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## "An Evening With The Lubavitcher Rebbe"



A public address by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, on Wednesday, August 7, will be transmitted live via satellite from Lubavitch World Headquarters in New York, to cable TV stations across the United States, beginning at 9:30 pm E.D.T. and lasting several hours.

The telecast, entitled "An Evening With The Lubavitcher Rebbe," will be viewed by an estimated six million people in homes and community centers across the United States and Canada.

The day — the 20th of Menachem Av marks the 41st anniversary of the passing of the Rebbe's father, Rabbi Levin Yitzchak, who was one of the foremost Kabbalists of recent centuries. He was also known as a Halachist, and as a Talmudic and Chassidic scholar. For many years he served as Chief Rabbi of what is now known as Dnepropetrovsk, in Soviet Russia.

Because of his involvement in helping

his brethren, both materially and spiritually, under the oppressive Soviet yoke, he was arrested by the notorious NKVD in 1939 and imprisoned. After a succession of various prisons he was exiled to Chili, a remote townlet in Kazakhstan. He passed away in Alma Ata in 1944.

During his five years of incarceration he managed to cap a lifetime of Torah scholarship by recording brief but incisively brilliant notations on the margins of the few texts he had clandestinely managed to retain. His wife, the Rebbe's mother, Rebbetzin Chana, managed to secretly manufacture ink from herbs she gathered in the fields, so that her husband could continue his writings. Decades later these notes found their way to his illustrious son, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, in New York, and were recently published in five volumes.

The Rebbe is considered the world's foremost Jewish spiritual leader. More

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## Teacher, Rabbi, Kindly Spirit — Rabbi Pearl Will Be Missed



by Susan Higgins

On Sunday, August 18, a farewell dinner will be held to say goodbye and extend best wishes to a small family who shared a lot of love and touched many lives with their warm and generous ways. Rabbi Chaim Pearl, whose dedication and sincere concern for others drew many people to him, will be leaving to pursue his first calling, the role of teacher. Still, Rabbi Pearl and his family expressed sadness at having to leave many close friends and the wonderful people they have been involved with over the last nine years in Rhode Island.

"I was fortunate at Temple Ohav Shalom to be able to combine being a rabbi and teaching," he says with moving

sincerity. He came to Rhode Island eight years ago to teach full time at Providence Hebrew Day School. For the last two years he focused his special energies toward the congregation at the Temple, drawing an ever increasing number of devoted members. One could always depend on a service being held every morning and night.

Rabbi Pearl notes how moved he feels when some of the older members of the congregation, they refer to themselves as the "Old Soldiers," courageously troop through three feet of snow or dangerous wind chill factors to walk the distance to the Temple. Although the congregation is relatively small, Rabbi Pearl says they are

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## Jewish Passion For Social Justice — Aiding The Needy

The Jewish Fund for Justice, a new Jewish foundation concerned with issues of poverty and injustice in America, announces its first round of grants today — a symbolic thirteen in all.

"In Jewish tradition, thirteen symbolizes coming of age," explains Lois Roisman, the Fund's new Executive Director. "These thirteen awards represent a new expression of Jewish philanthropy in the United States."

The grants mark the founding of the Jewish Fund for Justice, a new public foundation formed to address the causes of poverty and injustice in the United States.

While Jews as individuals have always been generous where issues of social justice were concerned, there has never been a national Jewish grantmaking institution through which American Jews could respond to issues of poverty in America.

With the advent of the Fund, there is now a Jewish partner to join the other denominations with financial support of efforts to combat poverty and the systemic disenfranchisement of low-income people in America. Doug Lawson of the Campaign for Human Development stated, "The Ecumenical Review Board welcomes a Jewish presence to the religious funding arena."

The Jewish Fund for Justice offers American Jews a Jewish context for expressing our traditional Jewish passion for social justice," adds Si Kahn, Acting Board Chairman. Kahn is one of fifteen prominent Jews from all over the United States who form the Board of the Jewish Fund for Justice.

"We are proud to honor the memories of our immigrant parents and grandparents who believed in the American dream. Through the Fund, we will work to make that dream available to all Americans by assisting the poor in their efforts to improve their lives," continued Mr. Kahn.

Each of the Jewish Fund for Justice's first thirteen grants supports efforts toward social change by forging an unusual partnership.

A list of the first 13 grants follows. For more information program heads may be contacted directly or call Joanna Coplan at 202-638-0550.

MINNESOTA COACT — Brainerd, Minnesota

The Minnesota Citizens Organizations Acting Together (COACT) works on a broad range of social and economic issues affecting rural Minnesota. Its family farm campaign, a coalition of farm groups and workers, is trying to stop immediate foreclosures against farm land, livestock and machinery, and working to provide operating loans at a more affordable interest rate. Contact: John Musick - Co-Director (218) 828-1805.

MISSISSIPPI ACTION FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION (MACE) — Greenville, Mississippi

MACE, a community economic development corporation, is working to bring social and economic benefits to the rural poor of the Mississippi Delta. Technical assistance is provided to minority con-

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## Around Town Visits Camp Gan Israel



A tableful of Gan Israel campers at lunchtime with Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer, director of the Chabad Lubavitch of Southeastern New England. (Photo by Dorothea Snyder) (See Around Town, Page 8)

## Local News

### An Evening With Lubavitcher Rebbe - Aug. 7

The 20th day of the Hebrew month of Av — this year, Wednesday, August 7th — will mark the forty-first anniversary of the passing of the late Rabbi Levi Yitzchak Schneerson, the Rebbe's father.

Rabbi Levi Yitzchak was a renowned Chassid, a brilliant Talmudic scholar, and one of the foremost Kabbalists of recent times. He served for many years as Chief Rabbi of what is now known as Dnepropetrovsk, in Soviet Russia.

With enormous self-sacrifice, despite the oppression of the Communist regime, Rabbi Levi Yitzchak devoted himself to helping his suffering brethren with all their material and spiritual needs. The NKVD, seeking to halt his activities, arrested him, and he was exiled to a remote village in Khazakhstan. He passed away there, on the twentieth of Av, in 1944.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, is considered to be the most phenomenal Jewish personality of our time. In his years as leader of world Jewry he has set in motion massive social and educational programs, which continuously touch the lives of millions of people around the world, Jews and non-Jews. Under his leadership the Chabad — Lubavitch movement has become the most dynamic force in Judaism.

These public addresses, known as "Farbrengens," are a unique blend of intellectual profundity, effervescent joy and spiritual excitement.

R.I. Cable (47), Times Mirror (43), and Cox Cable (45) will all carry this delightful program on Wednesday August 7 at 9:30 pm. For more information please call 273-7238.

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## Rabbi Lewis Of Touro Syn. To Retire



Rabbi Theodore Lewis, for 36 years spiritual leader of North America's oldest synagogue, will be honored at retirement ceremonies Sunday, August 25 in Newport, Rhode Island. Irish born Rabbi Lewis who presides over Newport's Touro Synagogue, will take up residency in Israel following retirement. A schoolmate of Israeli President Chaim Herzog, and a graduate of Dublin University, Rabbi Lewis received rabbinic education in Great Britain and Poland, prior to arrival in the United States in 1944 he served as Rabbi of Dublin's Adelaide Road Synagogue.

A frequent lecturer, Rabbi Lewis won national acclaim from the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 1957 for promotion of interfaith human

relations. The state of Israel 25 anniversary award was presented to him in 1975 and in 1981 Philadelphia's Mayor William Greene presented him with the Liberty Bell Award on behalf of the B'rekhus society of that city. In 1984 he was named winner of the John Jameson Civitas Award in recognition of continued service to Newport. He also holds an honorary degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology conferred by Salve Regina College of Newport.

In 1983 Rabbi Lewis presided over ceremonies in Newport during which the U.S. Postal Service issued a commemorative postage stamp honoring Touro Synagogue. The event climaxed almost a quarter of a century of effort by the Society of the Friends of Touro Synagogue.

Ceremonies marking his long service to the synagogue and the community will be held in Newport coincident with the annual meeting with the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue. Included in the August 25 observance will be an 11:30 brunch at the Jewish Community Center followed at 12:30 by the annual meeting of the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue. The annual reading of the "George Washington Letter" which is believed to have given rise to the first amendment provision for religious freedom will take place at 2:00 pm in the Synagogue. The letter will be read by Rabbi Lewis. The final event of the day will be a 4:15 pm reception at Salve Regina College's Ochré Court.

Persons interested in attending the reception in honor of Rabbi Lewis should contact Mrs. Belle Werner, 17 Arnold Avenue, Newport, Rhode Island 02840.

## BJE Honors Leonard Salmonson Scholars



Left to Right: Deborah Cerel, Staci Resnick, Ina Boekner, Debbie Picker, Lauren Krasnow, Thomas Feldman, Gary Katzman, Jill Zacks, Daniel Glucksman, Robin Aronson, Joshua Starr, Andrew Rubinstein.

The Annual Meeting of the Bureau of Jewish Education features the awards of scholarships for Israel study-travel to high school and college students. The Leonard I. Salmonson Memorial Endowment Fund Grant of Federation enables high school students to avail themselves of study opportunities in Israel. This year's Leonard I. Salmonson Scholars include: Robin Aronson, Meredith Bleeker, Ina Boekner, Deborah Cerel, Scotadam Chernov, David Elbaum, Thomas Feldman, Diana Gelch, Daniel Glucksman, Jodi Hurwitz, Gary Katzman,

Lauren Krasnow, Matthew Labush, Debbie Picker, Staci Resnick, Andrew Rubinstein, Jennifer Ruttenberg, Kenneth Ryvicker, Joshua Starr, Nathan Yamuder and Jill Zacks.

Two of the students travelling to Israel were designated winners of the Rabbi Joel K. Zaiman Award. Given by the Alperin-Hirsch families in honor of Rabbi Joel K. Zaiman, the award consists of a scholarship and a medalion. The winners this year are Robin Aronson and Staci Resnick.

## Beth-El Plans Visit With Noted Composer

On October 18-20, noted Jewish composer Ben Steinberg will be composer-in-residence at Temple Beth-El as part of the Freda and Louis A. Kaufman Memorial Weekend.

On Friday evening, October 18, Steinberg will lead the Temple Beth-El Choir in the singing of a number of his compositions and he will address the congregation after services on "Why New Music for the Synagogue?" Mr. Steinberg will address the congregation a second time on Saturday afternoon on the topic of "Musical Mosaic of Judaism." On Sunday morning to conclude the weekend, Mr. Steinberg will speak on "Music of the Shtetl — Our Yiddish Heritage," at a breakfast sponsored by the Temple Brotherhood.

