Dukakis will be Dr. Gerson D. Chanceller of the Jewish Theological Seminary. The Governor will be preceded by the Seminary's Vice-Chancellor, Yaakov G. Rosenberg, and sponsored by Melvin A. Ross and Ralph Kaspian, businessmen and philanthropists from the Providence area. Rabbi Richard M. Yellin, spiritual leader of Congregation Mishkan Tefila, will be presiding at the event. Governor Dukakis was inaugurated on January 6, 1983, for his second, non-successive term in office. He first served as Governor of Massachusetts from 1975-1979. Entering public service in 1963, Mr. Dukakis served eight consecutive years in Massachusetts House of Representatives and while a state legislator, he sponsored numerous consumer, housing and environmental measures. He was the first Governor in America to introduce a no-fault automobile insurance bill, and fought for many years until the state enacted the nation's first no-fault system in 1971.

The New England Region B'nai B'rith Youth Organization recently held their Annual Spring Convention at Camp Bourneville in Plymouth, Mass. BBYO in New England includes chapters in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine.

The highly successful weekend conference offered a variety of informative, and enjoyable programs including a debate on the issue of the Nuclear Freeze. The debate featured Jerome Grossman, founder and organizer of Citizens for a Liveable World, and Professor Steven Ross of the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. Other programs included Don Fuderman, a Jewish storyteller, a life size Monopoly game, sporting events, business meetings and a dance. Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Havalday services were conducted by convention participants.

The election and installation of regional officers were held during the convention. Newly elected officers include for B'nai B'rith Girls (BBG) President, Sharon Lesser of Natick, Mass.; Vice President, Amy Volk of Natick, Mass.; Membership Chairperson, Stacy Zellow of Stoughton, Mass.; Treasurer, Robin Goldstein of Providence, R.I.; Secretary, Barrie Wheeler of Brookline, Mass.; Editor, Jill Freedman of Stoughton, Mass.; and Counselor, Naomi Ziegler of Portsmouth, R.I.

Newly elected officers for Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA) were President, Brad Steinberg of Cranston, R.I.; Vice President, Peter Gray of Malden, Mass.; Membership Chairperson, Dan Ganz of Natick; Secretary, Steven Fox of Malden, Mass.; Treasurer, Andrew Wheeler of Westport, Mass.; and Counselor David Gordon of Brookline, Mass.

A special farewell presentation was made to Enid Gilbert, Senior Regional Director, who is leaving her position after 4 1/2 years of dedicated service by Naomi Ziegler and David Gordon outgoing BBG and AZA regional presidents.

Solomon Schechter School News

The Solomon Schechter Day School has been active in presenting productions as part of its general and Judaic studies curricular. The fifth grade presented a dramatic version of the novel *Written by the Students* as part of their social studies unit. Second graders presented the play *Tales of Peter Rabbit* to parents and students. Fifth and sixth graders joined with other private schools in a joint musical presentation at the Gordon School. Third graders presented a Hebrew play based on their studies of Abraham. In celebration of Maimonide's 850th birthday, the fifth grade made an original videotape production of *This Is Your Life Rambam*. The SSDS year will celebrate with a gala production of the Hebrew version of *Fiddler on the Roof* presented by the fourth graders with the help of the third grade.

This past month the students of Solomon Schechter have also been busy taking trips. The second graders had the opportunity to visit the *Providence Journal* to see how newspapers are printed, as part of their unit on communication. Kindergartners visited a farm as part of their unit on animals. Third and fourth graders visited the Boston Children's Museum to view their special exhibit on death, while first graders attended our local children's museum.

Don't forget the SSDS Bike-A-Thon, June 2, 11:30 at the J.C.C. Parking Lot. Rain or Shine. Let's get everyone out and riding. It should be lots of fun.

NCJW Scholarships Available

Scholarship applications are available from Providence Section, National Council of Jewish Women. NCJW is offering partial scholarships to high school seniors entering college in the Fall of 1985. These grants are awarded on the basis of individual qualification and needs, in addition to the high school guidance teacher's recommendations.

Further information and application blanks can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Walter Adler, 33 Stadium Road, Providence, R.I., 02906, 331-2122.

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.

The Judaic Institute is sponsored by the SMU Center for Jewish Culture, under the auspices of the Division of Continuing Education.

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Trinity Repertory Company's 8th Annual Cafe in the Barn Cocktail Buffet will be held on Monday, June 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the Barn, Seekonk, MA, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Trinity Rep has sponsored this popular event for the past seven years, and the 8th Annual Cafe in the Barn Cocktail Buffet is one of the highlights of the Company's raising activities. It offers an occasion for donors to Trinity Rep to meet and mingle with members of the acting company in a pleasant and informal setting, for the benefit of Trinity Rep.

From The Editor

by Robert Israel



Combatting Terrorism

Years ago I sat with a friend in Newport, at Festival Field, in the warm sunshine, listening to a musical group perform. We were relaxing on the grass when all hell broke loose outside the gates. Suddenly there was shouting, and police at the fence. My friend and I went over to see what was going on and he got hit on the head with a beer can. I helped him up and as we were heading to the exit, we got the first whiff of tear-gas. Soon the crowd was pushing us out the gate and there were tears in their eyes, from the gas. There was shouting. There were fist-fights. The crowd kept pushing, pushing for the gates. It was like being swept up in a maelstrom, sucked into the center of a violent, inescapable storm.

That was the closest I have ever come to experiencing terrorism, except for a few years later when a mailbox down the street from my rooming house in Montreal exploded after someone had set off a mail bomb. Admittedly, these incidents are mild compared to the terrorism that has been occurring in Israel and, closer to home, in Philadelphia. It is the feeling of total panic, total loss of control. To experience anything even close to it is to experience madness unless you are allowed to release its venom until all are poisoned.

For what are terrorists other than thugs who today have obtained semiautomatic weapons that they use to fire upon the police or innocent citizens? In Newport, they were inebriated youths who didn't want to pay the price of a ticket and figured they'd get in free, even if they had to step on people's heads to do so. Years later, they would succeed in destroying the fence and closing the festival entirely, ignoring the pleas of George Wein, the festival producer, and taking over the stage for their own purposes. I didn't attend that performance, but I later read that once they got up on stage they yelled obscenities into the microphones, proceeding to destroy property like a grand-piano, which they reduced to splinters of wood before the police caught up with them and hauled them away.

Today's terrorists, like the group MOVE in Philadelphia, were intent on "breaking the knee joints and the body of America," as one of their members wrote in a letter released after the tragedy that destroyed 61 row-houses, two city blocks long. "We going to burn

them with smoke," they wrote, "we will burn this house down and burn you up with us."

There has been a great deal of criticism regarding the police bombing of the building that housed these terrorists. In hindsight, the police should have waited it out, since no hostages were at stake and the neighborhood was closed off. I understand that to say this now, in hindsight, is a lot easier now that the pressure is off. It speaks of the ultimate cost of terrorism — to be caught up in that maelstrom, with no way out except to fight back with whatever you've got in your arsenal.

Yet perhaps the more frightening issue in the Philadelphia story is that it could happen anywhere — in Providence, in Newport, in Roxbury, Mass. It is now possible for anyone to obtain guns and ammunition and hoard it. Unless we change our laws and make it more difficult for terrorist groups like the Ku Klux Klan, the Neo-Nazis or MOVE to obtain weapons, we will see more fires and more deaths.

It is remarkable that the government of Israel has released more than 1,000 Palestinians and other prisoners in return for three Israeli soldiers captured during the Lebanon conflict. Among those that were released is a terrorist responsible for killing 26 people at Lod airport.

Israelis believe that it is necessary to go to great lengths to save an Israeli life. The gesture was a grand one, but one which left me shocked. I would have preferred to see those terrorists brought to justice in a court of law and executed.

Will it bring about a peaceful climate to a region that has been ripped apart by terrorism? It just recently there was another terrorist incident in Jerusalem — the bombing of a bus. My fear is that the terrorists will return to the only ways they know — destruction. It is a grim reality, but one that we must live with.

Possibly the only deterrent to terrorism is to be always on the alert, as the Israeli army is and hopefully, our own armed forces and police forces are at home and abroad. The only hope to control terrorism at home is through enforcement and a changing of gun laws. The only hope to combat terrorism abroad is through constant surveillance and monitoring of activities of known terrorist individuals and groups.

Letter From An Ethiopian Jew

by Michael Fink

I wanted to share the following letter with readers of the *Herald*, to demonstrate Ethiopian-Jewish-Israeli memories, experiences, concerns and hopes in direct testimony, unfiltered by social workers, un-translated and unedited. The important thing in a Jewish newspaper is not to congratulate Israel or America, but to listen to the individual survivor.

To: Professor Michael Fink

I thought now you have a few knowledge about Ethiopian Jews. Our standard of living in Ethiopia is very low the majority of our people living in village their livelihood is agriculture. The agriculture is not modernized; they ploughed by the method of primitive society by horse, ox, donkey. In addition to this specially the Jews society knows to do handwork for example womens make clay, embroidery, and mens make blacksmith, and weaving. This kind of work is intended only for Jews, for Christians is a very cheap work. In Ethiopia Jews not have their own land; but, they bought land from landlords; we were a poor tenants.

I want to write you about my biography in short. I borne in 1961 in Ethiopia at Gondar Province in the specific zone Wuzaba. In our village there was elementary school for Jews; I learned there up to six grade, after that to complete the twelfth grade I went to Gondar in order to learn in high school. I took entrance examination to the University of Addis Ababa. But, do not be able to learn in the university because of my family didn't have school fee. However I obtained a work in O.R.T. for two years. In 1975 in Ethiopia was a big revolution to throw the King Hile Selase, since the situation was very bad specially for intellectuals. At the end of 1975 the "red terror socialism" is declared all over the Ethiopia. It was a theoretical democratic socialism but, practically it was to torch the young people, to put them in prison in a narrow

and very cold room under zero degree centigrade and killed uncountable people.

In 1978 left the town of Gondar and went to the village in order to hide myself; at the end of 1979 again I left my village to go to Sudan I never told any body even my mother and father because they were not agree to I leave my village. I don't know how to arrive Sudan. I took the direction and began to walk on foot at that time I beg food where I find village from the natives, thus the way tooks me a month day and night to arrive Sudan. All this was a miracle. After that the red cross took me to the refugee camp, after some months I got work in hotel to be waiter. I was in Sudan a year after that. Then I immigrated to Israel.

I am working in absorption center which Ethiopian immigrants found. We heared the fate of our people who remains in Ethiopia is very bad. We can't see when our families who fought for this religion are dying, starving, getting sick and lacking shelter. We are struggling to save our people in different ways. I will explain you how we did what and our plans are:

1. To press the Israeli Government and the Jewish Agency to bring our families.
2. To go to all absorption center to explain their duties and rights and support their morale.
3. To bring together and make unity in order to save our families.
4. To have different sub-committees like
 - a. music, culture and literature committee
 - b. Lecture committee
 - c. Auditing committee
 - d. Sports committee

I hope you will give us your full participation for these important purposes.

I am looking forward for your letter.

Sincerely,
Melle Adissu
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Thoughts After Bitburg

by Abraham H. Foxman

Bitburg is no longer innocuous. It has entered into the long memory of our people.

It was a classic case of the road to Hell being paved with good intentions.