Composer Steinberg was born in Winnipeg, Canada and educated at the University of Toronto and the Royal Conservatory. Presently head of the music department of Forest Hill Collegiate and Director of Music at Toronto's Temple Sinai, he is a noted composer, conductor and lecturer. He recently received in 1983 "Kavod Award" of the Cantor's Assembly, representing over 2,000 Conservative Synagogues in the United States and Canada.

Temple Beth-El is able to bring Steinberg to the community due to the generosity of the Kaufman Memorial Weekend, a generous endowment provided by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kaufman and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kaufman in memory of their parents.

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## Havurah Summer Institute

Attracting 250 adults and 75 children, the Havurah Summer Institute, August 5-11, will be at full capacity, overflowing the Brandeis Campus and lending to the Boston environs its unique atmosphere in which Jews of all ages and denominations share a week of total Jewish living. Emerging in Boston during the 1960's, the havurah phenomena has become today's most vital sign of contemporary Jewish renewal. The annual Institutes are the springboard of this movement, bringing the havurah style of learning to thousands of people each year.

Community Day is scheduled for Thursday afternoon August 8 and is open to the local Jewish public not attending the Institute. Featured at 4:30 will be a panel discussion led by Michael Strassfeld, author of *The Jewish Catalogs*, Professor Bernard Reisman, director of the Hornstein program at Brandeis and Elaine Shizgal Cohen, a member of Havurah Reim in Teaneck, New Jersey and former chairperson of the National Havurah Committee. They will examine the movement's coming of age, its impact on the wider Jewish community and the evolution it has undergone as it has matured in the last two decades. The program will also include a full range of workshops from Stories Of The Early Rabbis to Havrutot and Community Transformation. The Idea Fair will provide an opportunity for members of havrutot to share successful program ideas

and for people who are not involved with havrutot to learn what they are and how they enrich Jewish lives.

Among the teachers at the Institute will be Susannah Heschel, Judith Plaskow, Julius Lester, Robert Goldenberg and Aryeh Ben-Gurion. Featured topics in many of the courses are classical Jewish texts, Jewish philosophy and the evolution of Jewish liturgy. Nahum Glazer will offer a special program on the history of the Lehrshaus in Germany between WWI and WWII. Boston resident William Novak, co-author of the bestseller *Jacocca* and the co-editor of *The Big Book of Jewish Humor* is leading a program of Jewish humor on Friday night.

Scholarship funds for the Institute have been made available by the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston.

The National Havurah Committee, which coordinates the Havurah Institutes, syndicates a weekly D'var Torah column which appears in Jewish newspapers nationwide and is published locally in the Boston Jewish Advocate. The NHC also publishes *New Traditions*, a journal of contemporary Jewish spirituality, edited by Novak, and serves as a networking center for havrutot and individuals. Those interested in learning more about the Boston Institute, the Community Day program, or the National Havurah Committee should call (212) 496-0065 or (617) 965-9629.

## Touro Fraternal Association



A new Board of Directors and officers of the Touro Fraternal Association were installed at the recent meeting held at the Golden Lantern Restaurant on June 19, 1985.

Shown above (Front row — left to right) Joseph Shapiro, Faithful Guide; Nathan Lury, Board Member; Charles Coken, Secretary; Morton L. Coken, Vice-Chairman of Board; Dr. Marshall K. Bornstein, Chairman of Board; Allan M. Gourse, President; Thomas R. Bornstein, Vice-President.

(Second row — left to right) Board Members Peter Traugott, Irving Wolpert, Gerald D. Hodosh, Irwin Stone, Robert D. Miller, Robert J. Hodosh, Rodney Locke. (Back row — left to right) Mitchel D. Smith, Inside Guard; Judah Rosen, Board Member; Barry E. Newman, Board Member; Steven M. Shuster, Chaplain. (Missing when picture was taken) Board Members Wallace H. Serge, Arthur Poulten, David Sholes, Simon Chorrey.

## Abe Pollin To Be Honored

Abe Pollin, Chairman of the Board of the Capital Centre and President of the Washington Bullets and the Washington Capitals, will be honored by the National Capital Area Men's ORT chapter of the American ORT Federation at a testimonial dinner at The Sheraton Washington in Washington, D.C. October 17, announced AOF President Alvin L. Gray and chapter president Roger L. Brody.

Pollin will receive the Golda Meir Humanitarian Award in recognition of his leadership and his dynamic commitment to community service. Presentation of the award will mark the creation of the Abe Pollin ORT Scholarship Fund.

The Pollin ORT Scholarship Fund will help students who have the ability and the drive but lack the financial resources to attend an ORT school. By enabling students to finish school, the Pollin ORT Scholarship Fund will provide them with the opportunity to acquire the job skills training they need to lead productive, fulfilling lives.

Pollin is a member of the Boards of George Washington University, the Federal City Council, Boys Clubs of Greater Washington, D.C., and United Cerebral Palsy of Washington, D.C., and is active in many other civic and Jewish organizations. He is also co-chairman of the Washington Area U.S. Olympic Committee.



Born in Philadelphia, Pollin graduated from George Washington University in 1945. Prior to becoming involved in sports in 1960, he owned his own construction business, and won many awards for his construction and design of apartment and office buildings throughout the Washington metropolitan area.

## Lou Ornstein Appointed Director



Lou Ornstein has been appointed Director of Legacy and Endowments at the American ORT Federation, announced Donald H. Klein, AOF Executive Vice President. He will also function as Campaign Field Director.

"We are very pleased to welcome Lou Ornstein, a man with a fine record of experience and accomplishments in fund raising and in the area of legacy and endow-

ments," noted John Davidson, Chairman of the AOF National Legacy Committee. "Under his direction, the AOF Legacy and Endowments Program will expand significantly to embrace AOF chapters nationwide."

Ornstein served as Campaign Director of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey from 1982 to 1985, and was the Assistant Director of the Jewish Federation of Stamford, Connecticut from 1978 to 1982. He was the recipient of the prestigious Louis Kraft Award, which is given to outstanding young professionals in the field of Jewish communal service.

Born in Bangor, Maine, Ornstein graduated from the University of Maine with a B.A. in Sociology and received a Master's degree in Social Work at the University of Oklahoma. He and his wife, Debra, currently live in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

As Director of Legacy and Endowments for the American ORT Federation, Ornstein will maintain current programs and will expand the AOF "deferred giving" program, in which an individual can donate money to ORT during his or her lifetime and reap the financial benefits of a trust. AOF President Alvin L. Gray noted: "Lou has been intrinsically involved in Jewish communal service for over a decade. His drive and commitment will be a great asset to the American ORT Federation in its work on behalf of the ORT global network of schools and training centers."

## Majestic Senior Guild

The Majestic Senior's schedule for trips for the fall season are October 3, 4, and 5 to Golden Nugget in Atlantic City.

A Jewish musical show November 21 in New York City.

## Jabotinsky Prize

The third annual Jabotinsky Prize, The Defender of Jerusalem Award, will be presented on October 30 at the Grand Ballroom of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies in New York. Eryk Spektor, Chairman of the Jabotinsky Foundation, announced recently.

The Jabotinsky Prize, which carries a \$100,000 honorarium, was shared last year by former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations, Yehuda Blum; Nazi hunter Baste Klansfeld; and Soviet prisoner of conscience, Anatoly Shcharansky.

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# From The Editor

by Robert Israel



## On Jewish Education

In a major article in the Baltimore Jewish Times on the state of Jewish education today, the writers conclude that more often than not young people are restless and bored in Hebrew school classes. A teacher interviewed for the article published in June said, "Ask any child in religious school and nearly all will say they would rather be outside playing."

Clearly, teachers, who express frustration regarding their role as Jewish educators, have an uphill battle. The children who attend Orthodox Hebrew school classes come from their public schools, in many cases, already saturated with lessons and homework. Their attention spans are frazzled. They often turn the classrooms into a zoo. Discipline is a major problem. And according to the Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA) in New York, there is a problem with finding qualified instructors. JESNA has estimated that only 10 percent of America's 8,000 Jewish educators are certified.

For some Jews in our community, particularly those in the Orthodox community, religious school classes after regular public school classes are considered a waste of time. They believe that religious day school education is the only way to go. I recall a roundtable conversation I had with several young Orthodox Jewish families last year who felt the only approach to Jewish education was through the day school. These particular individuals were convinced that when children are given an education, the major emphasis should be on the Jewish component.

Yet the day school approach is not realistic for all students and all parents. And Hebrew schools, including Sunday schools, provides a young person with exposure to Jewish culture and religion as well as a Jewish social life. When a young person attends one of the schools in our area, there is a very real opportunity to learn about the Jewish calendar, to participate in the rituals of our faith, to exchange ideas with other Jewish students, and to take part in an on-going quest for Jewish knowledge. It need not be a staid or stuffy environment if the school embraces creative approaches to education. It need not be looked at as a failure if the important lessons discussed in a classroom are embraced at home.

When I was preparing a report on Jewish education for the annual fall survey of education last year, I met with several teachers in the community that have this approach to education — that it should first of all be stimulating for a young student and that it be backed up by the parents in the home. And so the young students made matzah, for instance, and involved the parents by seeking their help in the kitchen. Homework projects were just that: taking the lesson back to the home and sharing them with the father and mother. The more creative the approach, the more enthusiasm could be seen in the student.

Ideally, education should go beyond the classroom and the home into the community itself.

Jewish education should include more programming throughout the community to include films, musical evenings, discussion series, entertainers, art exhibits, craft shows, public demonstrations on behalf of oppressed people, tzedakah projects, public debates, retreats, social and cultural exchanges with neighboring communities, interfaith services, athletic events, havrara, workshops.

Clearly, the problem of young people lacking interest in Jewish education is not about to go away. Yet in our community, we have many qualified instructors and excellent opportunities for young people, and, for that matter older students as well, to participate in a lifelong Jewish education. Every year I teach a course in Jewish American literature and my students are interested and interesting older men and women who have much to teach me as we explore literature together.

The challenge is to coordinate the rich resources we have in our community, to program events more carefully so that they are timed according to the Jewish calendar, with as many opportunities to include non-Jews in the education process as that we are consistently sharing the wisdom of Judaism throughout the ages with who express interest. In this manner, we open ourselves up to more possibilities of creativity and growth. By sharing our resources with the community at large, we will gain more respect for the principles and tenets of our faith.

The JWB Health, Physical Education and Recreation Institute will take place at Doubletree Hotel in Dallas, Texas, September 3-6.

The 1985 Leadership Conference, State of Israel Bonds, will take place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn, Michigan.