Selecting Bitburg cemetery as the site for reconciliation between the adversaries of World War II was thoughtless, insensitive and an unintended affront to the memory of all those murdered by the SS in the death camps and on the battlefields of the Bulge.

It called for protest and we were not silent.

Our protests were heard. Of that there is no doubt. Yet in a tragicomic sequence of misunderstandings, miscalculations, mistakes, misstatements and missed opportunities, they were not heeded.

And so the time has come to look back with the 20/20 vision of hindsight to see what went wrong and why, to assess the damage and to learn from the experience.

No one opposed an practically everyone favored the concept of reconciliation four decades after the guns were stilled but it was fatally flawed by the poor staff work that went into the site selection.

That original error was compounded when those involved viewed the prospect of any shift to a shared face, as surrender to pressure and, most far fetched of all, as an implication of collective guilt for the generation of West Germans with no connection to the Third Reich.

The issue somehow was turned into a test of will as the head of state of each country felt that it put his reputation in jeopardy. Although President Reagan openly apologized for reopening painful wounds, neither he nor Chancellor Kohl was able to acknowledge error but, in different ways, plunged deeper and deeper into quicksand with their efforts to explain the unexplainable.

As polls revealed, Americans were divided into those who supported the presidential wreath laying among SS graves and those who saw it as a rehabilitation of the Nazi empire. For some, it became just another Jewish issue.

They said it was time to let bygones be bygones and they diminished the Holocaust into just another wartime atrocity. They did not walk in Jewish shoes or see it with Jewish eyes as a unique historic expression of governmental malevolence directed at an entire people because of their faith. On the other hand, Jews, veterans and other protesters could not understand why their fellow Americans could not see it as a gesture toward forgiveness of the Nazis and a repudiation of American ethics. It indicated that memory of the genocide had dimmed and that the resonance of its moral lesson had faded.

Inevitably, Bitburg damaged a well meaning American President who had demonstrated his sympathy with the Jewish people by his support of Israel, his dramatic use of the Air Force to rescue Ethiopian Jews and his outspoken support of Soviet Jewry.

Across the ocean, the incident stirred up the stench of anti-Semitism. It became clear that West Germany was not completely purged, that while desirable, reconciliation papered over a poisonous problem that still persists in pockets of the population.

Nevertheless, the situation provided some credits along with the debits. The Jewish community spoke in one clear voice. While not changing the site, the Administration attempted a measure of atonement by visiting Bergen-Belsen where President Reagan spoke with eloquent sincerity. Once again, the Holocaust was exposed to the conscience of mankind as it no time since the mass graves were exposed at the liberation of the concentration camps. No doubt, there is greater understanding of its unique horror and greater appreciation of why we Jews have vowed, "Never again."

For us at the Anti-Defamation League, Bitburg directs us to strive with greater intensity and effectiveness in our Holocaust educational programs.

Like the Holocaust, one Bitburg is too many.

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Devar Torah

Facts About Shavuoth

by Rabbi Philip Kaplan

CHAG SHAVUOS means the Feast of Weeks, and is so called because of the counting of seven weeks — The Counting of the Omer — between the second day of Passover and the first day of Shavuos. We count these days to indicate the intimate relationship between the Exodus from Egypt and the Anniversary of the Giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai.

There are two major aspects pertaining to this holiday, as indicated by the various names given to it in our literature.

ZMAN MATAN TOROSEN — The time of the giving of our Torah, symbolizes the historical significance of this celebration. It commemorates the Festival of Revelation; it serves as the fulfillment of Israel's liberation which began on Passover.

CHAG HAKASTZIR AND YOM HABIKKURIM — The Harvest Festival and the Day of the First Fruits, recall the agricultural significance of this holiday for the Jewish people living in Palestine at the time of the Temple.

BOOK OF RUTH is read in the Synagogue on the second day of Shavuos. This story is indeed appropriate for its setting in the fields of Boaz at harvest time, which coincides with the season of Shavuos. It relates how Ruth embraced the faith of Israel, even as a Jew renews his attachment on this day. Moreover, Ruth was a great grandmother of King David, whose birthday and Yahrzeit occur on Shavuos.

AKDAMOUS is a special prayer chanted publicly before the Reading of the Torah on the first day of Shavuos. This beautiful poem, written in Aramaic,

Cong. Shaare Zedek-Sons Of Abraham

We cordially invite you to attend Shavuot Services at Congregation Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham on Saturday, May 25-Sunday, May 26 — and Monday, May 27, 1985.

Saturday, May 25 — 5 Sivan
Lighting of Candles (After Shabbos) — 8:55 p.m., Mincha-Maariv — 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 26 — 6 Sivan
Morning Services — 9 a.m., Sermon — 10:30 a.m., Musaf — 11 a.m., Mincha-Maariv — 7 p.m., Lighting of Candles — 8 p.m.

Monday, May 27 — 7 Sivan
Morning Services — 9 a.m., Sermon — 10:30 a.m., Yiskor (Memorial Services) — 11 a.m., Musaf — 11:30 a.m.

depicts in very colorful language the scene at Mt. Sinai when the Jews received the Law and describes the importance of that event both to the Jewish people and, in the general history of civilization.

The traditional dish consists of dairy food, cheese cakes, and blintzes. These are said to be suggestive of the Torah, which is symbolically described as "honey and milk" (Song of Songs). The dairy menus, a delicatessen, also suggest the path needed for the study and acquisition of Torah.

It is an ancient custom that, in the months between Passover and the New Year, on every Sabbath a chapter of the "Ethics of the Fathers" is studied in the Synagogue. This book is one of very practical problems of moral relations among men. Consisting of six chapters, this book is read in a triple cycle during this period. Therefore, we find the "Ethics of the Fathers" in every prayer book immediately following the Sabbath afternoon service.

As we celebrate SHAVUOS, each Jew whose ancestor stood at Mt. Sinai should take to heart the message that Jews and Judaism must always be inseparably entwined. The Jew who throws off his Judaism is really casting off a wonderful and exalting treasure which can make his life more meaningful and filled with spiritual enjoyment.

It was Saadias Gaon, one of our greatest philosophers who wrote, "We are a people only because of the fact that we accepted the Torah at Mt. Sinai."

Rabbi Kaplan is spiritual leader of Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh in Providence.

Cong. Ohave Sholom

The following is the schedule for Shavuot at Cong. Ohave Sholom, Pawtucket:

Friday, May 24: 6:50 a.m. — 7:50 p.m. Sabbath Candlelighting: 7:49 p.m.

Saturday, May 25: 9 a.m. — 7:50 p.m. Yom Tov Candlelighting: not before 8:53 p.m.

Sunday, May 26: 9 a.m. — 7:55 p.m. Yom Tov Candlelighting: not before 8:54 p.m.

Monday, May 27: 9 a.m. — 7:55 p.m. Yiskor: 10:45 a.m. Yom Tov ends: 8:55 p.m.



Savuoth Services

Temple Sinai

Shavuot services at Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 25 with the Confirmation — Chain of Tradition — Service. Ten students from our religious school will be confirmed. Members of the Confirmation class are: Brian Beckenstein, Neil Beckenstein, Rachelle Cohen, Adam Greenberg, Susan Kaufman, Marcy Pitchon, Michael Saslavsky, Andre Spitzer, Mark Summerfield and Renee Zarchen.

Services continue on Sunday, May 26 at 11:15 a.m. with a Family Festival Service. Yiskor will be said at this time. All are welcome to attend both services.

Temple Am David

The holiday of Shavuot will be celebrated at Temple Am David, Warwick with services beginning Saturday, May 25, and concluding with a suppette Monday, May 27.

The suppette, under the sponsorship of the Temple's Men's Club, will follow the final service of the holiday and will feature traditional dairy foods.

Two Yiskor (Memorial) services have been scheduled for Monday — one during morning services and the other just prior to the evening service.

All services will be conducted by Rabbi Richard Ben Leibowitz and Cantor Steven W. Dress. The following is the schedule of Shavuot services:

Saturday, May 25: 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 26: 9 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.; Monday, May 27: 9 a.m. with Yiskor at 10:30 a.m. 6 p.m. — Additional Yiskor Service to be followed by regular services and Men's Club suppette.

Cong. Beth Sholom

The holiday of Shavuot, the festival of first fruits, will be observed at Congregation Beth Sholom on Sunday, May 26 and Monday, May 27.

Evening services on Saturday, May 25 will be at 7:30 p.m., followed by Maariv service for Shavuot. A Shavuot Learnathon will be held on Saturday evening for those desiring to spend part of the night or all of it in Torah learning. The topic of the Learnathon will be "Jewish Pluralism and the Halacha-Working with Non-Halachic Jews in the Halachic System." The session will begin at 11 p.m. and conclude at 4:30 a.m. It will be begun by Rabbi Shmuel Singer and continued by Rabbi Chaim Casper. An early holiday Shachrit will conclude the Learnathon at 4:30 a.m.

Regular holiday services will be held on Sunday, May 26 with Shachrit at 9 a.m. and Mincha at 7:45 p.m. Shachrit on Monday, May 27, the second day of Shavuot, will be at 9 a.m. with Yiskor at 10:30 a.m.

Sons Of Jacob

The following are services for Shavuoth at Cong. Sons of Jacob, 24 Douglas Ave., Providence:

Friday, May 24	
Light Candles	7:47 p.m.
Mincha Service	7:50 p.m.
Saturday, May 25	
Morning Service	8:30 a.m.
Mincha	7:45 p.m.
Maariv	8:45 p.m.
Light Candles	8:59 p.m.
Sunday, May 26 — First day of Shavuos	
Morning Service	8:30 a.m.
Mincha	7:50 p.m.
Maariv	8:30 p.m.
Light Candles	9:00 p.m.
Monday, May 27 — Second day of Shavuos	
Morning Service	8:30 a.m.
Yiskor	10:00 a.m.
Mincha	7:50 p.m.
Maariv	8:45 p.m.
Holiday Ends	9:00 p.m.

Cong. Mishkon Tfiloh

Shavuoth, the holiday that commemorates the Giving of the Torah at Sinai, will be observed at Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh, Summit Avenue, Providence:

Friday Evening, May 24
Light Sabbath Candles at 7:45 p.m.
Evening Services at 7:45 p.m.
Final night (49th) of Counting of the Omer

Saturday Morning, May 25
Services at 9:00 a.m.
Sermon 10:45 a.m.

Saturday Evening, May 25
Light Festival Candles 8:55 p.m.
Services at 7:50 p.m.

Sunday Morning, May 26, First Day of Shavuoth
Services at 9:00 a.m.
Sermon at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday Evening, May 26
Light Festival Candles 8:55 p.m.
Services at 7:50 p.m.

Monday Morning, May 27, Second Day of Shavuoth
Services at 9:00 a.m.
YIZKOR, Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m.

Monday Evening, May 27
Services at 7:55 p.m.



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Social Events

Beverley Elaine Kagan Weds Dr. Jason A. Bernstein



Beverley Elaine Kagan of Providence and Dr. Jason A. Bernstein, also of Providence, exchanged wedding vows on May 19, 1985, at 6 p.m. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett J. Kagan of Providence. The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Bernstein of Providence. Rabbi Wayne Franklin was the officiating rabbi. Cantor Ivan Perlman chanted.

The ceremony was held at the Temple Emanu-El in Providence, Rhode Island. A reception at the same location, immediately followed the service. Everett Kagan, father of the bride, gave his daughter in marriage.

The bride's gown featured a high neck with a sheer yoke. The bodice covered with Venice lace was accentuated by leg-o-mutton sleeves. The skirt of silk organza was highlighted by a hem decorated with a chantilly ruffle flowing into a sweeping cathedral train. Her bouquet was

a beautiful flowing cascade of miniature carnations and white roses centered with pink roses and lavender daisies.

Susan J. Borrelli was the maid of honor. Maria DiSano, Mary Tashjian, Meryl Bernstein and Mindy Bernstein were attendants to the bride. They wore lavender gowns with chiffon bodices of small diagonal tiers set off by a jewel neckline and petal sleeves. They carried colonial bouquets with miniature carnations, alstrameria, centered with lavender daisies and pink miniature carnations.

Richard Bernstein, brother of the groom, was the best man. Michael Kagan, Scott Cohen, Steve Yan and Larry Bernstein were ushers.

After a wedding trip to Denver, Colorado, the happy couple will reside in Rockville, Maryland.

Judith Gitty Lebovits Weds Rabbi Pinchas Formal

Judith Gitty Lebovits, daughter of Dr. Alexander Lebovits of Baltimore, Md. was married on May 9, 1985 to Rabbi Pinchas Formal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Formal of Providence.

The reception was held at the Moses Montefiore Woodmore Congregation in Baltimore. The wedding ceremony was held in the garden of the synagogue where many Rabbis participated. Rabbi Shmuel Komenetsky of Philadelphia officiated. Following the ceremony, dinner was served in the dining hall of the synagogue.

The bride is a graduate of Breur Seminary of New York. She has been teaching at the Beth Jacob Schools in New York for the past few years.

The groom had been attending the Providence Hebrew Day School, Boston Rabbinical Seminary, Philadelphia Yeshiva and Yeshiva Govoha in Lakewood, New Jersey. He will now study at the Kollel of the Lakewood Yeshiva.

The Sheva Broshus was held in Baltimore, New York and at the Yeshiva in Lakewood and at the Providence Hebrew Day School.

There were guests from all over the U.S.A. and Israel.

The couple are now residing at Lakewood, New Jersey.

Estelle Millman To Wed James Hanson

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Millman of Providence, announce the engagement of their daughter, Estelle Ruth to James A. Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hanson of Carson, Calif. Estelle is the granddaughter of Mildred Backman of Cranston, and the late Sidney Backman and the late Rose and Albert Millman of Providence.

The bride-elect is a cum laude graduate of San Francisco State University and received her M.B.A. from Northeastern University. She is employed by the Union Pacific Corporation in Omaha, Neb.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of the University of Maryland. He is employed by General Motors Acceptance Corporation in Salina, Kan.

The couple plans to wed October 6, 1985.



Senior Volunteers Recognized At Luncheon

Volunteers In Action, Inc., and The Providence Retired Senior Volunteer Program will join the communities of Providence, North Providence, and Johnston in honoring area senior volunteers on Tuesday, June 4.

Volunteers contribute to the lives of their community through volunteer service in many area agencies, non-profit schools, hospitals and churches.

Volunteer recognition accomplishes much more than simply thanking volunteers for their contributions. It focuses public attention on what can be accomplished by caring and involved citizens. Recognition events serve to encourage all citizens to become involved.

This program will begin at noon on the grounds of Butler Hospital in the Kan Gymnasium. The event will probably last until 3:00 p.m.

Special guests include: Mayor Joseph Paolino; Mr. John Torian, Regional Director Action; Mrs. Adelaide Lubert, Director, RI VIA Board & Staff Department of Elderly Affairs; RSVI Advisory Council Members; and Volunteer Supervisors.

The Luncheon is free for RSVI Volunteers. A ten dollar donation is requested of our other guests. Please call 421-6547 to make reservations.

Fillers Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Filler of Maynard, Mass. announce the birth of their first child, and daughter, Maggie Ellen, on April 23, 1985.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Francis Harlow of North Attleboro, Mass.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Filler of Cranston and the late Miriam Filler.

Soforenkos Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Soforenko of Springfield, Mass. announce the birth of their first child, and daughter, Julie Beth, on March 14, 1985.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Irving Blazer of Providence.

Norma Soforenko of Springfield, Mass. and Irwin S. Soforenko of Suffield, Conn. are the paternal grandparents.

Great-grandparents are Louis Wine of Providence and Genevieve Soforenko of Medway, Mass.

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Leonard Decof Named "Best Lawyer" By Town & Country Magazine

The current issue of *Town & Country* lists Providence lawyer, Leonard Decof, as one of the Nation's leading lawyers in the specialized field of personal injury, malpractice and product liability.

Of the eighty-six listed five were from New England. In addition to Decof, the only listee from R.I., three were from Boston and one from Bridgeport.

The year long research project conducted by Stephanie Bernardo Johns for *Town & Country* is now offered, as a select directory, to the Nation's leading lawyers.

For the purposes of targeting who are the best lawyers T & C sought the answers to the following criteria:

Are they the courtroom wizards, who never seem to lose a case? Are they the attorneys who are active in bar association functions who earn the respect of their peers as excellent and effective spokespersons; either on the lecture circuit or before the judges bench?



Are they the attorneys who have made strides towards benchmark decisions and elicited a spark of creativity in the courtroom? Or are the best lawyers those who obtain the largest settlements, those who have a steady clientele of the rich and the influential. The study concluded that the "best" lawyers, in the U.S., have at least one or more of these qualities.

T & C queried a vast number of lawyers through the mail, by telephone and personal interviews for the recommendations of their peers.

Among the men and women whose names have been included in the listing there are those who were recommended because they have distinguished themselves in the eyes of their "Brethren" as pinnacles — lawyers at the top of their profession. Some of the attorneys on the

list have been lauded in the legal press and still others have been recognized by the nature of their clientele. "If the richest, the most powerful men and women in the nation beat a path to a particular lawyer's door you can be certain they believe they have chosen the best counsel available."

The research singled out, that in the area of "tort" practice — any wrongful act, inquiry or damage other than the breach of contract — the rich and the poor are equal before the law. Because "tort" lawyers do not usually require "up-front" money from a client, the quality of the victim's counselor is not constrained by the limits of their purse.

Many of the lawyers listed, including Mr. Decof, are fellows of the Inner Circle of Advocates — a select group of 100 attorneys whose membership is limited to those who have collected general damages in excess of \$1 million in a single case.

Mr. Decof is the senior partner with the firm of Decof & Grimm with offices at One Smith Hill in Providence.

Ezra Stieglitz Honored By RIC

Rhode Island College Professor of Elementary Education, Ezra Stieglitz of 137 Woodbury St., Providence delivered the Mary Thorp professorship lecture at RIC. Stieglitz, a specialist in reading education, was selected to give the Thorp lecture in the School of Education and Human Development for 1985.

Each year one faculty member in the college's Faculty of Arts and Sciences and one faculty member in the School of Education and Human Development is chosen to give a public presentation. The award goes to a person who has distinguished himself or herself and the college with research, scholarship and field work.

The professorship is named for Mary Tucker Thorp who taught and did administrative work at RIC from 1926 to 1967. The RIC Foundation provides funds for the Thorp Professorship through a fund created by a bequest in Dr. Thorp's will.

Stieglitz spoke on the topic "Learning to Read in Different Languages." His talk included references to English, Hebrew and Chinese.

League Of Women Voters Of R.I. Meet

Delegates representing nine local Rhode Island Leagues, at the biennial convention of the League of Women Voters of Rhode Island on Saturday, May 11, approved a one-year study of voting procedures in R.I. The study will examine voter registration, mail ballots, election day procedures, as well as voting rights.

Carolyn Goldman of the West Bay LWV will chair the study. "During the election period last fall the League handled over 5,000 queries from Rhode Islanders concerned with their voting rights," states Mrs. Goldman. "This study is necessary so that the Rhode Island League can take a position on specific issues within R.I.'s voting procedures," continues Mrs. Goldman.

The convention also voted to continue a study on "the quality of life of children under the jurisdiction of the State of Rhode Island." The study will focus on Family Court and the Child Advocate's Office.

In other convention business, the LWVRI elected Judith Damuth, of the Cranston LWV as president to succeed outgoing LWVRI president Jane Sherman. Damuth, Ed.D., is a Special Instructor in Human Development at the University of Rhode Island.

An afternoon workshop outlined the long range plan of the LWVUS.

For membership information call 272-5822. Questions or comments on voting procedures in Rhode Island should be directed to the Voters Information Office at 272-VOTE (272-8683) or toll free at 1-800-272-VOTE (1-800-272-8683).

Nancy Gold To Wed Mike Baker

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Gold of Columbia Ave., Cranston, R.I. announce the engagement of their daughter Ms. Nancy Gold of Alexandria, Virginia to Mr. Mike Baker of Falls Church, Virginia, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morley Baker of Palo Alto, CA.

Ms. Gold is a graduate of University of Rhode Island and Mr. Baker is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Penn.

They will be married on September 8, 1985.

Sherry Alpert To Wed Richard Shmishkiss



Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Alpert of Fall River announce the engagement of their daughter Sherry Alpert of Canton to Richard Shmishkiss of Lynn. Mr. Shmishkiss is the son of Pearl Shmishkiss of Swampscott and Stanley Shmishkiss of Lynn.

Ms. Alpert, a magna cum laude graduate of Connecticut College, is Director of Public Affairs at Jewish Memorial Hospital in Boston. Mr. Shmishkiss, a graduate of the Whittemore School of Business at the University of New Hampshire, is Vice President of Property Management for St. James Properties in Boston.

A September 8 wedding is planned.



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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



I arrived on time to meet with Temple Emanu-El's Ben/Bat Torah class. They had not finished rehearsing their Haftorah portions.

I was told the rehearsal started later than the scheduled time.

I was glad for this unexpected pleasure of listening to their melodious chantings.

It took only a short while to appreciate the commitments made by these six students to a three-year study program in the Adult Institute. Their dedicated efforts will culminate in their graduation on the first morning of Shavuot this Sunday.

Cantor Ivan Perlman has been one of the many guiding lights who has brought this class to their becoming Ben/Bat Torah. During the rehearsal he expressed his respect and admiration for their accomplishments.

Without knowing everyone, I could feel the same way.

Following the rehearsal, I spoke to each of the six men and women who explained their reasons for being a Ben/Bat Torah. These thoughts belong to them.

Gabriella Barros: Why did I do this? Well, it probably would be best to go back to my background. I am the child of survivors. Before my parents came to this country, they were Orthodox. They ended up being three-days-a-year Jews.

Being a girl and the only child, they sent me to Hebrew school. I guess I didn't express much interest. As a result they didn't pursue it with me. It's not in the Orthodox tradition for a girl to be a Bat Mitzvah. So during that time, no one pushed me.

Like some of us do, I moved very far away from the Jewish religion, but I retained one basic idea ... that I was Jewish.

So it was an identity as opposed to religion or anything else. It was a

A Freedom Of Choice



To be Ben/Bat Torah graduates of Temple Emanu-El's Institute of Jewish Studies on Shavuot this Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. are, from left, Gershom Barros, Gabriella Barros, Cindy Kaplan, Shelley Parness, Carolyn Turcio, Abe Gershman. (Photo by Dorothea Snyder).

knowledge about myself.