## Jews And "Tax Reform"

by Martin Hochbaum

The Treasury Department has proposed a major overhaul of the Federal Tax code, a provision of which is the elimination of the deductibility of state and local taxes. Repeal of deductibility would be harmful to the Jewish community since it would make more difficult the funding of Jewish sponsored health and welfare institutions and exacerbate intergroup conflict.

The bipartisan Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations has computed the value of deductibility on a state-by-state basis. According to their data, the national per capita average tax savings from deductibility in 1984 was \$120, ranging from a low of \$33 in Tennessee and South Dakota to a high of \$263 in New York State.

A substantial majority of the Jewish population resides in the highest tax state. The ten states where residents receive the highest per capita savings from deductibility contain 41 percent of the nation's population, including two-thirds of American Jews.

The elimination of deductibility would result in strong pressure to cut state and local taxes and budgets. This would produce an increase in conflict on the local level as various groups are forced to compete more aggressively for fewer public dollars.

A recent paper by the Heritage Foundation applauded the notion that loss of deductibility would make it harder for states to finance "programs of doubtful benefits" to taxpayers. The author of the Heritage Foundation report is wrong. Lower income groups would be severely harmed by decreasing

appropriations for such politically unpopular programs as aid to the homeless, welfare and Medicaid. Moreover, the middle class would be directly injured since local school boards, which in many communities are the governing bodies that taxpayers are most capable of influencing, would come under fierce pressure to cut costs.

Many Jewish institutions that serve our aged and families are heavily dependent on substantial government funding. As a result, an inevitable consequence of eliminating state and local deductibility, would erode the ability of these institutions to carry their current caseloads, thus depriving many needy individuals and families of necessary aid.

It would be hard to draft a better scenario for encouraging ethnic and racial conflict and destroying local coalitions. Jewish groups, partly because of demographics, are greatly concerned with programs for assisting the aged. Blacks and Hispanics, communities with younger and lower income constituents, would be more likely to emphasize programs for these groups. Cutbacks in government financing would inevitably lead to sharp conflicts among groups for scarce dollars.

The Jewish community shares with the rest of our nation an interest in making the tax code fairer and more equitable. However, it cannot stand by and ignore tax changes that would be harmful to our community by unfairly placing ethnic and racial groups in opposition to each other. Enactment of the plan to eliminate deductibility would make impossible the achievement of social and economic justice, a situation that cannot be good for the well being of the nation as a whole and the Jewish community in particular.

## Reflections On The Celebration Of Life

by Rabbi Avi Shafran

We may all of us have had a collective sigh of relief. Reineesh has opened his long-leased lips.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, the mercifully uninformed, is the spiritual — and the adjective is used in its very loosest form — leader of over 10,000 devotees, more than 4000 of whom reside on a large ranch in Oregon. He is Indian-born and, having been all but run out of that imperishable but not entirely immoral land, has since been trying to establish a permanent presence in our own more tolerant nation.

Unregulated violence and open sexuality have been the core of rumors emanating from the ranks of his followers concerning their cult. Rajneesh has been visible as the man of many Rolls Royces and close female companions. He has for the past four years observed a self-imposed vow of silence — or perhaps has been too exhausted to speak — until he has opened his venerable mouth there are, no doubt, many who would have it permanently stapled shut.

With what, for lack of a suitable Indian word, might be understoodly calledchutzpah, he called the man Christians revere as the son of God, "a crackpot; he was trying to save the whole world... he couldn't even save himself." Then he dismissed the major world religions as "cunning strategies of clever people trying to exploit you." Continuing, he said, "Only the retarded and utterly mediocre people can believe in God."

"Any religion," he went on, "that is concerned with death is wrong, and all religions are concerned with death... The whole responsibility for Jonestown is... (on) all the Christians... (who) teach that all that is beautiful is beyond life, in death."

The latter point is, truth be told, quite an interesting one.

Christian and Islamic thought has, indeed, stressed the bliss of death at the expense of the value of life. Both systems of belief are, to one or another extent, predicated on denial, the shunning of the pleasures which life has to offer. Thus the world becomes not a place of godliness but the realm of Satan. Our lives are lived in a place of evil and danger, rather than one of opportunity and holiness.

TORONTO (JTA) — Dr. Ralph Halbert of Toronto has been elected chairman of the board of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. He succeeds the late Bernard Bloomfield.

Judaism, to be sure, is clearly predicated on the eternity of the soul in an afterlife. However, rather than making that the focus of humankind's attention, it is all but ignored in Jewish writings, in favor of this world, with all its attendant responsibilities and valid pleasures.

The Torah itself never openly speaks of an afterlife and is a virtual celebration of life in its every facet. Every element of what is often seen as "mundane" in the view of the Talmud and Jewish mystical writings, is an unrealized holiness, something to be elevated within the context of mortal existence.

The Talmud states, "today alone is for doing." And doing, the betterment of ourselves and the world, the sage of the world offers to us, must be done every day. Tomorrow, in the afterlife that is, there can be no accomplishment, that which makes the human unique among the created.

The legitimacy of pleasure within the context of human existence is unquestioned in traditional Jewish thought. Though, unlike in Rajneesh's non-system, there are curbs, in Judaism, to the expressions of pleasure, no type of pleasure is denied. There is no ideal of self-deprivation, no aspiration to monkey or to holy pain.

One who, to deal with a temporary situation, has sworn off the pleasure of wine says, "I must abstain from wine in a sin-sacrifice. To atone, explains the Talmud, for having deprived himself of a pleasure of the world."

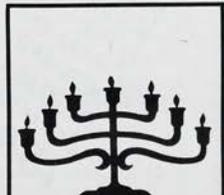
So, though he seems to have overlooked Judaism, perhaps the Bhagwan should get our thanks at least for one thought which might prod us into a deeper realization of what Judaism has to say, in contrast to other streams of religious thought.

After all, King Solomon advises us to learn things of value from any source, no matter how low. "Go to the ant, you look at her ways and become wise," the wisest of all men suggested.

There are no doubt many who would counter — certainly an example not unreminded of Rajneesh.

I prefer to smile at his antics. In the end, of course, he'll fade away and the world will, as always, continue to benefit from the ancient yet modern belief which never stopped celebrating the pleasure of life.

SEATTLE (JTA) — Senior Rabbi Earl Starr of Temple De Hirsch Sinai has announced the appointment of Charisse Krane as assistant rabbi, the first woman pulpit rabbi in Seattle.



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# AJCongress Calls S. Africa Edict "Moral Calamity"

The American Jewish Congress today condemned the South African government for stripping South Africans "of virtually any protection whatever from the arbitrary whim of a desperate and despotic government."

In a statement issued by its president, Theodor R. Mann, and its executive director, Phil Baum, AJCongress declared that as "Americans and Jews we cannot sit by silently while this moral calamity is acted out on the body of a helpless population."

In a statement of condolence, we are appalled that the South African government has retreated even further into the dark night of oppression and racial bigotry. The latest edict strips

South Africans of virtually any protection whatever from the arbitrary whim of a desperate and despotic government and places their very lives in extreme jeopardy.

As Americans and as Jews we cannot sit by silently while this moral calamity is acted out on the body of a helpless population. The South African declaration of a state of emergency demands an emergency response on the part of our own government. Now that "constructive engagement" has produced this horrendous result it is time for more serious, stringent, and severe measures. The South African government must not be allowed to doubt the condemnation of their acts by the people of the United States.

## Survivor Wins Case Against Holocaust Denial Group

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The Superior Court of Los Angeles has ruled that the Institute for Historical Review must pay to a Holocaust survivor the \$50,000 reward the Institute offered for "proof" that the Nazis gassed Jews in concentration camps, the survivor's attorney said today.

Superior Court Judge Robert Wenn approved a court settlement ordering the Institute to pay the survivor, Mel Mermelstein, the \$50,000 reward. The Institute, which is based in Torrance, Calif., has consistently publicized its contention that the Holocaust never happened, a stand taken by many "revisionist" historians.

The Institute, under terms of the settlement reached last Monday, must also pay Mermelstein \$100,000 for the suffering he underwent because of the widely publicized reward. The attorney, Gloria Alred, said that payment may be reduced to \$40,000 if the Institute paid the reward as stipulated.

Mermelstein, 58, now of Long Beach, Calif., sued the Institute in February 1981 after the Institute sent him a letter promising to pay him \$50,000 for "proof" of the gassing of Jews at Auschwitz.

Mermelstein's challenge and submission of proof declarations by friends and survivors who reported witnessing friends

and relatives taken to be gassed, as well as a declaration by him describing how he watched his mother and sister led to the gas chambers.

The Institute rejected his proofs and continued to assert the Holocaust had never happened. Mermelstein sued the Institute in 1981 refusing to pay the reward. Two weeks before the trial of Mermelstein's suit was to start, the Institute agreed to a settlement.

The Institute, as part of the settlement, also agreed to apologize in writing to Mermelstein and other Auschwitz survivors for saying the Holocaust was a myth. The statement has been signed and is part of the court records. The Institute also must declare publicly "the fact that Jews were gassed at Auschwitz is indisputable."

Other defendants were the Institute's parent company, Legion for Survival for Freedom; founder Willy Carto and his wife, the Liberty Lobby; and the Noolting Press, the Liberty's publishing firm.

Mermelstein's attorney said the lawsuit would send "a clear message to all those throughout the world who attempt to distort history and inflict misery and suffering on Jews" that the Holocaust actually did happen and that survivors themselves and vindicate the truth about their lives."

## Public Hospitals In Israel Curtail Services

by Gil Sedan  
JERUSALEM (JTA) All public hospitals in Israel will provide drastically reduced medical services, by order of the Ministry of Health. The curtailment is for economic reasons.

Only emergency surgery will be performed. Only patients requiring critical care will be admitted. Out-patient clinics will be closed and all patients presently in hospitals will be discharged except in cases where their health would be endangered. It is not clear how hospitals operated by Haput Holim, the Histadrut sick fund, will be affected.

Health Minister Mordechai Gur said the extreme measures are necessary because his ministry has failed to persuade the Treasury to provide the funds necessary to continue normal hospital service. An estimated \$60 million is needed to keep the public hospitals functioning at their present level.

An angry controversy erupted, meanwhile, in East Jerusalem where the Health Ministry ordered the 40-bed Hospis Hospital in the Old City to shut down. The hospital, which serves Arab patients and employs 150, was to close its operating room and maternity ward and no new patients were to be admitted.

The Health Ministry said the move is part of the economy drive and claimed also that Hospis has failed to meet minimum standards for several years and its patients

would get better medical care at Jewish hospitals in east and west Jerusalem.

But Smayil Taziz, chairman of the Committee of the Old City and the Hospis Hospital charged at a press conference that the shutdown order was politically motivated, part of an Israeli drive to eliminate all Palestinian institutions. He said the economic retrenchment was irrelevant because the Hospis staff is prepared to run the hospital without government assistance.