I married Gershom about ten years ago. We never thought about religion. We met in graduate school. It was a very non-religious, a very secular kind of meeting. It didn't involve community. It just involved the two of us. We didn't think much about religion, just our relationship.

Then we had children. Gershom is a very religious person. He had a strong Catholic background. I knew I was Jewish.

All through the early years of our marriage, Gershom always wanted to go to synagogue for the high holidays. I didn't really know enough about participation to go. I felt very embarrassed to go, so I would never permit it.

Then our children were born and he named them. Gershom named the twins Shoshana and Naomi. Those were his names. Before I had the children, we had planned that if I had a boy, we would have a Bris.

If anybody had looked upon the way our lives were developing, one could easily see the direction we were going. The children went to the Jewish Community Center Nursery School. When it came time for them to go to school, they went to Solomon Schechter.

Meanwhile, we were not religious, but we were moving our family in that direction.

One day Gershom was reading a book about Judaism. Everything in that book, he said, he believed in. The words coincided with his philosophy. If that is what Judaism is all about, then I am a Jew, he said. It's just a matter of my going through the formalities to be a Jew.

I had my questions about that because I wasn't particularly religious. I had a faint suspicion that if my husband became Jewish, we would be very religious and observant.

Gershom went to see Rabbi Kauffer. Then he proceeded to convert. All my suspicions came true because a month before the actual conversion, we koshered our kitchen. We observe every holiday and we study very hard.

The Institute was a natural outgrowth of our growth Jewishly. We joined and started taking courses. Since neither one of us had a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, the Ben/Bat Torah was the best way to recognize in a formal way what we had done personally.

Cindy Kaplan: It's been an ongoing process. I was raised in Reform Judaism and confirmed. Through the years I began to attend Hebrew and then I decided to attend the Adult Institute at Temple Emanu-El. I started taking more advanced Hebrew classes at the Bureau of Jewish Education. Our daughter goes to the Solomon Schechter Day School.

Each step has added to my Jewish background, my Hebraic background. Finally I reached the point where I felt I

had learned everything educationally to be able to become a Bat Torah. It was a matter of going through the ceremony process.

Our daughter will be a Bat Mitzvah in a few years, and I thought this would set a nice example for her.

Abe Gershman: When I started the Institute seven years ago, I felt I wanted to be re-Bar Mitzvah. I had a Bar Mitzvah on the Monday morning in 1937. I was not the greatest student. I always felt I wanted to have that ceremony again.

The opportunity came with the Jewish Institute. I wanted to be Bar Mitzvah on my sixtieth birthday, but it didn't come about. But it is in my sixtieth year, so it's really an accomplishment.

Shelley Parness: When I was 12 years old, I was very good in my Hebrew school classes. However, I got rheumatic fever and I was in bed six weeks. I was told I had to give up my extra-curricular activities. I wasn't allowed to complete my studies for my Bat-Mitzvah.

When this program was being offered, I thought how I always wanted to do it. So now I have an opportunity to do it and I will. It took me three years and this is the culmination of it.

The Hebrew Institute did an excellent job of educating me. I would very much recommend it to anyone who wants to repeat getting their Bar or Bat Mitzvah or someone who hasn't yet done it. The Hebrew Institute is a wonderful way to go about it. It's a very relaxed atmosphere. They are very accommodating and all they want you to do is to get through it with as little pain and as much enjoyment as possible.

Carolyn Turcio: I was essentially doing the work. I wanted to take the courses from the Adult Institute. I enjoy learning, and becoming a Bat Torah was more of a side effect than anything else. I was taking the courses I wanted to take. And that happened to qualify me for a Bat Torah.

I came to Providence in February of 1981. I started taking courses after the High Holidays. I'm very glad I had the chance to do this. My father was a pro-assimilationist Jew. I was strictly forbidden to say a word of Hebrew or Yiddish in the house when I was growing up. So, of course, there was no chance for me to get a Jewish education.

Even Jews who aren't raised in observant households may come back into it as I have and study and find a great deal of reward within Judaism. No matter what your parents do, you still have the freedom of choice of being more or less observant as you wish.

This is a pleasure for me, but essentially, a good side effect of taking the courses. I'll keep taking courses. They're fun.



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A Conversation With Arthur Avnon

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was a family decision," Avnon said. "Of course, the situation in Romania was very bad after the War and it has gotten worse. My mother has returned there several times and reported that it has deteriorated. The film you have described to me, (*The Last Jews of Radauti*, shown on WSBE-TV last year), is an accurate portrait of life there for Jews. It is true what you have reported to me: there are only a handful of Jews left there, and life under the Communists is not at all good.

"When we first arrived in Israel in 1948, we lived in a tent. There was very little food to go around. In fact, we had one egg per person per week. Life in Israel has changed considerably. Now, Israel supplies food and vegetables for Europe during the winter. Industry has grown. Our number one export to the world is knowledge. We export technology, agricultural advancements, and other hi-tech knowledge. I feel great pride that a number of Israeli industries have located in the Boston area.

"I am a career diplomat. Not all the diplomats got to where they are now the same way. There are political appointments. You see this when a new leader is elected — there are new appointments. My primary responsibility in the U.S. is to work within the Jewish community, listening and speaking, discussing issues that bother them, like the Law of Return, for example. I try not to just explain the policies of Israeli government. I try to establish a dialogue, to explore the issues of the day.

"One thing that is difficult to explain to people is the enormous security problems that Israel is faced with, threats which could affect our very existence. One of the reasons for the frightful condition of the economy in Israel is the enormous amount of money spent on defense. There is a fence, for example, on the border of Israel and Lebanon, an electronic fence that sends immediate information to computer screens if there is someone trying to enter the country. Picture one meter, about the length of this space from my left hand to my right hand. That amount of fence costs \$80,000. And that is not the only defense

project that is going on. That project is one of the smaller projects.

"We may be seeing the light at the end of the tunnel with King Hussein who said in this daily briefing I have with me that he is ready to talk peacefully with Israel. But what of the other Arab neighbors? The Arab nations are fighting among themselves. If they can't get along with one another, how can they get along with Israel? The situation is very precarious."

Concern For Education

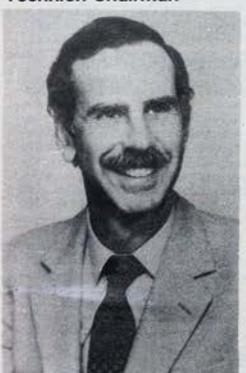
"One of my greatest concerns is with the statistics of freeworld Jewry," Avnon continued, "not to mention the concern of those Jews in troubled areas like the communist countries in Russia and Europe and the Ethiopian Jews in Africa, but Jews in the Diaspora. We have a diminishing population of Jewry. And, in my opinion, Israel is not doing enough. It is neglecting reaching out, it is not coming up with new ideas to attract people, it lacks the proper programs to educate and inform people about the resources in Israel. Diaspora Jews just do not know enough about Israel. They are getting only one side through the media, and often, it is a negative portrait.

"If Israel is to grow and if Judaism is to be preserved, if we are to remain the people of the book, there has to be a better effort at educating people and encouraging people to become involved.

"In Israel, we use the Bible not only for religious purposes, but also for our history book. Archeology is very popular in Israel and young people await the summer as a time to go off on digs. In the Bible all the history of our people is written there and one needs only to read it and go off and see where it all took place. But my worry, my concern, is that Jews in the Diaspora aren't gaining knowledge from this book, aren't learning their history.

"When I speak about this and I tell people these are my feelings, sometimes they are very quiet, or uncomfortable. The problem is overwhelming. But we must start to deal with it. I know it is difficult. But if we are to grow, if Israel is to grow, we must put education on the agenda, it must be made a primary priority."

Michael Frieze Named Technion Chairman



Michael Frieze has been named chairman of the New England Region of the American Society for Technion - Israel Institute of Technology.

"I want to play a more vital role in furthering Israel's economic development," Mr. Frieze noted. "There is no more perfect vehicle offering me this opportunity right now than the American Society for Technion."

Mr. Frieze, president of Gordon Brothers Corp. of Newton, Mass., has been active in the Society and served previously as chairman of the New England Region's committee and as 1984 annual dinner chairman.

Involved in many Jewish and communal endeavors, Mr. Frieze has served as Combined Jewish Philanthropies chairman of the Jewelry Team and the Newton Team. He was a member of the UJA Young Leadership Cabinet and received the Greater Boston Young Leadership Award. Mr. Frieze

served the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies as chairman of its *Acharai* young leadership program, Pacesetters, and upgrade, was associate campaign chairman, and has served on the executive board since 1979.

A graduate of Bowdoin College, Michael Frieze received his MBA from MIT. He and his wife Linda have three children and are members of Temple Emanuel and Temple Shalom of Newton, Mass.

Technion - Israel Institute of Technology is a cornerstone of Israel's development and its most comprehensive academic center for advanced technological education and applied research for more than 60 years. More than 25,000 Technion graduates have been key to Israel's agricultural and industrial development, economic growth, and national security, bringing Israel to the forefront of high technology.

Since 1940, the American Society for Technion has contributed to the advancement of the Technion by supporting the Institute's educational needs and objectives.

Craftspeople Sought For Faire

Craftspersons are being sought for a Renaissance Faire co-sponsored by the Warwick Parks and Recreation Department and the Warwick Players Community Theater Group. The Faire, scheduled for June 22 and 23, will transform City Park in Buttonwoods into "the village of Warwickshire" populated with wenches, jesters, jugglers, wizards and the like. In keeping with the Renaissance Theme, craftspersons are being sought who use primarily natural materials and who are skilled in traditional folk crafts such as stenciling, tole, stained glass, calligraphy, quilting, spinning, weaving, woodworking, etc. Registration fee is \$15 for the 2-day festival. For applications or further information, call Maureen Krasnow at the Parks & Recreation office 738-2000 ext. 355.

New Business Seminar Offered By SBA

A day-long workshop especially designed for people who are thinking of beginning a new business venture will be held May 30, 1985, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Briefing Center, Theodore Francis Green Airport, Warwick, Rhode Island. Workshop instructors will discuss the requirements for starting a business, how

to successfully manage a small business and how to qualify for financial assistance. A registration fee of \$7.00 is being charged. In order to better serve those attending the session, registration will be limited to THE FIRST 30 PAID REGISTRANTS.

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Klezmer Band To Perform In Amherst, Mass.



Klezmer Conservatory Band

The Boston-based Klezmer Conservatory Band will be featured entertainers at the National Yiddish Book Center's Fifth Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, June 9, at the Center's annex, 100 Lyman St., Holyoke, Mass. The 1 to 5 p.m. event is free and open to the public.

"There's bound to be plenty of spirited dancing with this group playing," said Yiddish Book Center executive director, Aaron Lansky, who announced that the 13-piece orchestra's appearance was being subsidized in part by a grant from the Woody Guthrie Foundation of New York. The Klezmer Conservatory Band, whose rollicking music has been described as "Jewish Jazz," tours nationally and has released two record albums.

In addition to the music, the afternoon long program will feature rare book and

photo exhibits, manuscripts, Eastern European Yiddish artifacts, and a tour of the Center's massive book collection. Since its founding in 1980, the Center has rescued 350,000 priceless Yiddish volumes, the largest collection ever assembled.

Hundreds of people from throughout the Northeast are expected to attend with buses arriving from as far away as Philadelphia, Providence and Long Island.