East Jerusalem merchants staged a protest strike which was almost 100 percent effective. There were no incidents. Tourists continued to throng the narrow streets of the Old City and the police presence was minimal.

Gur has rejected the charge of politics. He noted that Hospis was one of six hospitals all over Israel that will be shut down for economic reasons. He also blasted the government for forcing the hospitals on a reduced schedule. He told reporters he could not understand why the Prime Minister, the Finance Minister and Histadrut's Secretary General could not find a solution to the money problem.

The Treasury stopped the transfer of funds to public hospitals at the beginning of July. It demanded that the Health Ministry make up the shortfall by taxing public health insurance as, the Treasury claims, it originally agreed to do.

LIBERTY, N.Y. (JTA) — Harry Bick of Montreal has been installed as president of B'nai B'rith Canada.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, immediate past president of the Synagogue Council of America, has been elected chairman of the International Council on Interreligious Consultations, succeeding Dr. Gerhardt Riegler, co-chairman of the World Jewish Congress Governing Board.

DENVER (JTA) — Sheldon Steinhauer, a long-time official of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, has been appointed executive director of the Aged Jewish Community of Denver, according to Steven Barer, Federation president. Steinhauer succeeds Harold Cohen, who is taking an executive position with the United Jewish Appeal in New York.

# Letters To The Editor

## To The Editor:

Today thousands of Central American refugees are at our feet, and often facing certain death were they to be returned to their own native lands.

Yet, in spite of this, our country refuses to take them in, grant them political asylum.

In February, 1939, a bill was introduced into the United States Congress, the Wagner-Rogers Bill, that would have allowed 20,000 Jewish children from Europe to enter the United States. The bill failed.

In 1938 a group of Jews from Europe managed to reach Miami, only to be turned away because they did not have the "proper papers."

Today, Central American refugees are again being asked "Where are your papers?" — and when they do not have the proper papers are being turned away, just as the Jews were turned away from this country in the 1930's and 40's.

Today we ask, where were those that could have helped the Jews in Nazi Europe? Why did so many fail to act? How could they have remained indifferent?

History will not be so kind as to repeat itself so we have a perfect parallel, but the similarities smell close enough that we

need to ask ourselves what can we do to stop Central American refugees now in our country from being sent back to certain death.

Some refugees coming to this country are routinely granted asylum — those refugees from Southeast Asia, Russia, Afghanistan and countries those the present Administration opposes. That is good. But those countries — El Salvador and Guatemala — equally vicious, yet supported by the present Administration are treated differently, and refugees from these countries are sent back to the death squads.

Elie Wiesel has taught us recently that the opposite of love is not hate, but indifference. Can we afford to be indifferent?

We can do something about this now. Senator Jack Backman has sponsored a bill that would provide legal representation to all Central Americans threatened with deportation.

This bill (Senate Bill No. 1063) is now in the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and I would encourage all of us to urge its passage — before it is too late. It is not said of us — years hence — that we failed to act while these people were sent to their deaths.

Michael Jacoby Brown

## Rabbi To Transit Jewish Heritage

With the inspiration of a post-Holocaust committee to reach out to Jewish refugees and with the educational preparation of Torah Umesorah — the national organization of Yeshivos — Rabbi Yonasan Aron and his family have left for Austria to transmit the Jewish heritage to newly arrived youngsters from Iran.

"A generation after the Holocaust," Rabbi Aron said, "we are compelled to better the religious plight of the refugees. Tragically, 40 years ago, orphaned refugee children were torn from their parents and their rich Jewish heritage. Today, we find a repetition of such conditions. Iranian youngsters have been smuggled out of a country with the most abominable conditions, for example, being drafted into the army, where they are used to test for minefields."

Rabbi Aron, who is completing his studies at the Kollel of Yeshivas Merkaz Hatorah, Passaic, N.J., will instruct the youth in Bible, Talmud and Haskafah (Jewish values). His wife, Freide, will be in charge of a group of teenage girls. The Arons will be accompanied by their two sons and a daughter.

The inspiration and education know-how for this mission, according to Rabbi Aron, has been provided by the experience gained in Torah Umesorah's SEED (Summer Educational Environmental Development) program. According to Mr. Avi Shulman, Torah Umesorah Project Director, "The SEED program enables Torah scholars like Rabbi Aron to visit various communities, establish closer educational contacts, conduct classes and get to see how their efforts make things happen. Indeed, Rabbi

Aron's experience in SEED has given him the impetus for his Summer mission in Austria."

The Iranian youngsters will spend a year in Vienna before immigrating to America, where they will join relatives. "Because they will be coming to America," Rabbi Aron said, "an important goal is to orient the youth to the workings of American Yeshivos. They must receive the proper Torah perspective so that they will be properly accepted religiously after arriving in America."

Rabbi Aron praised the Rav Tov organization, sponsor of the program, for its commitment to bettering the religious problems of the Iranian refugees and Pey'lim for their assistance.

A former student at Bet Midrash Govaah in Lakewood, N.J., Rabbi Aron, 30, was a tutor at Yeshiva Dvar Yerushalayim and was active in American Pey'lim, also in Israel.

Mrs. Aron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Miller of Chicago, graduated from the City's Beth Jacob School and received a Torah Umesorah teaching certificate. She has been on the faculty of Yeshiva of Hudson County in Teaneck, N.J.

Founded in 1944, Torah Umesorah is a national educational organization for the Yeshiva/Day School movement. In addition to establishing and upgrading Torah institutions, Torah Umesorah prepares syllabi, curricula and achievement tests for the Hebrew Studies Departments of Yeshivos. It recruits and places personnel while maintaining teacher licensing, in-service training and programs designed to encourage graduates to continue their Jewish education on the secondary level and beyond.

## AJCongress Speaks Out Against Religious Extremism

Rabbi A. James Rudin, the American Jewish Committee's National Interreligious Affairs Director, has urged Evangelical Christian leaders to join with the American Jewish community in opposing the spread of religious extremism and terrorism in the Middle East.

Speaking to an audience of 500 at the annual meeting of the Center on Judaic-Christian Studies, Rabbi Rudin said: "That area of the world, now gripped by the rising tide of fanaticism, could become a creative center of religious pluralism for Jews, Christians and Muslims."

"Religious extremism and terrorism are threats to men and women who cherish pluralism and the rich diversity it represents," Rabbi Rudin stated. "The Middle East is sacred space for the three monotheistic faiths, and there must be

ample room in that space for many religious expressions."

Evangelicals must not fall victim, he asserted, to the anti-Semitic charge that Zionism is a form of racism. "That vile canard," he told his audience, "was given sanction ten years ago in the United Nations, and it has unfortunately poisoned the attitudes of some people."

Evangelical Christians, the American Jewish Committee spokesmen told the audience of both clergy and laymen, while deeply affirming their theological and religious commitment to the security and survival of Israel, should also view Israel as a potential model for solving some of contemporary society's most vexing problems.

Israel, as a democratic nation, he said, is attempting to absorb and integrate a diverse population that comes from nearly 100 different countries.

## Rabbi Pearl

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rich in devotion and time. He remarks how warm and friendly his members are, perhaps without even realizing these words describe himself. Talking with the rabbi, one can sense how a congregation could become so dedicated.

His engaging, caring personality dispenses with formality. During services held in a relaxed, intimate room, members are encouraged to interrupt to ask questions or to ask for help in clarifying a point. The Rabbi is delighted with this informal participation. He exudes the concern of the ultimate teacher. With every interaction he is teaching and sharing information. He feels it is essential members have input.

His unique style of conducting services has won the hearts and respect of many members. His after service dinners have been equally successful. Organized by his gracious wife, Sonia, known as Sunni, the dinners have stimulated a tremendous outpouring of spirit. Sharing of food and talk of Torah can be found. Members also look forward to Sonia's traditional Jewish cooking. Her four charming children, Chana, Rafi, Brocha and Abraham mingle with members and help where needed.

Rabbi Pearl and his family have also organized barbecues, being careful to aim for the highest standards of preparing food to accommodate the most observant Jews. Several hundred people attended these tremendously successful outings. For many people living in an area without kosher restaurants, this was a rare chance to dine out and to socialize.

The members of Ohave Shalom and the residents of the community will miss the Rabbi's unique and delightful perspective, sparkling sense of humor and vast knowledge and wisdom he was so quick to share. Sonia's pithy newsletters, organizational skills and traditional cooking will also leave a vacancy that will be hard to fill. The Shidren are leaving many surrogate parents and grandparents behind in Rhode Island.

August 18, at 6 p.m. interested persons will have a chance to say goodbye to this special family. A supervised Kosher meal will be prepared by Sanford "Babe" and Vivian Pepper, dormparents at the New England Academy of Torah.

Some of the members who have offered their services to help organize this dinner include: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fishwin, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gershman, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Katzovitz, and Dr. and Mrs. Barrie Weisman, who may be contacted for more information or to make reservations at 723-2669.

## Lubavitcher Rebbe

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than seventy volumes of his talks, letters and responsa have been published to date. During his years as leader of the Lubavitch Movement, he has established a massive, world-wide network of educational, social and rehabilitative programs, which have propelled the Lubavitch Movement into the most dynamic force in Judaism today.

The scope of the Rebbe's public addresses generally range from Talmudic and Chassidic teachings to issues of

national and international concern. His addresses are also heard world-wide via a special international audio hookup system.

Jewish Education Media, the producer of this telecast, is a non-profit organization dedicated to producing quality Jewish educational audio/visual programming.

## Social Justice

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trolled towns and other rural communities that will encourage community development throughout the Delta region. Contact: Ms. Ruby Buck — (601) 335-3523.

MONTANA SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION — Helena, Montana

The Health Care Cost Containment Campaign for this organization is run by seniors who are addressing Medicare health care costs and availability in the state. Contact: Ms. Diane Pinkey — (406) 443-5341.

POOR PEOPLE'S UNITED FUND — Boston, Massachusetts

This group was put together by low-income people to help stabilize the systems that serve the poor of Boston. Activities include advocacy on behalf of street people, and joint fundraising efforts for small community groups. Kip Tiernan, the founder, has been a catalyst in the struggle to provide adequate shelter to the people displaced by gentrification of Boston's central city. Contact: Kip Tiernan — (617) 262-1831

SAGUACHE COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL — Center, Colorado

This 200-person group of low-income Chicanos is effectively and tenaciously addressing the problems of the poor in their community. They have been struggling to ensure that Chicano children are provided the quality public education necessary to make them productive citizens. Contact: Ms. Adeline Sanchez — (303) 754-2362.