"Good food, a lively set of speakers, and strolling book peddlers and troubadours will help create a real Yiddish environment for the celebration," Lansky said. "This will be the largest Yiddish event in 50 years," the 29-year-old director said. "We're celebrating not only the success of the Yiddish Book Center, but the revival of the whole of Yiddish culture."

R.I.S.D. Announces Gallery Exhibitions

Museum of Art, 224 Benefit Street, Providence

The Museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 12 to 8 p.m.; and Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Through June 29 — Rhode Island Collects Asian Art. An exhibition highlighting the riches of Rhode Island's private collections.

Through June 2 — RISD Graduate Student Show, featuring work of MFA and MID degree candidates in Ceramics, Furniture Design, Glass, Graphic Design, Industrial Design, Jewelry and Metalsmithing, Painting, Photography, Printmaking and Sculpture.

Red Eye Gallery, Benson Hall, 153 Benefit St., Providence

The Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Through May 25 — MFA Thesis Photography Project exhibitions.

Woods-Gerry Gallery, 62 Prospect Street, Providence

The Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

May 23-June 3 — Exhibition of Senior Thesis Work, Light Metals, Illustration, and Furniture Design Departments.

Chuck Leviton Gallery, 42 Grant Street, New York, NY 10013

The Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 1-6 p.m. Opening night reception Wednesday, May 29, 5-8 p.m.

May 29-June 8 — 1985 Degree Project Show. RISD Textile Design Department.

Dance To Music Of The Fifties

The Ballroom at the Greenwich Hotel will be the scene of a *Music of the 50's* Dance, one of the highlights of this year's Summer Festival, to be held on July 27.

The Dance, which is sponsored by the Keystone Kops will feature the Music of John (Elvis) Brennan and the Sliding Capos. The Popular Band will be playing the top tunes of the 50's in the style of Elvis Presley and many of the Golden Oldies.

The Music is all "soft rock" according to Bruce Ahmadian and very danceable.

Admission is \$5 per person and the dance will start at 6 p.m. and continue until midnight. Tickets and further information can be obtained by calling the East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce at 885-0020 or Bruce Ahmadian at the Keystone Kops at 885-1431.

East Greenwich Summer Festival

The Fifth Annual East Greenwich Summer Festival '85 will have a wide variety of entertainment, arts and crafts exhibits, a '50's Dance at the Greenwich Hotel Ballroom and the Narragansett Electric Energy Van.

Already signed up for the Festival are eight musical groups, many of who were at last year's Festival. Festival Day is Saturday, July 27.

The groups include The Lafayette Band, a 40 piece concert band, being sponsored by Fleet National Bank; The Rhode Island Bavarian German Band, sponsored by Old Stone Bank and Dunkin Donuts; The Bierhaus Band, a six piece German Band, sponsored by Glover-Padula, Insurance and Wood's Jewelers.

Also, Bill Hall and the Northwind Bluegrass Band, sponsored by Antique-Boutique and Thorpe's Pharmacy and Liquor Store; Walter Bonura, Jr., Ragtime Guitarist, sponsored by Harbour Galleries; Stephen R. Baird, Street Signer, sponsored by the East Greenwich Recreation Department; Rob Bianco and Bilbo, the Singing Dog, sponsored by Ideal Windlass and The Wickford Express, featuring sea chants and folk music, sponsored by Silverman's.

In addition to the entertainers, Cynthia Greaves, the Chamber's Festival Director, reports that 90 arts and crafts have been reserved to date.

"We are expecting many more arts and crafts exhibits and additional entertainment groups are planning to join the Festivities and will be announced in the near future," says Cynthia.

The Narragansett Electric's Energy Van which will be open to the public all day Saturday is designed to provide practical information about energy conservation and related topics, according to Louis DeAngelis of Narragansett Electric.

"In a half hour, visitors will learn basic concepts about energy conservation as well as conservation techniques they can use in their own home," said Mr. DeAngelis.

TRIST To Perform "Measure For Measure"

A courageous woman faces a desperate decision — submit to the advances of a hateful adversary or lose the life of the brother she loves in Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*, presented by The Rhode Island Shakespeare Theater, May 30 through July 1, at the Swanhurst Theatre, Bellevue Avenue and Webster Street, Newport.

Set by Shakespeare in Vienna, and up-dated by Director Sheryl Dold to the Vienna of the 1830's when the waltz was king, *Measure for Measure* is the third production of Trist's 1985 season. Isabella, the virtuous nun, Angelo, the lecherous judge, and the disguised Duke of Vienna form the romantic triangle at the center of the play with counterpoint provided by all the high and low-life characters of the fun-loving, dance-mad city. Music by Johann Strauss heightens the intrigue as the characters fly through their paces on the winged feet of the waltz.

Trist's production of *Measure for Measure* features Bernadette Brennan as Isabella, Donald Wight as Angelo, and Karson Mesler as the Duke. Other cast members include Juanita Coble, Cindy Killavey, Claudia Parrillo, Paul Dunn, Scott Tom Tereira, Michael Gump, Kevin Oakes, and Karen Robinson. The set, a nineteenth-century waltz palace, is designed by Ed Geschwantner. Costumes are by Karen Nash, and lighting design is by Karen Berstein.

Measure for Measure opens Thursday, May 30 and continues Thursday through

Sunday evenings at 8 p.m. at The Swanhurst Theatre, Bellevue Avenue and Webster Street, Newport, through July 7. Tickets are \$6 and \$8. For reservations and information, phone 849-7892.

Antique Show And Sale In Westerly

Memorial Day Weekend traditionally brings throngs of tourists to the Westerly area. Among the special holiday events awaiting them this year will be the 15th Annual Westerly Antiques Show and Sale inside the YMCA gymnasium at 95 High St., one block from downtown Westerly.

Sponsored by the Westerly-Pawcatuck YMCA and managed by Country Cape Antiques Shows, the 15th Westerly Antiques Show will feature forty selected exhibitors of fine quality antiques and will be open to the public from 10 till 6 on Sunday, May 26, and 11 till 5 on Monday, May 27.

Proceeds from the show will be used by the Y for youth programs. The Y Swim Team parents will serve lobster-salad rolls and other home-made shoreline specialties in their attractive dining area in the foyer.

Exhibitors from throughout New England will set up booths of early country furniture and accessories including kitchen collectibles, tools, and books. Also on sale will be pewter, silver, fine glass and china, lamps, linens, and vintage clothing.

Special collections on display will include quilts from the Wild Goose Chase of East Greenwich, R.I., music collectibles from Ann Peters of Westerly, R.I., Civil War memorabilia from Boston Heath of Norwich, Conn., Eskimo artifacts from Cristel's Collectibles of Providence, R.I., old Connecticut clocks from Bishops Restorations of N. Stonington, Conn., French Quimper pottery from Millicent S. Mali of East Greenwich, R.I., dolls from Joy Putnam Young of Millbury, Mass., and Bristol Victoria jewelry from Best Antiques of New London, Conn.

Four of the Westerly exhibitors will be returning for their 15th appearance in this well-established show. They are Adelaide Zanke of A to Z Antiques in Watch Hill, James E. Scudder of Carolina, Gladys Watson of Under the Stairs Antiques in Wakefield, and Marjorie W. Hardy of Providence. Other South County dealers showing at Westerly are Helen C. Ferris of Wakefield, Bernadine O'Donnell of Wayside Books in Westerly, Ed Hill of Hopkinton, and Sally and Joe Van Den Bosche of Ashaway Antiques Store in Ashaway. Other exhibitors will travel to Westerly from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

Audition Call For Bright Lights Theatre

Bright Lights Theatre will audition actors and technical staff for an exciting summer season at The Newport Harbor Center, 365 Thames St., Newport, R.I. Open auditions will be held on Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. Also technical and staff interviews are on Friday, May 24 at 7 p.m. The auditions will be held at the Viking Hotel, 1 Bellevue Ave., Newport.

B.L.T. will be casting 25 actors for *Woods Allen's God* and Christopher Durang's *The Actor's Nightmare*. Performances for this comedy bill are in the month of August. Rehearsals will begin in mid-June. Audition for *The Fantastics* will be announced at a future date with performances scheduled during the month of September. Openings include a technical director and stage manager are needed immediately.

Volunteers are also needed for various other creative, technical and administrative positions, including costume designers, running crew, graphic designers and musicians (harp, piano and drums.) B.L.T. is an equal opportunity organization. For additional information call (401) 724-8030.

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With the support of a second National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Grant, and renewed for an additional year at that, RIC English Professor, Dr. Lillian Bloom will travel with her husband to London on June 14 to complete research on the project that has engaged both of them for the last 11 years.

She and her spouse, Dr. Edward Bloom of the Brown University English Department, are completing research and checking their scholarly work on the letters of Hester Lynch Piozzi. Dr. Bloom will take an unpaid leave from RIC to make the trip.

The Blooms of 82 Laurel St., Providence will be making London their "base of operations" while they work. Their travels in connection with the project will take them to Dublin, North Wales, Manchester and Bath.

The Blooms will spend the next seven months in the British Isles finishing the project which has engrossed them for more than a decade.

When their labors are complete they will have annotated five full volumes of the letters of Hester Lynch Piozzi.

Piozzi, 1741-1821, also known to students of literature as Mrs. Thrale, was a friend of Dr. Samuel Johnson. In 1786 she published a volume of anecdotes of Dr. Johnson and in 1788 she published her correspondence with him.

The Blooms will send the first two volumes of their series to the publisher, University of Delaware Press, on May 16.

It gives Professor Bloom obvious pleasure to observe that May 16 is the day when James Boswell future biographer of the literary eminence met Samuel Johnson for the first time in 1763.

The pair has researched the events and topics mentioned in the letters by checking them against contemporary newspapers, periodicals and published accounts, she explains.

The intention is to place the correspondence in the context of the age which produced it.

Support which allowed the Blooms to continue their work on the Piozzi letters has come from several places.

Grants from the NEH for 1980-1982 and 1984-1986, the latter of which was renewed through 1986, have helped fund their research.

In addition, they have received a Guggenheim Fellowship, an American Council of Learned Societies research grant and faculty research grants from Brown University and RIC.

Despite the major demands on Professor Bloom's time and energies required to complete the work on the Piozzi letters, she has been able to devote substantial effort to other projects.

Observing that her primary scholarly interest is actually in the study of fiction as a genre, she listed several scholarly works she has completed recently which are not related to the ongoing Piozzi project.

The University of California Los Angeles in 1984 published her monograph "Educating the Audience: Addison, Steele and 18th Century Culture."

It grew from a lecture which she delivered in 1980 at UCLA's Clark Library.

Bloom also published an article called "On Critical Method and Fiction" in the Winter, 1984 issue of *Novel*.

Hadassah Summer Institute At Brandeis

"Jewish Ethics — Medical, Political and Interpersonal" is the topic of the Hadassah Summer Institute to be held July 14-18, 1985 on the campus of Brandeis University, according to an announcement from Sue Mizrahi, Hadassah National Jewish Chairperson.

The Institute, open to Jewish Education Chairpeople in Hadassah's Regions and Big Chapters nationwide, will explore the bases of Jewish ethics and the ethical questions raised by contemporary issues in health care, national and international politics and individual interaction, Mrs. Mizrahi said.

The Institute program includes discussions of the philosophical roots of Jewish ethics and their application to specific issues such as "The Jewish Mandate to Heal," and "War and Peace in Jewish Law." Institute participants also will explore Jewish ethical thought in *The Fifth Son*, the latest novel by author Elie Wiesel, and *Miracle Eros*, a film about family and business relationships.

The Institute faculty features — in addition to Dr. Woocher and Dr. Lowin — Dr. David M. Feldman, Rabbi of the Teaneck, New Jersey Jewish Center and author of the forthcoming book "The Health and Medicine in the Jewish Tradition," and Professor Saul J. Berman, spiritual leader of the Lincoln Square Synagogue in New York City and Associate Professor of Jewish Studies at Yeshiva University's Stern College. Also, Richard J. Israel, Director of Central Services and Judaica at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Boston, Dr. Joseph Reimer, Assistant Professor of Education at Boston University, and Dr. Alfred Ivy, Professor of Near East and Judaic Studies at Brandeis, will participate in the Institute.

Deadline for registration for the Institute is June 15 and space is limited. Details on costs, accommodations, and related information are available from the Hadassah National Jewish Education Department at 212/303-8132.

Seventh Israel Bonds Development Issue

A Seventh Development Issue \$750 million is now being offered by State of Israel Bonds in its continuing efforts to provide maximum proceeds for the economic development of Israel. The new Government of Israel issue was recently approved by the Knesset, the Parliament of Israel.

The announcement of the new issue was made in Providence by Bruce R. Ruttenberg, general chairman of the Rhode Island Committee for State of Israel Bonds.

Since its inception in 1951, the Bond Organization has sold more than \$7.1 billion in various Israel securities which has helped to develop every aspect of Israel's economy. Close to \$4 billion has been redeemed by the Government of Israel.

Noting the critical period through which Israel's economy is now passing, the Rhode Island Bond leader declared: "Proceeds from our new Seventh Development Issue will build the nation's infrastructure and strengthen its economy, thus providing jobs and helping to expand Israel's high technology industries, a key to increasing exports and improving the balance of trade deficit."

The 4% Bond matures 15 years from the date of issue. A minimum purchase of \$500 is required.

Tourists holding these bonds a year or more old may cash up to \$2,500 per person per month for expenses when visiting Israel. Charitable institutions in Israel may cash bonds that are three years old or more on 120 days written notice.

The bonds are freely transferable after May 1, 1990. Prior to that date, they may be transferred to the State of Israel, the Development Corporation for Israel, organizations to which contributions are tax-deductible, and other permissible transferees designated by the State of Israel, such as intra-family transfers.



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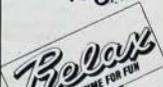
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Sumptuous Sephardic Recipes

by Meryl Ain
Jewish World

The English edition of *The Sephardic Kosher Kitchen* by Suzy David has just been published by Jonathan David. The original Hebrew version appeared in 1980 and led to the author's career as a cooking teacher.

Born in Bulgaria, David came to Israel via Cyprus as a teenager. She was one of the first five ground hostesses at Lod Airport in 1949. The volume is a compilation of her memories of her grandmother's cooking in Bulgaria and her attempts to reconstruct those recipes. The dishes reflect their day to day diet in Bulgaria. There is also a sampling of holiday foods.

Dishes featured include those with eggplant, tomatoes and green and red peppers popular among Spanish Jews, as well as the beans and sauté white goat cheese of the Balkans. As in all Sephardic cookbooks, there is a large emphasis on chicken and vegetable dishes, vegetable and cheese pies and rice dishes. Sections include: First Courses; Egg and Cheese Dishes; Meat; Poultry; Meat-stuffed Vegetables, Moussakas and Patties; Vegetable Side Dishes; Savory Pies, Pastries and Pastas; Salads and Pickles; and Sweets. Each section begins with a discussion of Sephardic food customs. And each recipe is preceded by an anecdote.

There have been several Sephardic cookbooks published in the last year, and this one is comprehensive and well done. It is a handsome hardcover edition and can be purchased for \$14.95.

LEEY WITH OLIVES

(Praza con Anzeitun)
10 medium-sized leeks
2 Tbsp. oil
1 Tbsp. flour
3 to 4 Tbsp. tomato paste mixed with 1/2 cup water
2 Tbsp. vinegar
1 tsp. salt
pinch of sugar
15 to 20 black olives pitted and halved
ground black pepper

Wash, clean and chop off the tough green ends of the leeks. Cut the remaining white part into diagonal slices of a 2-inch width. Parboil for 3 minutes and drain.

Put the oil into a large heavy skillet and sauté the drained leeks. Remove the leeks with a slotted spoon and set aside. Into the same pan, sprinkle the flour and cook for half a minute until it is golden. Carefully mix in the tomato paste-water mixture the vinegar, salt and sugar and allow to cook over a low flame until slightly thickened.

Return the leeks to the pan, add the olives, cover and cook for 10 minutes. Remove from the fire, pour the leeks with their sauce into a flat serving dish, add a good grinding of pepper and cool before serving. Serves 6.

BALKAN BEEF STEW

(Guvetch con Karne)
2 lbs. stewing beef
2 Tbsp. light vegetable oil
2 onions, chopped coarsely
2 stalks celery, chopped coarsely
2 carrots, sliced
2 red peppers, seeded and sliced
2 green peppers, seeded and sliced
1/2 cup water
5 ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped, or
1 large can tomato puree
3 zucchini, sliced (not needed)
1 large eggplant, cubed (not needed)
2 oz. stringbeans, sliced
2 oz. okra
2 oz. garden peas
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. sugar
5 kernels allspice
3 large potatoes, peeled, cubed and parboiled for 5 minutes
3 Tbsp. chopped dill

Cube the meat into 1-inch thick cubes. In a heavy pot (lidded), heat the oil and sauté the meat uncovered together with the chopped onions and chopped celery. Add the sliced carrots, the red and green peppers and a scant 1/2 cup water. Cover and cook for 10 minutes. Uncover. Add the peeled and chopped tomatoes (or the tomato puree), sliced zucchini, cubed eggplant, stringbeans, okra and peas. Mix together. Add the salt, ground pepper, sugar and allspice. Mix well again and cook for another 10 minutes.

Add the cubed and parboiled potatoes and mix into the meat-vegetable mixture. Spoon the entire mixture into an oiled

open baking dish, sprinkle the chopped dill over it and bake in a 325 degree oven for 1 1/2 hours or until a crust is formed. Serve immediately. Serves 6 to 8.

CHICKEN WITH GARDEN PEAS

(Pojo con Bizelias)
2 young chickens, cut into serving pieces
salt

3 to 4 Tbsp. flour
2 Tbsp. light vegetable oil
1/2 cup water
2 stalks celery, whole with leaves
2 lbs. fresh garden peas (weigh shelled) or
2 10 oz. packages frozen peas (do not pre-cook peas)
1/2 tsp. pepper
2 Tbsp. chopped dill

Salt the chicken parts and dust them with flour. In a heavy (lidded) skillet or flameproof casserole, heat the oil and sauté the chicken pieces until lightly golden. Add 1/2 cup water, cover and cook over a low flame for 20 minutes.

Uncover, add the celery (whole) and the peas. Cover and cook for another 20 minutes. Uncover, add the sugar, ground pepper and chopped dill. Cook another 5 minutes, arrange the chicken on a serving platter, and pour the sauce over, with or without the celery. Serves 6 to 8.

STUFFED ARTICHOKE

(Artichio lenos con Karne)

12 globe artichokes

1/2 lemon

large bowl of cold water

2 Tbsp. flour

2 tsp. coarse salt

juice of 2 lemons

1 lb. ground lean beef

1 yellow onion, chopped finely

2 Tbsp. breadcrumbs

1 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. pepper

3 Tbsp. chopped dill

1/4 cup light vegetable oil

Remove the tough outer leaves and cut off the upper half of each artichoke. Slice each bottom flat so the artichokes can stand comfortably upright. With a paring knife and dessert spoon scoop out the hairy choke and rub all the cut parts with a lemon half. Immerse the treated artichokes in a bowl of water into which has been mixed the flour, coarse salt and the juice of one lemon.

In another bowl mix the meat, chopped onion, breadcrumbs, salt, pepper and 1 tablespoon of the dill. Stuff the center hole of each artichoke from which the choke has been removed and arrange in a baking dish.

Mix the juice of the remaining lemon, the remaining 2 tablespoons of chopped dill and the oil and pour over the artichokes. Cover with foil and bake in a 375 degree oven for one hour. Serves 12.

APRICOT PIE

(Inchusa di Apricos)

Dough

2 1/2 cups flour

3 Tbsp. vanilla sugar

1 rind of 1 lemon, grated.

1/2 tsp. salt

1 cup margarine, softened to room temperature

1 egg yolk

Filling

2 1/2 lbs. fresh apricots, pitted and halved

1/4 cup sugar

1 Tbsp. cornstarch

granulated and powdered sugar for dusting

12-inch pie tin

Place the flour on a working surface, sprinkle over the vanilla sugar, grate rind and salt. Form a well and place softened margarine and egg yolk in the middle. With the tips of your fingers incorporate quickly the flour into the margarine-egg mixture. Form a ball, cut in quarters and reassemble the parts into another ball. Repeat the process, cutting the ball and reforming, twice more, in a plastic bag and let rest in the refrigerator for an hour.

Filling:
Put the apricot halves with the sugar in a heavy saucepan over a low heat and cook until sugar melts. Dissolve the cornstarch in a little bit of cold water and add to the apricots. Continue cooking until the mixture thickens and let rest in the refrigerator for an hour.

In a buttered 12-inch pie tin spread half of the dough. Sprinkle a tablespoon of granulated sugar over it. Add the apricot mixture and spread the second half of the dough over the top.
Seal the pie by pinching edges together and pinch the top with a fork. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 45 to 55 minutes. The dough will be crisp but still pale. Before serving dust with powdered sugar.

Providence Will Miss Essie Einstein

(Continued from page 1)

they would be guaranteed artistic freedom.

Very young, and very much in love, Essie had never considered either of these possibilities, said yes. While being smuggled over the border to safety, they were captured and sent to a camp to face a frightening and uncertain fate. By the grace of God they were able to bribe the guards and were spared. Their journey continued for a year, until finally they were able to join Arthur's parents in the little village of Providence. Here a life, Essie recalls as being "absolutely wonderful" of service to the community and anyone who needed help, began.

Essie and Arthur joined Temple Emanu-El where Arthur was hired as Music Director. Several people initially expressed surprise at hearing his music. Arthur organized a choir and taught them liturgical, classical music. Cantor Perlman recalls the Einsteins as loyal, dedicated members. Cantor Perlman is responsible for publishing Arthur's music and distributing it to the Cantors Assembly. According to the cantor, "Arthur Einstein's beautiful music can be heard at Temple Emanu-El and is still being sung all over the country."

Accomplished musicians, Arthur and Essie gave music lessons to many, many people. One of her greatest joys, Essie is still touched by her many pupils, some from as long ago as forty years, who continue to correspond with her. Her voice tells of her love for these students. In some families, she has now taught two generations. In many cases, she instructed whole families in piano. Their love and respect for this dedicated teacher is still apparent in talking with her pupils.

Her love of music was passed on to her two sons, Ralph and Ted. Both superb and recognized artists they were confronted with difficult career choices. Both eventually became scientists, but music was and is an integral part of their lives.