UNITED PASSAIC ORGANIZATION — Passaic, New Jersey

This group of Blacks, Hispanics, Asians and elderly Jews live in the low-income neighborhoods of Passaic and refuse to let them deteriorate. They are fighting every-thing from pornographic bookstores to a county incinerator in their midst, to other insidious elements that invade a declining neighborhood. Contact: Ms. Rose Slovis — (201) 472-2478.

WOMEN IN THE WORK FORCE — Highpoint, North Carolina

Bertha Sim's group is working to improve the conditions of low-income working women and the general environment of this region of America with its high concentration of chemical plants and furniture factories. Contact: Ms. Bertha Sims — (919) 882-0109.

NAVAJO NATION INTENSIVE CROP PRODUCTION PROJECT — Flagstaff, Arizona

The Navajos will bring a team of Israeli agricultural consultants to the Painted Desert to assist with the adaptation of Israeli techniques of drip irrigation and intensive crop production programs. Contact: Jacques Seronde, Project Director — (602) 528-6410.

PHILADELPHIA JUBILEE PROJECT — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

A group of interdenominational leaders have joined with the Bread and Roses

Fund to translate the spirit of the Biblical Jubilee into contemporary reality in the form of a venture capital revolving loan fund for community based enterprises, creating new jobs and new ownership among low income people. This is a challenge grant to the Philadelphia Jewish community. Contact: Mr. O. Sam Folin — (215) 972-6817.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTER-FAITH HUNGER PROJECT — Los Angeles, California

This project works with local groups around the issue of hunger. Their work includes advocacy, education and coordination of joint community efforts. With this challenge grant to the Los Angeles Jewish community, JFJ joins many other denominations in support of this work. Contact: Michael Cowan — (213) 746-7500.

FOR THE LOVE OF CHILDREN — Washington, D.C.

FLOC's Advocacy Center acts as an advocate for the rights and interests of children in the custody of the District of Columbia. They are especially concerned with efforts to deal with families at risk of having delinquent children and with homeless families. Contact: Nancy Smith — (202) 638-4031.

JONAH — Jackson, Tennessee

JONAH is comprised of low and moderate income Blacks working to improve their lives — from upgrading the roads in Black neighborhoods to increasing the representation of Blacks on city and county government committees. Contact: Sister Attract Kelly, Executive Director — (901) 427-1630.

## Kohl Defends Reagan Visit To Bitsburg

WASHINGTON (JTA) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, in an interview published here, defended his decision to have President Reagan visit the military cemetery at Bitsburg last May, saying, "I'd do it exactly as I did it... It was bitterly needed. I think there was no generalized outcry in the United States. There was an outcry from a group of people which influenced public opinion." He did not identify the group. But it was an apparent reference to Jewish organizations which criticized the trip.

Kohl added in the interview published yesterday in The Washington Post's "Outlook" section that "I told my fellow countrymen that we Germans would have to bear the whole burden of German history. I said we would have to accept all those shameful crimes committed by the Nazis because this is part of our history. As a Christian and a German, I can ask the victims of that persecution and their relatives to forgive. And I can repeat that we have not forgotten what happened. But I think we can say we also learned a lesson from history."

In the interview, with Lally Weymouth, a journalist whose work is syndicated by The Los Angeles Times, Kohl also defended his government's decision to sell arms to Arab countries.

"We have to take into account two points. After the terrible things we have gone through under the Nazi regime, we have now friendly relations with Israel. We must cultivate them. We also have good relations with the Arab world, and I think the moderate Arab world is of the greatest importance for the future of the world."

## National Chairperson

Shirley I. Leviton of Hewlett Harbor, N.Y., has been elected Chairwoman of the Leadership Conference of National Jewish Women's Organizations, a coalition of twelve organizations which acts on domestic and international issues.

Ms. Leviton, immediate past president of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), said, "I look forward to the opportunity of working with the leadership Conference on affecting significant issues in this country and abroad, knowing that our concerted action has added impact because of the 1,350,000 American Jewish women we represent."

As Chairwoman, Ms. Leviton will be heading a coalition, with members including the American Jewish Congress; AMIT Women; B'nai B'rith Women; Emaunah Women of America; Hadassah; the National Council of Jewish Women; the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods; the National Ladies Auxiliary Jewish War Veterans of the USA; Pioneer Women/NA'AMAT; Women's American ORT; Women's Branch, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America; and the Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

In addition to her Chairwomanship of the Leadership Conference, Ms. Leviton is currently Chairwoman of the NCJW's Gender Equity Task Force. She will continue applied research and disseminate information identifying issues and actions necessary to help shape United State policy and programs affecting children.

She has also shown her concern for child welfare by serving as one of the original Board members of the Child Care Action Campaign, a coalition formed to educate the public about child care.

A Past Vice Chairwoman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Beaver College, Glenside, PA, she was awarded a Distinguished Alumni Award and Honorary Degree in Humane Letters from that institution.

During her four years as President of NCJW, Ms. Leviton represented the organization at high level governmental briefings and conferences. In 1978, she served as a representative to the ACTION Conference in Washington, D.C. and was among the small group of national leaders taking part in the White House briefing sessions on the Middle East conflict. She was one of those invited to the special White House celebration in 1980, marking the first anniversary of the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty. As a member of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, she participated in meetings at the White House, the State Department, and the Pentagon.

On an international level, Ms. Leviton was a member of the Administrative Committee of the International Council of Jewish Women (ICJW), a one-million member world-wide organization.

Working closely with Ms. Leviton at the Leadership Conference will be newly elected Secretary/Treasurer Constance Kreshtool of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.



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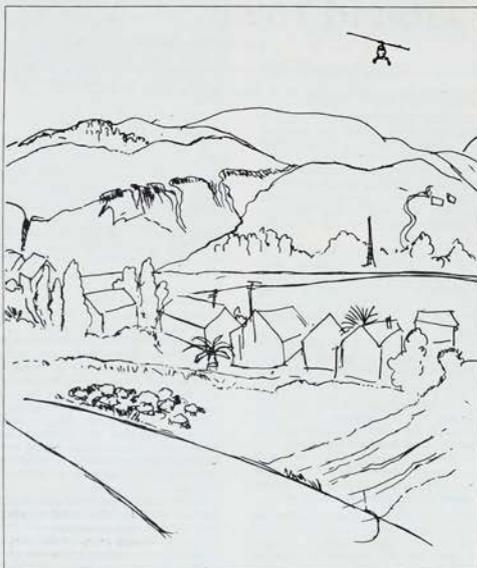


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# ATLIT



by Lilah Tov

On the shore of the Mediterranean sits the tiny village of Atlit. The town dwellers are newly arrived Moroccans. The farmers are 10th generation Israelis. The residents of the absorption center are 300 Russian Immigrants and five adult Americans. Atlit, far from the heavily trafficked road running to Haifa, is isolated from the main stream of modern life. The ways here are slower paced, and to some a bit primitive. Since I have always wanted to go back in time, I felt an affinity for Atlit. Food shopping in Atlit is an adventure. The stores are small, cramped, and crammed with an overwhelming jumble of goods. Huge cans of cooking oil, floppy toys, tins of biscuits, and garish plastic flowered umbrellas all vie for the buyer's attention in a space of a few square feet. Only dairy products are refrigerated. Milk

slashes milkier, cozier, amorphous, encompassed in soft plastic bags that challenge the shopper to arrive home without bursting the container. Eggs, seeming eggier laid bare bottoms up in their cardboard containers, are placed in a plain, thin, brown paper bag — a whole dozen of them. Meat hangs outside, as do unplucked and semi-plucked chickens, protected from the sun by a blanket of flies. Besides the produce shops, a fruit peddler visits the absorption center with his horse-drawn wagon.

Atlit — stark, spare, sparse — sandwiched between the Carmel Mountain Range and the Mediterranean Sea is home for me. I begin to see great beauty around me. The mountains that at first I thought were ragged and dusty now appear graceful — languorous curves melting into curve, in tones of grey and beige and

sand accented by spinach — green bands of stalwart cypress trees or swirls of silver green from the twisted olive groves. In the evening, when I walk to the grocery shops imbedded in the hill, I can see, when I reach the summit of the hill before the descent to the shopping area, the Mediterranean Sea licking the shoreline of

Atlit. Spread before the sea in flat sheets of green and russet are vegetable gardens and pastureland. The horizon of the sea waits patiently for the sherbert pink sun — and then swallows her in one gulp.

*Lilah Tov is a writer and artist whose reflections on Israel appear periodically in the Herald.*

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## Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



"A child is like a little tree. Whatever sunshine, water, vitamins and nutrients are endowed upon them will nurture their growth."

While Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer caringly compares Camp Gan Israel's campers to "little trees," the children are reishling lunches of peanut butter and jam sandwiches, milk and fruit in the yard at Chabad House.

"We feel very strongly that one of the best ways to instill children to their Jewish identities is when they're young, and our kindercamp is set up to do so. The kids bake challah for Shabbat, make blessings over the bread and sing Hebrew songs."

Camp Gan Israel has two weeks left in its seventh season. A half-day session is geared for three- and four-year-olds; a full day program for five- to eleven-year-olds.

The camp van, piloted by a competent counsellor driver, ventures to Cranston, Warwick, East Greenwich and Fall River to bring children to and from camp.

"We look to service the entire Jewish community," says Rabbi Laufer. "It takes a lot of cost and energy to drive to outlying communities. Parents appreciate that."

"Our camp is very unique. Children who attend camp come from all sorts of backgrounds. Some are unaffiliated. Some families attend a variety of different Temples in the community. It's a good sharing experience for the children; each gives to and shares with each other."

"Children who have gone to Gan Israel day camps have enrolled at different Jewish schools in the community," he notes. "This is the result of unaffiliated

children having had a positive experience at camp.

"Learning by living, doing and experiencing is at the heart of Gan Israel. In arts and crafts the children make Hebrew name plates, Shabbat candlesticks, kiddush cups and challah covers. They enjoy playing Jewish bingo with alph bet."

Outdoor play and lifeguard-supervised swimming at pools nearby are regular on-going camp activities. Every Thursday is trip day for the youngsters. Places they have been to include Prudence Island, Battleship Cove, Mystic Seaport and amusement parks. A special trip planned each summer is to Touro Synagogue.

The Gan Israel camp in Providence is part of an international Gan Israel camping program with over 50 camps in the U.S. "We share a network of ideas," says Rabbi Laufer. "Counsellors obtain a variety of experience at different camps."

Miriam Greene, the camp's head counsellor, has been with Gan Israel for three years. She is a graduate teacher from Beth Rivkeh Teacher's Seminary in New York and teaches Hebrew in New York City.

Six are on the Gan Israel staff. Rabbi Michael Phillips, educational director, leads the older boys' study group each day.

"Jewish learning doesn't stop," Rabbi Laufer stresses. "Summer reinforces what children learn the rest of the year. Their minds and hearts are open."

"Gan Israel means the garden of Israel. Children are like trees. That's why we call our camps Gan Israel. We are all like gardeners tending little trees and planting them with positive Jewish seeds."

## "Children Are Like Trees"



Tire-less play for Tzuri Lewis, left, and Sholom Ber Estrin, right, under the watchful eye of counsellor Chasha Sherman.



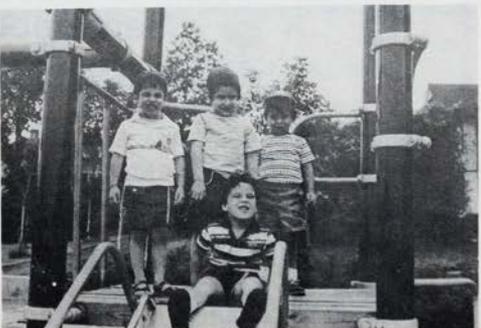
Donna Ostroff, left, and Elisabeth Nadin, right, bead bracelets for Shabbat.



Finishing their prayers after lunch are Bayla Kessler, Penina Strajcher and Chana Golsman, all from left.



Action on the field waiting for the ball to drop.



Taking turns at the slide are from left Yisroel Donowitz, Moshe Laufer, Yoni Pearlman. Ready to go is Akiva Pearlman. (Photos by Dorothea Snyder)

## Rare Judaica Exhibit May Be Coming to U.S.

by Rabbi Philip Hiat

Four years ago, Dr. Philip Miller, librarian of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, and I were invited to Poland to seek out important Judaica that had survived the Holocaust. That pilgrimage resulted in the exhibit "Fragments of Greatness" and initiated a continuing quest to uncover and display publicly in the U.S. other hidden pockets of Jewish ritual objects and manuscripts left behind by our ancestors. The success of "Fragments of Greatness" paved the way for our current work at the Vatican.

After an extensive period of negotiations, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations received an invitation from the Vatican to view Judaica that has been seen previously only by a handful of scholars. As a result of our trip, a selection of the Vatican collection may be exhibited in 1986 for the first time in the United States.

Our delegation to Rome was headed by Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the UAHC. Dr. Walter Persegati, secretary of the Vatican museum, and Monsignor Mejias, an official with the Commission for Relations between Catholics and Jews, joined us as we examined various tombstone inscriptions dating back to the second century of the Common Era. With the exception of one small inscription, all of these were chiseled in Greek, the dominant language of that period. Yet many of the tombstones were heavily decorated with Jewish symbols — the menorah, the lulav (palm branch), the etrog (citron), and, in one case, a matzoh, possibly indicating that the person had died at Passover.

Within the Vatican's ongoing exhibit of Judaica, we viewed a Spanish Torah, a



Dr. Philip Miller (left) and Rabbi Philip Hiat examine ancient Jewish burial tablets at the Vatican Museum.

megillah, two candelabra from the apartment of Pope Paul VI, one of a pair of tefillin, and a silver filigreed megillah case.

The next day, Father Leonard Boyle, prefect of the Vatican library, accompanied us as we toured the manuscript collection. With the help of our two specialists, Dr. Miller and Dr. Michael Signer, associate professor of Jewish history at HUC-JIR in Los Angeles, we selected a dozen manuscripts and printed books for closer examination. One of the items was a twelfth-century Torah written on leather in the tradition of North Africa.

We read codices of the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, produced in Rome, Spain and Germany — the Spanish codex distinguished by its

exquisite illuminations. Also on display was the first Soncino Bible, printed in 1488, and the Bomberg Bible, printed in Venice in 1522 with the permission of the Vatican authorities. We also saw the famous Samaritan tri-columnar Bible (in Hebrew, Arabic and Samaritan) with commentary, written in Palestine, and the Polyglot Bible (1514-17) in Hebrew with translations in Arabic, Aramaic, Armenian, Coptic and Ethiopic.

The library's collection of gilded glass — some pieces intact, others fragmented — includes a second-century C.E. piece that depicts the Temple of Solomon. We also were shown seven ancient oil lamps decorated with engraved menorot.

What did all this signify? First, that Hebrew, along with Latin, Greek and Arabic, was, in former times, not only

respected but venerated, that the mark of a scholar was his command of any or all these languages. For example, in 1701, a Vatican library scribe took some 30 of Pope Clement XI's sermons and translated them into Hebrew, completely annotated and vocalized.

As of this writing, Dr. Persegati has received clearance from the director general of the Vatican museum to release its Judaica for exhibition in the United States. We await final word on the material in the Biblioteca Apostolica. The Vatican must be commended for having worked so hard to bring about this exhibition, and, above all, for having preserved our Jewish heritage, making it possible to fill gaps in our knowledge of the past.

Included in our delegation were Dr. Maury Leibovitz, benefactor and patron of special projects in Jewish history and president of the Knoedler Gallery; Spencer Parrich of Detroit; Rabbi Dannel Schwartz of Detroit's Temple Beth-El; and Father Joseph Fenton, Office of Communications, U.S. Catholic Conference.

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Rabbi Philip Hiat is assistant to the president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for Special Projects.

The 90th Annual Convention of Jewish War Veterans will take place at the Hyatt Orlando in Kissimmee, Florida, August 18-25.



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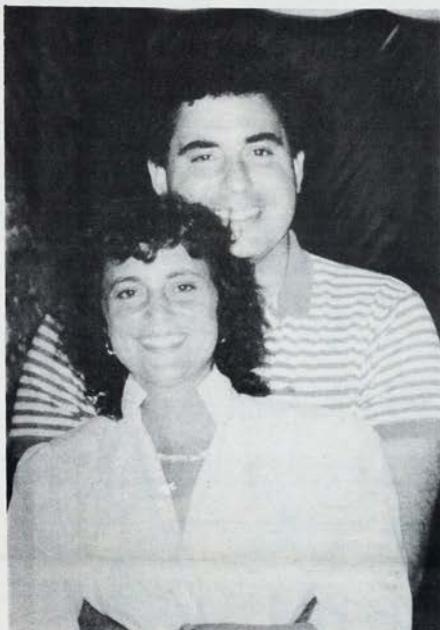
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## Social Events

### Sandra Norman To Wed Andrew Lamchick



Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Norman of Warwick, Rhode Island are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sandra Nancy of Cranston to Andrew Scott Lamchick of Cranston, the son of Mr and Mrs. Jerome Lamchick of Cranston Rhode Island. The bride-to-be

graduated from Cranston East High School and the University of Rhode Island. The groom-to-be graduated from Cranston West High School and the University of Miami, Florida. The wedding will take place November 30, 1985.

### Pendergasts Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joseph Pendergast III of 304 Busbee Rd, Swansea, MA, announce the birth of their second child, and first son Thomas Monroe on June 17, 1985.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Harvey and Sandra Hutt of Barrington, R.I. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Agnes Pendergast of Barrington, R.I. Great-grandparents are Matthew Friedman, Jack Hutt, Arthur Marshall, and Thomas Pendergast.

### Peter Tedeschi Is Recent Graduate

Peter C. Tedeschi, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ted Tedeschi of Woonsocket, recently graduated from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with a bachelor's degree in journalism and Spanish with a minor in political science.

Tedeschi, who was named to the dean's list was also chosen to speak at Marquette's College of Journalism graduation and received the 1985 award for excellence in broadcast journalism.

### RIJCC Singles Meet

Tuesday, August 6 — Its "GAME NIGHT" at the JCRI at 7 pm. Join us for a convivial evening of games, refreshments, and pleasant conversation. Bring your favorite game: Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble, Backgammon, etc. Members: \$1. Non-members: \$2.

Wednesday, August 14 — We're having a "SUPER SUPPER" special evening at the JCRI at 7 pm. A delicious Kosher deli meal will be followed by folk singer Reyna Habib. Please reserve by Thursday, August 8. Members: \$4. Non-members: \$6.

For information and reservations, please call Judith Jaffe at 861-8800.

### News From RIJCC

A diverse group of ten enthusiastic students studied basic Hebrew at the Jewish Community Center this summer. In order to tailor the class specifically to the needs of the participants, those originally interested met with Fania Gross, instructor. Ms. Gross is well-known throughout the area for her expertise in teaching Hebrew. Together, students and teacher mapped out curriculum and schedule.

The class met Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the month of July. It was so successful that students have requested that it be extended into August.

For information about other adult education programs run by the JCRI, please call Ann Miller at 861-8800.

### American Heart Food Festival

The American Heart Food Festival, the first annual national nutrition event of the American Heart Association, will be held September 7-14 throughout Rhode Island. The event, focused in supermarkets and restaurants is designed to create a greater awareness of the role nutrition plays in overall health.

For more information, contact the Heart Association at 728-5300.

### Nancyellen Hayes To Wed Jeffrey Seiden



Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Hayes of Belmont, Massachusetts announce the engagement of their daughter Nancyellen to Jeffrey Steven Seiden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Seiden of Larchmont, New York and Narragansett, Rhode Island.

Nancyellen received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Boston University and will receive a Master's in City Planning and a Master of Science in Real Estate Development in 1986 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Jeffrey graduated Cum Laude from Syracuse University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He is presently a senior design engineer at LTX Corporation in Westwood, Massachusetts.

An August wedding is planned.

### Sharfsteins Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey S. Sharfstein of Providence, Rhode Island announce the birth of their second child, and second daughter Elizabeth Ann on June 26, 1985.

Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. George F. Meissner of Warwick, Rhode Island. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sharfstein of Riverdale, New York.

### Gallery 401 Exhibits Hmong Folk Art

The vibrant colors and intricate stitchery of the special art called Pandaw, will hang in Gallery 401 of the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence through August 26. Designed by Chang Xiong, the Pandaw is a unique example of Hmong Folk Art that often depicts early Hmong settlers in their daily activities.

Chang Xiong came to Providence from Laos in 1978. She has been working on different aspects of Hmong Folk Art with her family since that time.

The exhibit is open to the public. Gallery hours are: Mon., Thurs. 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. and Sun. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., closed Sat.

The 60th Anniversary Convention of Amit Women will take place at the Capitol-Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. August 11-13.

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## At Our Table



by Susan Higgins

Randy Schaller may have used a little of that old Cajun "vodoo" when he transformed a space in the Shepards building downtown into the most interesting, exciting new restaurant to ever grace Providence. Simply called Shepards, the menu features Regional American cuisine prepared and presented in a most exquisite style with a special Cajun emphasis. This is a blessed melding of the diverse — a fine dining experience in a very pretty setting, offering gourmet and fresh, wholesome down-home cooking.