Although Mrs. Einstein was a professional woman, she was committed to making time to help other people in the community. She became involved with Israel Bonds almost from its inception. "People are eager to buy bonds now. When they were first available, no one was quite sure what they would do for Israel," she says. Still, this did not stop her from

selling a quantity so large she won the first Woman of the Year Award in 1971. In 1974, Israel Bonds awarded her the Woman of Valor Award and the Israel Leadership Award in 1982.

When asked about these honors, Essie Einstein brushes the question aside with her hands. The memories of helping other bring her the most satisfaction. Fluent in Russian, she remembers the difficulties and her perseverance in working with the Jewish Family Service to help with the resettlement of Russian Jews. She recalls the satisfaction of finding jobs, tutoring them in English, and many times bringing people together to make the transition easier.

Her involvement also took her to the Jewish Home for the Aged where she always asked to work with the most difficult and distressed. Her infinite patience renewed the will to live in many of the residents who looked forward to her visits three mornings per week. An ardent Zionist, she was one of the first members of the Pioneer Women. And when she joined, she joined for life.

She believes the future of Judaism depends on instilling a love of Israel in the children. Her strong beliefs took her to the Solomon Schechter School last week where she received the greatest thrill in presenting a musical instrument to the school in memory of her dear husband. Eager to support the efforts of the Bureau of Jewish Education, she recently presented the Arthur Einstein Memorial Award to a graduate of the Harry Elkin Midrasha for excelling in Jewish music.

She speaks lovingly of her many precious years with the husband she adored, and the many friends she has had in Providence. The move is very difficult for her and she will miss so many people. "My husband was my inspiration, I only try to do the things he would do." As she looks around the home so full of memories of love, music, and Judaism she shakes her head slowly, "My soul is here. I wish everyone could have the kind of life I have had. But now I must move closer to my son. I am sure there will be people to help in Tennessee."

Maybe, but Providence will certainly miss Essie Einstein.

Lung Association To Circulate A.V. Aids

The Rhode Island Lung Association has recently completed a new catalog of visual aids which is available upon request.

The catalog lists films, slides, videotapes, and videotapes that can be used at no charge by organizations, schools, and groups. Topics covered include: air pollu-

tion, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, smoking and health, tuberculosis, occupational health, lung association information, and anatomy and physiology of the lung.

For a copy of the catalog, call 421-6487.

Nancy Mayer Qualifies For U.S. Maccabiah Masters Tennis Team



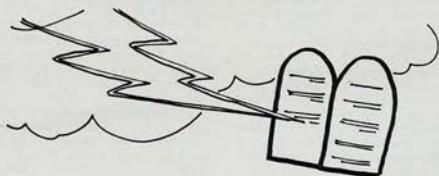
Nancy Mayer (Bristol) gathered with other members of the U.S. Maccabiah Masters Tennis Team following the qualifying tournament at the University of Pennsylvania's Robert P. Levy Pavilion. As a result of her victory, Mayer will compete in the 12th World Maccabiah Games in Israel, July 15-25, 1985. Also attending were Sheila Weinstein, Framingham, MA; Judy Smith, Brookline, MA; U.S. Maccabiah Masters Tennis Committee Co-chairman V. David Levitt, Rye Brook, NY; Sue Freeman, Milwaukee, WI; and Mayer, Samuel Sporn

also serves as Masters Tennis Committee chairman, and is from Brooklyn, NY. Also qualifying for the Team were Nadine Netter-Levy, Katonah, NY; and Linda Rosenwald, Scarsdale, NY. The Games, the third largest international competition, are held every four years in the summer following an Olympics. They pit Jewish athletes from all over the world in competition similar to that of the Olympics. More than 4,000 athletes from 38 countries will participate in the 12th Games, vying for medals in 31 sports ranging from basketball to wrestling.

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How Well Do You Know The Ten Commandments?

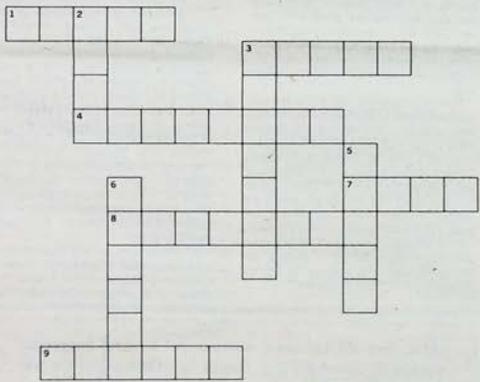


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1. You shall not _____ your neighbor's house.
3. You shall not _____.
4. You shall not bear false witness against your _____.
7. You shall have no other _____ before me.
8. You shall not commit _____.
9. You shall not _____.

DOWN

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord in _____.
3. Remember the _____ day to keep it holy.
5. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of _____, out of the house of bondage.
6. Honor your _____ and your mother.



Contest! Contest!

Do You Noah Riddle?

How to enter: Do you Noah riddle? Any animal riddle will do — just make the riddle between Noah and one or more of the animals on the ark. Here's an example:

Noah: Did you ever try to tickle a mule?

Monkey: No. Should I?

Noah: Try it. You'll get a big kick out of it!



(You must include art, but it is not necessary to do so in order to win. Art must be drawn on white paper using black felt-tipped pen or pencil.)

Send your entry with your name, complete address, and age to: Riddle Contest, NOAH'S ARK, 7726 Portal, Houston, Texas 77071. Entries will not be considered unless you include your age. (You must be 6-12 years old to enter.)

Deadline: June 10, 1985. The winner will be announced in the October, 1985 issue.

Shavuot Secret Code

On Shavuot, what did the flower say to the bee?

To find out, match the symbol to the letter and write the letter in the blank. When you are through, you'll know the answer to the secret code. These symbols were chosen in honor of Shavuot.

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| | = D | | = M | | = T |
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| | = G | | = O | | = Y |
| | = H | | | | |



Jerusalem Contest Winners

Mazel tov to the winners of the Jerusalem Contest. The object of the contest was to find the most correct words, 4 or more letters long, from the letters in the word YERUSHALAYIM.

Melissa Baily, 7 years old, from Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, was the winner of the Junior Division (ages 8 and under). Melissa found 101 correct words.

Linda Minkoff, 11 years old, from Lewiston, Maine, was the winner of the Senior Division (ages 9 and older). Linda found 310 correct words.



Answers To Crossword Puzzle

- Across:
 1. Cover
 2. Vain
 3. Sabbath
 4. Steal
 5. Neighbor
 6. Gods
 7. Father
 8. Adultery
 9. Murder
- Down:
 1. Vain
 2. Vain
 3. Sabbath
 4. Steal
 5. Neighbor
 6. Gods
 7. Father
 8. Adultery
 9. Murder



Answer To Secret Code

It's a holiday, so quit buzzing me!

Highlights Of Cantors Assembly Convention



AWARDED HONORARY DOCTORATE — Cantor Samuel Rosenbaum (center), executive vice-president of the Cantors Assembly, received an honorary Doctor of Music degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary at an academic convocation at the 38th annual Cantors Assembly convention at Grossinger's, N.Y. Among the participants in the ceremonies were (left to right): Cantor Saul Z. Hammerman, newly-elected president of the Cantors Assembly; Rabbi David C. Kogen, vice-chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, presiding officer; Dr. Rosenbaum; Rabbi Morton Lefman, dean of the Cantors Institute, Jewish Theological Seminary, and Cantor Ivan E. Perlman, outgoing president, Cantors Assembly. More than 500 cantors and members of their respective congregations attended the five-day gathering of the world's largest body of *hazzanim*.

An innovative plan to organize monthly educational visits to the USSR by cantors, rabbis and educators "to keep Jewish life alive in the Soviet Union" is under consideration by the Cantors Assembly following its 38th annual convention in Grossinger's, N.Y.

Cantor Saul Z. Hammerman of Beth El Congregation in Baltimore, was elected president of the 400-member organization of Conservative cantors — the world's largest body of *hazzanim*.

Cantor Samuel Rosenbaum, the Assembly's executive vice president, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Music degree at an academic convocation of the Jewish Theological Seminary that opened the five-day convention.

'Time To Repay Debt'

The cantors' group began discussions of the plan following an address on the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union by Abe J. Bayer, director of international affairs for the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. Mr. Bayer called for the establishment of programs to send to the USSR each month a team consisting of a cantor, rabbi and teacher to help keep Jewish life alive by teaching Soviet Jews about Judaism through song and traditional Jewish prayers.

"The time has come to repay the collective debt we owe to generations of *hazzanim* from Eastern Europe," Bayer declared.

The presentation met with such spontaneous enthusiasm on the part of the cantors that Cantor Rosenbaum said a joint commission would shortly be established

among the Cantor Assembly, Rabbinical Assembly and Educators Assembly (the Conservative synagogue teachers association) to implement Bayer's proposal.

\$1 Million Campaign

In his inaugural address, Cantor Hammerman called for the establishment of a \$1 million endowment fund to provide scholarships for cantors-in-training. Noting that the role of the *hazzanim* had greatly expanded from that of cantors of the preceding generation, to include teaching, counseling and pastoral duties, Cantor Hammerman declared: "We must educate our congregants to the sublime spirituality of liturgical music as the pathway to God. We must build Jewishness and faith through song."

Rabbi Mark Loeb, spiritual leader of Beth El Congregation, Rabbi-emeritus Jacob Agus, President Sidney Friedman, and Senator Melvin A. Steinberg, president of the Maryland State Senate and a member of the congregation, paid tribute to Cantor Hammerman at the installation banquet Tuesday night.

Blueprint for Future

In his annual report on the "State and Future of the Cantorate," Cantor Rosenbaum called for a return to more traditional practices in the Conservative movement. He urged his colleagues to reverse the tide of "assimilation, intermarriage and abandonment of the synagogue" that is afflicting much of Judaism today, adding:

"Synagogue leaders must learn that change and innovation can only take place within the framework of *halacha*."

Report From Bergen-Belsen

Minutes after President Reagan's helicopter had lifted him out of Bergen-Belsen, about 50 people were allowed to enter the grounds. They were survivors of the death camps and the children of survivors. While Reagan and Chancellor Helmut Kohl were making their visit and giving their speeches, the unofficial delegation had been kept out of sight of the cameras.

When they were finally permitted to visit the place where their mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers had perished, they had to reconcile the past and the present, the old memories of corpses strewn the earth and the new experience of having the White House staff prevent them from praying for their murdered families in the presence of the President.

Menachem Rosensaft, chairman of the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, spoke to the small cluster of mourners. He said: "Never, until today, has anyone dared to prevent survivors and children of survivors from standing beside these mass graves and this monument, while two politicians violate their sanctity and every principle of decency by coming here on their way to honoring the memory of the SS."

If Reagan and Kohl spoke for their governments and were motivated by the cold calculations of politics, then Rosensaft was speaking for all the men, women and children who were shot or starved or gassed by the Nazis.

Rosensaft said that the visit to Bitburg by Reagan and Kohl was a "desecration of the six million dead." He was right; it was a desecration.

Kalman Sultanik, a survivor of the

Belsen camp and now vice president of the World Jewish Congress, expressed the hope that Reagan would "correct his repugnant comparison of Nazi murderers with their victims." He was right; it was a repugnant comparison.