Keith and I discovered this precious eatery on the third day of its existence and were astounded by the creative selections and the exceptional food. Even at birth, there was a sense of professionalism, excitement and talent in the kitchen. We both agreed, dinner at Shepards is a experience for the adventurous palate and the perfectionist. "At Shepards," Keith noted with astute satisfaction, "they have elevated cooking to an art."

There is a Cajun word you will hear if you go to New Orleans, "lagniappe" it means "a little something extra." Shepards is the personification of lagniappe. Even the owner of Shepards is a bit of a prodigy, the knew he wanted to be a top chef and own his own restaurant when he was fourteen years old, he graduated from high school at sixteen, attended the two top culinary schools in the country and apprenticed himself around the U.S. in some of the best kitchens for ten years — staying only long enough to learn their secrets and add to his collection of exceptional recipes), but after dining at Shepards you may suspect as we did, the presence of a wizard in the kitchen anyway.

We began our meal with a generous bowl of Connecticut Seafood Bisque (\$2.95). The wonderful memory of this thick, rich seafood medley even now causes our eyes to glaze over. "The bisque alone, is enough to distinguish this restaurant from all others," declares Keith who has dined around the world. Garnished with a crawfish, chunks of seafood spilled over our spoons as we savored each delicious bite.

Randy has given each entree on the menu an ample description but it will still not prepare you for the excitement your palate will express the first time you try the Cajun Barbecued Shrimp (\$11.95). Magically mated with creole spices, beer and garlic and triumphantly served on a bed of rice we declared this entree to be one of the best seafood dishes we had ever tried. This is strong praise but well deserved.

We ordered Spicy Beef, (\$10.95), thin

delicate filets, enhanced by exotic creole spices, sautéed only for a few brief moments. The slices were exceedingly tender and oozing with exceptionally flavorful juices. They were carefully arranged on the plate suggesting the presence of an artistically inclined chef. Colorful and creatively sliced vegetables, delectable to the taste buds, accompanied this memorable creation. Keith pronounced this entree a distinctive success.

Salads composed of ingredients that merit mention are served with each meal. Crispy, garden-fresh greens snap and crunch, making each bite a celebration of summer. Lucious herb dressings complete the effect and stimulate the appetite. The menu offers three special of "Creative Salads," boasting a zesty assortment of items. Any of these would suffice as a meal.

Although the menu reflects Randy's passion for cooking seafood, Purdue Chicken, Long Island Duckling, Escalopes of Veal and Colorado Steak are offered. Each dish is the fruition of Randy's long search for the best and most interesting way of preparing food. Each entree is a good reason to venture downtown.

Our second visit, (and we plan to return again soon for a third time with friends), found us equally impressed with the splendid preparation of two more Cajun dishes and the professional, caring service. Crawfish Etouffee was a delightful and unusual treat. Spicy and satisfying, the plump portion of crawfish in a scrumptious seafood broth appeased the cravings we had been carrying around for two weeks.

Keith ordered the catch of the day, fresh tuna steak. Broiled to perfection and dressed lightly in creole sauces, it may be the only exception to my rule about cooking fish simply with a tad of lemon and butter. There's magic in the delicate balance of spices here.

Randy's intense desire to please and pamper his customers is reflected in the details of his restaurant as well as his face as he mingles among the tables ensuring diners satisfaction. Valet parking has been provided; one need only drive down Washington Street to find a friendly face waiting to take the car to a secured lot rented by Randy. His expertise guided him in his tasteful selection of subtle, sensuous decor. Flower arrangements are thoughtfully placed in front of windows and on tables. This is an elegant, intimate room that transports you to a special place by a cosmic bayou.

The wine list contains selections from California, France, and Italy. A sufficient number of champagnes are also available.

## Cajun Magic Distinguishes Shepards



This is a nice, pleasant offering of white and red wines that will complement any of the items on the menu.

Trays of desserts that transcend any expectations are brought to tables for closer inspection. We could hear the chocolate mousse call our names and were unable to resist, thankfully. It dissolved deliciously as our taste buds cried out for more.

This is an unsurpassed dining experience created by an expert. Randy Schaller has learned his lessons exceedingly well. Go to Shepards and experience a little Cajun mystique before the inevitable crowds descend.

Shepards is located at 80 Washington Street in downtown Providence. Valet parking is available. Shepards is also serving lunch and has a private party area for about 20 people. For creatively prepared food with pizzazz or to make reservations call 351-7770.



MONTREAL (JTA) — Sheila Freeman of Toronto has been elected president of the National Council of Jewish Women Canada, succeeding Bunny Gurvey.

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## Arts & Entertainment



### Bright Lights Theatre Turns On The Laughs



The cast and crew of Bright Lights Theatre's production of *God* by Woody Allen and *The Actor's Nightmare* by Christopher Durang mug for the camera in front of their new summer home, The Newport Harbor Center. From left to right (standing): Ken McPherson, Ron Robinson, Emily Moses, Mark Jacobs, Richard Purro, Donna Palumbo and Mat Kirkwood; (seated): Nicole Bebe, Ulrike Emigh and Sara Sexton.

Bright Lights Theatre of Providence will bring a double comedy bill to Newport for BLT's first summer season of theatre, says artistic director Elaine Raka.

The show features *God* by Woody Allen and *The Actor's Nightmare* by award-winning playwright Christopher Durang, and opens August 7 at the Newport Harbor Center, 365 Thames Street in Newport. Elaine Raka, a founding member of BLT, will direct both plays.

"*God and Actor's Nightmare* both deal with illusion and reality in a comic fashion," says Raka, a graduate of Brown University and the Trinity Rep Conservatory. "Allen takes a 'crazy' look, while Durang treats it in 'theatre of the absurd' style. Our intention is to entertain, without losing the playwrights' focus — in this

case, a philosophical 'play-within-a-play' analysis of life. Both these plays are hilariously funny yet, at the same time, thought-provoking."

The play opens Wednesday, August 7 at 8:30 pm and runs through Saturday, August 31. On Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, curtain is at 8:30 pm, on Saturdays, two shows — one at 5:00 and one at 8:00 pm.

The Newport Harbor Center Box Office is open seven days a week, noon to 8:00 pm; or call 401/724-8030 in Providence, 401/849-5557 in Newport for reservations.

Tickets are only \$9.75 for adults; \$8.75 for seniors, military personnel and AAA members; and \$6 for children and student rush when available. For group rates, call the box office for more information.

### Club Pastiche II - The Pizzaz Continues

Howard L. Fine, artistic director for Club Pastiche Cabaret 1985, says Revue II, slated to open August 5 is "filled with show stoppers," and will "appeal to a wide variety of tastes."

Revue I, running now through August 4 opened to favorable reviews and was described as "a hit," "the most refreshing and versatile quintet of a cabaret cast you'll find anywhere," and as "one of the best theatre treats this summer."

The first set of Revue II focuses on love and marriage. Members of the Club Pastiche Cabaret cast, Alda Costa, Christine McEvilly, Caryn Melvin, Kenneth Phillips, and Tim Sverson will perform a romantic medley of love songs from such musicals as "Oklahoma!" "The Fantasticks," and "Flower Drum Song."

Parodies of blockbuster movies such as "Chashosters" and "Flashdance" are highlighted in the second set.

A special section is devoted to James Bond movies, including the very popular "Goldfinger," "For Your Eyes Only," and the recent hit, "A View To A Kill."

A tribute to celebrated musicals such as "Grease," "Bye Bye Birdie," and "West Side Story" round out the cabaret's second revue which runs through Sunday, September 1.

The Club Pastiche Company performs in the Grand Lobby of the Providence Performing Arts Center. A cash bar and light fare are available. Curtain for all shows is 8:00 pm with a warm-up act beginning after 7:15 pm when the doors open.

**TICKETS:** Club Pastiche Cabaret tickets are \$9.50 and may be purchased in advance by calling (401) 421-ARTS. Mastercard and Visa are welcome. Club Pastiche Cabaret is available for groups and private functions for up to 140 people; call (401) 421-2997 for details.

### Theatre Games And Mask-making

A participatory demonstration by "Jabberwocky," a children's theater company, highlights the week's summer activities at The Children's Museum of Rhode Island. Their performance, on Tuesday, August 13 at 2 pm, will feature theater games, music, and humor.

Museum visitors are also invited to design and make their own masks at drop-in workshops on three days: Saturday, August 9 from 1 to 3 pm; Tuesday, August 13 from 12:30 to 2 pm; and Wednesday, August 14 from 10 to 12 noon.

On Thursday, August 15 the Museum offers two opportunities to hear a professional storyteller. Children will listen to and share stories with Bernice Bronson from 10:30 to 11:00 am and 1 to 2 pm. Her visit is made possible in part by a

### "Labyrinth For A Diva" In Newport

Rhode Island glass artist, Mark McDonnell has constructed an outdoor sculpture on the south lawn of the Newport Art Museum. The glass sculpture, "Labyrinth for a Diva," will remain on the Museum's grounds through the Fall of 1985. Mr. McDonnell will be exhibiting a number of photographs and preliminary drawings of the sculpture in the Drury Gallery of the museum in conjunction with the outdoor sculpture.

"Labyrinth for a Diva" is the second in a series of three works to be designed and executed by the artist this year. The first work of the series was erected in Pittsburgh for their Three River Arts Festival. "Labyrinth for a Diva" is constructed from hundreds of 8"x8" glass blocks, creating a space of 480 square feet and will be approximately 6 feet in height. The work will be completed July 30.

Museum hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Programs at the Newport Art Museum are funded in part by the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

### Boat Show In Newport

**NEWPORT** — The celebration of the delicate art of wooden boatbuilding will take place August 15-18 at the 5th Annual Wooden Boat Show in Newport, Rhode Island. Over 140 exhibitors from across the country will participate in the show bringing their finest rowing, sail and powercraft.

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grant from the Rhode Island Council on the Arts.

Joining in the effort to encourage children to use their imaginations, the Museum's gift shop, The Gazebo, will feature a 20% discount on all cars and trucks from August 12-18.

There is no charge for these activities beyond the regular admission fee of \$2 per person. Museum members admitted free. (A group rate of \$1.25 for 10 or more is available with advance reservations.) In addition to its regular summer hours, the Children's Museum will be open on Monday from 1 to 5 pm. Regular hours are: Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday, 9:30 am; Friday, 9:30 to 12 noon; Sunday 1 to 5 pm. The Children's Museum is located at 58 Walcott Street in Pawtucket; call 725-2590 for directions and more information.



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## "Not By Bed Alone" At Trinity

Trinity Square Repertory Company has announced the cast and director for *Not By Bed Alone*, Georges Feydeau's riotous farce, which opens in the downstairs theatre August 9 and continues through September 8.