Serge Klarsfeld, who tracked down Klaus Barbie, the Nazi official responsible for torturing and murdering French Resistance fighters and for deporting Jewish children to the concentration camps, took exception to Reagan's saying that one man — Hitler — was responsible for murdering a million of Jews, Poles, Czechs, Russians, Gypsies, homosexuals, socialists, Christians and democrats. He was right; the Holocaust was not the crime of one man.

Reagan in Germany spoke about reconciliation and remembrance, and he concluded his talk at Bergen-Belsen with the reverberating phrase, "Never again." The people who have his ear should now try to make him understand the difference between reconciliation with killers and reconciliation with the victims.

They should remind him of the shameful behavior of U.S. officials who turned Jewish refugees away from sanctuary in America after the truth was known about the Final Solution. They should tell him about the SS criminals who went on the payroll of the U.S. government after the war — for reasons of state.

Someone should tell him that he excluded the blacks of South Africa and the Indians of Guatemala from his list of people suffering today from the scourge of "totalitarianism." He should know that Hitler is still not alone.

Reprinted from the Boston Globe.

Obituaries

EDWARD WEINER

CRANSTON — Edward Weiner, 58, of 33 Dixwell Ave., a self-employed furniture consultant, died Sunday, May 19 at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Estelle (Mandel) Weiner.

Born in Providence, a son of Gussie Weiner of Cranston, and the late Samuel Weiner, he lived in Cranston for 30 years. Mr. Weiner was a World War II Navy veteran. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, Harmony Lodge, F & AM, and Temple Torat Yisrael.

Besides his wife and mother he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Joyce Lustbader of Bayside, N.Y.; two sons, Bruce and Scott Weiner, both of Cranston; a sister, Mrs. Lillian Katz of Miami, Fla., and a granddaughter.

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

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Survival Through Technology In Israel

Israel is a nation rich in brainpower but poor in natural resources. Consequently, innovative research, and the expansion of science-based industries and high tech exports are essential to Israel's economic viability — key to the Jewish State's growth, security, and very survival.

The Technion — Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa has played a primary role since 1924 in the scientific and technological development of the Yishuv and the emergent State of Israel. When Statehood was still a dream, the Technion and its friends throughout the world were already creating the technological basis that has been and continues to be one of Israel's major resources.

On its 37th anniversary of independence, the Jewish State faces severe economic challenges — triple-digit inflation, constant devaluation, foreign debt, and a deteriorating balance of trade. The creation of highly sophisticated goods that can be sold abroad is a national priority. These will pay for essential imports and, more importantly, win eventual economic independence.

The Technion serves this goal eminently and effectively as Israel's primary academic resource for advanced technological teaching and research, with more than 25,000 graduates since its founding — serving as the core of Israeli scientific expertise and application. Technion provides the necessary research and brainpower to help make Israel's high-tech products competitive in the world marketplace.

There are 28 special research centers and institutes at the Technion focusing on virtually every major field of science, engineering, architecture, and medicine. Many of these centers are the only ones of their kind in Israel. At any given time, there are hundreds of projects in progress, many of these directly or indirectly supported by related industries.

The Gutwirth Science-Based Industries Center at the Technion is an example of the Institute's active role in scientific industrialization. A new company can use the Center's facilities as an industrial park setting for three years and then is expected to compete in the open marketplace. Fibronics, for example, began with a staff of three in 1978. The company now employs over 275 people in Israel and had an impressive \$13 million in sales and \$1 million in profits in 1984.

Another example is the Lidex Corporation, whose chemical separation devices include Dynomat, a liquid chromatography system, designed for quick, precise separation of compound chemical mixtures with applications involving the manufacture of solid state electronic components, the development of new polymers and plastics, and facilitation of genetic engineering research as well as wide applications for the pharmaceutical industry.

Technion has similarly been the catalyst for the growth of a long list of firms including Scitex, a Herzliya-based firm and a world leader in computer-graded film, Haifa's Elscint, the world leader in the field of advanced medical imaging equipment, Tadiran, Israel's largest electronics company, Elbit, Elron, and others.

Israel's electronics industry has become a real hope for the future. About one-third of the roughly \$3.5 billion in goods exported from Israel last year were electron-

ics exports. It is expected that these will rise to at least half of Israel's export business by 1990.

Israel is ranked third worldwide (after the United States and Germany) in the field of medical sensing technology. Computer-aided tomography — the CAT scanner — produced Elscint, is now an indispensable diagnostic tool in most hospitals, an excellent example of a revolutionary breakthrough in medicine which is being marketed globally.

The Jewish State is considered a world leader in prosthetic devices. Technion's Julius Silver Institute of Bio-Medical Engineering has come up with new designs which use hydraulic and mechanical engineering principles to create better artificial limbs.

Other projects include a visual diagnostic device which detects minute obstructions in a patient's visual pathway, a computer system enabling doctors to diagnose and study heart disease with greater accuracy, a successful surgical procedure for the treatment of Legg-Perthes disease (a hip joint ailment in young children), a new "nursing robot" to serve the disabled, a more effective method for the resuscitation of heart attack victims, and research on sleep, diabetes, and victims of "crush syndrome."

Israel's accomplishments as an agricultural innovator are world renowned. Many of these contributions stem from the Technion's Department of Agricultural Engineering, including the "trickle" method of irrigation, the pioneering use of computers to maximize crop yield, and the use of algae to clean muddy ponds biologically.

In such diverse areas as telecommunications, computer engineering, computer-aided design and manufacturing, fiber-optics, and the use of solar energy, the Technion's role has been inestimable.

Recent projects with wide appeal include a new road-building method using concrete instead of asphalt, cooling care with power from waste heat, producing ethanol from corn for fuel, floating breakwaters, and an "electronic wallet" — a complete electronic money handling and payments system capable of replacing cash, check books, and credit cards.

Leading-edge research is being pursued in aeronautics, robotics, lasers, genetic engineering, and agri-technology.

A new Space Center at the Technion will help Israel leap into the future with special significance for defense and communications.

The Samuel Neaman Institute for Advanced Studies in Science and Technology is Israel's foremost academically-based "think tank." It recruits scientists, industrialists, scholars, and experts from a wide range of disciplines to consider national problems connected with Israel's technological, social, and economic development.

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Singles Only Service In Newton

The Suburban Jewish Singles of Temple Emanuel, Newton, will hold a Friday evening service for Singles Only on Friday evening, May 31. The service will take place in the chapel of Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward St., Newton Centre beginning at 8 p.m. An Oneg Shabbat will take place in the vestry of the Temple following the service.

The Service will be conducted by Rabbi Mark Friedman with members of the Singles Group participating. All singles 30 to 45 years of age are invited to attend.

For further information on the service call Chester Rubin, Director of Youth and Adult Activities at Temple Emanuel, at 527-7810 or 527-6906.

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Many of the benefits of the new material derive from the fact that it very closely duplicates properties of the human lens, or cornea.

This breakthrough in the field of polymers — the molecular structures which make up all plastics — was engineered by Dr. D.H. Kohn and Dr. Ruth Silberman while working at the Technion's Department of Chemistry. Using a technique called graft-polymerization, they chemically modified a conventionally-used plastic and fused it onto a substance called poly(vinyl alcohol). The transparency of the

Elaine Kotell Binder Is New B'nai B'rith Executive

Elaine Kotell Binder has been appointed executive director of B'nai B'rith Women, Inc. She will direct operations and planning for the 120,000 member Jewish women's advocacy and service organization from its international headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Binder comes to this position from the American Association of University Women, where she served as Administrative Director. She has an extensive background in management and administration, fiscal and program planning, and leadership training for volunteers.

"B'nai B'rith Women is an organization



oriented toward the future and targeting its efforts toward meeting the needs of Jewish women for Jewish affiliation, service, and intellectual and career development," said Mrs. Binder. "Providing staff leadership to this dynamic organization will be an exciting challenge."

Mrs. Binder will direct a staff of 72 at national headquarters and in 15 regions throughout the United States. She will also provide guidance for volunteer activities throughout the United States and Canada. BBW provides educational, public advocacy and service programs for the Jewish and general communities, with an emphasis on the needs of women, children and the elderly."

She has been a partner in a consulting firm designing career management programs and providing training for profes-

sional managers in communications and counseling skills. She previously worked for the Women's Equity Action League (WEAL) and Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW).

Mrs. Binder has served as a trustee and on the Board of Directors of Temple Shalom in Chevy Chase, Md. She is presently a member of Temple Sinai in Washington, D.C. where she has served on the Membership Committee. She has held appointments to the Montgomery County Human Relations Commission and on the Montgomery County Commission for Women, on which she served as president.

She holds a Bachelor's Degree from Radcliffe College and a Master's Degree in counseling from the University of Maryland.

Elaine Binder lives in Bethesda, Md. with her husband, Dr. Richard Binder, a physician who practices oncology in Fairfax County, Va. They have two sons, Mark, a recent graduate of Columbia University, and Jonathan, a junior at Tufts University.

Israel Bonds Reception To Honor Joseph Schmelzer

Joseph Schmelzer of Newport will be honored by Judah Touro Lodge No. 998, B'nai B'rith, and Newport Chapter of Hadassah at a State of Israel Bonds reception on Sunday, June 9, at Temple Shalom in Middletown.

The reception is being held for the Newport Israel Bond drive under the leadership of Mrs. Edward Goldberg and Charles Green, co-chairmen of the Newport Committee for State of Israel Bonds. Mr. Green is also president of Judah Touro Lodge No. 998, B'nai B'rith. Mrs. Elliot Kaminitz is the Hadassah president.

Bruce R. Rutenberg, general chairman of the Rhode Island Committee for State of Israel Bonds, will be the guest speaker.

Mr. Schmelzer will be honored for his leadership and service in behalf of his community and Israel.

He has served as treasurer of Chevrah Kadisha Society, the Jewish Community Cemetery Association, the Jewish

Cemetery Unification Association and the successor organization of these three, the Chevra Kadisha Association of Newport County. He has also served as treasurer of both Congregation Jeshuat Israel and Judah Touro Lodge No. 998, B'nai B'rith.

From 1980 to 1984 Mr. Schmelzer served as vice president of Congregation Jeshuat Israel and is presently a member of its presidium. For a number of years he has served as chairman of the United Hebrew School Board. Since 1979, he has

been an incorporator of the Savings Bank of Newport.

The Israel Bond Organization, since its inception in 1951, has been the principal source of development funds for Israel. Bond proceeds, channeled through Israel's Development Budget, will help maintain Israel's economic growth, create job opportunities for the people of Israel, build new development towns and finance the expansion of the country's high technology industries.

Temple Emanu-El Committee Plans Dinner To Honor Richard Licht



Temple Emanu-El Committee met to discuss reservations and the sale of Israel Bonds for the tribute dinner honoring Lieutenant Governor Richard A. Licht on Wednesday, June 12, at the Providence temple.

Meir Rosenne, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, will be the distinguished guest speaker. The dinner is in behalf of State of Israel Bonds. Attendees at the committee meeting included, seated, left to

right, Audrey Licht and Andrea Finkel. Standing, left to right, Dr. Steven Peiser, Tribute Committee co-chairman; Jani Rosen, Tribute Committee co-chairman; Beatrice Fishbein, Libby Peiser, Tribute Committee co-chairman; Dr. Richard Rosen, Tribute Committee co-chairman; Dr. Joseph G. Fishbein, Bernard Lightman, Barbara Lightman, Jeanne Weil Lynn Markoff, Ronald Markoff, Sheila Alexander and Ivy Marwil.

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