*Not By Bed Alone* is the second of two Trinity Summer Rep productions for 1985.

*Not By Bed Alone* will be directed by David Wheeler, who last directed *Fool For Love* at Trinity Rep in the 1983-84 season. Mr. Wheeler directed *The Dresser*, *True West*, and Georges Feydeau's *13 Rue de L'Amour* at Trinity Rep.

The cast includes Company members Timothy Crowe, Richard Ferrone, Tom Griffin, Ed Hall, Keith Johim, Richard Kavanaugh, Becca Lish, Howard London, Derek Meader, Barbara Meek, Anne Scurlia, David PB Stephens, Patricia Ann Thomas and Daniel Von Bargen.

*Not By Bed Alone*, by Georges Feydeau, the master of French farce, is an uproarious comedy about a well-known nightclub singer and her reluctant lover, who is looking for a way to make a more advantageous match. With a gallery of extraordinary characters and every farcical trick in his book—from unexpected plot twists to mistaken intentions—Feydeau creates a gloriously madcap world that spins at a wild and hysterical pace. Trinity Rep has a special way with Feydeau; past productions of his plays have been tremendously popular.

Set design will be by Trinity Rep Technical Director, David Rotondo, in his first design assignment for the Company. Light design will be by John F. Custer, and costume design by William Lane.

Trinity Summer Rep performs Tuesday through Friday at 8:00 p.m., Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., Sunday at 7:00 p.m. and selected Wednesday and Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. Please note the new time for Sunday evening performances—7:00 p.m. There are special prices for Senior Citizens and Student Rush, as well as discounts of up to 50% for groups of 20 or more.

Single-ticket prices range from \$15 to \$21. For reservations call the Box Office at (401) 351-4242. Visa/MasterCard accepted.

## British Youth Orchestra To Visit Westerly

The Hampshire County Youth Orchestra, a 110-member group of British musicians between the ages of 13 and 19, will be in Westerly from August 1 through August 4. They will be presenting two concerts in the area during their stay.

On Friday, August 2, the Orchestra will perform at the Center for the Arts, 119 High Street, at 8 p.m. Their program will consist of Edward Elgar's Overture "Cockaigne," Andrej Panufnik's Concerto Festivo, and R. Vaughan Williams' "A London Symphony." The concert will be preceded at 6 p.m. by an English country picnic under a tent on the Center's side lawn. Tickets for both dinner

## Little World's Fair In Sullivan County

The 106th annual Little World's Fair will be held August 16, 17 and 18 in Grahamsville, New York. This event, held in the scenic Sullivan County Catskills and sponsored by the Neversink Agricultural Society, Inc., is an independently run agricultural fair — the only one of its kind in New York State.

Having a country atmosphere, this Fair has the reputation of being less commercialized than the other fairs in the area. For years it has been a gathering place for friends who travel for miles around to enjoy each other's company and the entertainment that is provided throughout the three days of the Fair.

Each year, as is the tradition, prizes are awarded to the oldest and youngest visitor to the Fair, the longest married couple, the most recently married couple and the person traveling the farthest distance to the Fair. Of course, there are the hundreds of entries vying for premiums and ribbons on everything from arts and hobbies, home arts and livestock to fruits and vegetables.

In keeping with the country flavor, the Craft Tent features local artists demonstrating their talents and selling the fruits of their labor. Basketweaving, chair caning, pottery, quilting, woodworking and candlemaking are just a few of the many activities on display each day. The Sportsman Tent will feature many displays and demonstrations from the area's many Sportsman's Associations. Fly tying, taxidermy and archery demonstrations will also be available.

On Sunday, Bob Robini and the Catskill Puppet People will be returning. Mr. Slim's Old-Time Music and Vaudeville Revival will feature an irresistible blend of old-time jazz, country and comedy songs. Besides being a musician, Mr. Slim is also an award winning juggler who performs on the bicycle and the diabolo. Another popular annual event is the Chainsaw Contest which begins at 1:30 p.m.

Fairgrounds are located on Route 55 in Grahamsville. Admission is \$3.00 for adults. Children under 12 and adults over 75 are free. Friday is Senior Citizen Day, anyone 65 or older will be admitted for \$1.00. For further information call (212) 985-2336 or (212) 985-7367.

and concert are \$10. For the concert alone, tickets will be \$7.50, with a senior citizens' and students' discount price of \$6.00. For reservations, call the Center at (401) 595-2854 from 9 am to 5 pm Tuesdays through Fridays.

On Saturday, August 3, the young musicians will appear at Christ Church at 7 Elm Street at 7:30 p.m. They will perform works by Handel, Bach, Wolfendenz and Dvorak, concluding with Poulenc's concerto for organ, strings and timpani. Tickets will be \$4.00 with a senior citizens' and students' discount price of \$3.00 and will be on sale at the door.

## Musicals By The Sea

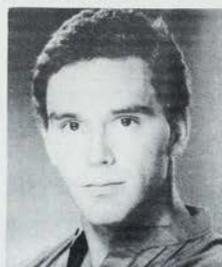
Theatre-by-the-Sea, Matunuck, Rhode Island, is currently presenting a series of musicals for children on Fridays during July and August at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. *Huckleberry Finn* is playing July 26 and August 2. Floating down the Mississippi Huckleberry and Jim, a runaway slave, find life filled with excitement and the spirit of adventure. Join Huck and Jim and their old friend Tom Sawyer as they

come up against some odd characters who are after Huck's treasure. Currently playing is the *Wizard of Oz* on July 12 and 19; *Snow White* plays August 9 and 16; and *Beauty and the Beast* is the final production on August 23 and 30. Tickets for all shows are \$2.75 each, with group rates of twenty or more priced at \$7.50 each.

## The King And I In Matunuck



Lucy Maria Sorluoco appears as Lady Thiang in Theatre-by-the-Sea's production of *The King and I*.



Len Pfluger appears as Kralahome in Theatre-by-the-Sea's production of *The King and I*.

One of America's best-loved musicals, which has been playing to packed houses on Broadway, *The King and I*, will be presented by Tommy Brent at Theatre-by-the-Sea, Matunuck, Rhode Island, through August 18, with music by Richard Rodgers and book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein, this exciting musical is based on the novel, *Anna and the King of Siam* by Margaret Landon and tells the true story of the English school teacher who sent to Bangkok to teach the children

with memorable tunes including *I Whistle a Happy Tune*, *Getting to Know You*, *Hello Young Lovers* and *Something Wonderful*.

Performances of *The King and I* will be given Tuesday through Friday evenings at 8:30 p.m., Saturdays at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., and Sundays at 7 p.m. Matinees are on Wednesdays, at 2 p.m. For tickets, phone (401) 789-1094 or write Theatre-by-the-Sea, Matunuck, R.I. 02879.

## Other Fabulous Tales

The Perishable Theatre presents *Wax Wings, Frog Princes*, and *Other Fabulous Tales* at the Warwick Mall, August 8 and 9 at 12:00 noon.

The Perishable Theatre was started by Trinity Rep Conservatory students in the summer of 1983.

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In the past two years it has toured camps, parks, recreation centers, hospitals and senior citizens' homes. In its founding year, the group toured an original musical play based on a Mayan folktale, and two one act plays. Last summer, the group was awarded a grant by CitArts to perform a musical drama based on an African

folktale, *The Adventures of Mrlie*. This summer, the company is presenting a show based on European folktales, *Wax Wings, Frog Princes*, and *Other Fabulous Tales*. Among the pieces being developed are ones based on the myth of Icarus, and two from Grimm's fairytales, *Snow White* and *The Frog Prince*. The presentation of this play is made possible in part by a grant from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts. The production is being directed by Larry Arrick, whose distinguished career includes the artistic direction of Second City in Chicago and the Pittsburgh Public Theatre, as well as the direction of several of Trinity Rep's most memorable productions. The cast includes six Trinity Rep Conservatory students and graduates: Raul Correa, Nelson Hande, Jennifer Harter, Patty Hayes, Anne Phelan, and John Thayer.

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# Obituaries

## PHYLLIS TISHMAN

**NEW YORK (JTA)** — Phyllis Tishman, a supporter for nearly 40 years of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York and other charitable causes, died Wednesday, July 24 at Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center. She was 65 years old and lived in Manhattan and Scarsdale.

Tishman was a life trustee and former vice president of the Federation board. She was an organizer and associate chairman of the Federation Thrift Shops. From 1971 to 1973, she was board chairman of the Women's Organization, a fund-raising arm of Federation before it joined its fund drive with that of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. In 1961, she helped organize the Dimitri Mitropoulos International Music Competition, an annual fund-raising event for Federation which ran for 12 years.

Tishman was a major contributor to the Women's Campaign for UJA-Federation and the immediate past chairman of its Major Gifts Division. She was a member of the Women's Campaign Cabinet and Gotham Division. She was on the Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations.

## DAVID ZUCKER

**NEW YORK (JTA)** — Funeral services will be held in Temple Israel in Great Neck, N.Y. for David Zucker, a long-time leader in the Zionist and Conservative movements, who died in North Miami Beach at the age of 79.

Zucker, who had resided in both Great Neck and North Miami Beach, was the immediate past president of the World Council of Synagogues, the international organization representing Conservative synagogues. He was long an active member of the United Synagogue of America, the umbrella organization for Conservative congregations in the United States and Canada.

A founding member of the Zionist Organization of America, he was a member of the Board of Overseers of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the academic and rabbinical school of the Conservative movement, and a past officer of the Temple Israel in Great Neck.

Thirteen years ago, Zucker, a retired businessman, established a Center for Conservative Judaism in Israel and created an endowment to support its operation.

## DR. BAROUKH MASSOUDA

**PROVIDENCE** — Dr. Baroukh Massouda, 78, of 29 Seventh St. died Thursday, July 25 at Cape Cod Hospital, Hyannis, Mass. He was the husband of Eugenie (Marzouk) Massouda.

Born in Cairo, Egypt, a son of the late Yehoshua and Nazy (Cohen) Massouda, he came to Providence 23 years ago. Dr. Massouda was associated with

Memorial Hospital. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the Rhode Island Medical Association, and Congregation Mishkon TFI'oh. He served his residency and internship at Miriam Hospital.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Abraham Massouda of Sharon, Mass., and Kamal Massouda of Providence, two daughters, Mrs. Laia Ovadia of Scituate, Mrs. Esther Ovadia of Los Angeles, and eight grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## JACOB MILLER

**CRANSTON** — Jacob Miller, 65, of 97 Westwood Ave. died Thursday, July 25 at home. He was the husband of Alice (Goldman) Miller.

Born in New York City, a son of the late Louis and Ida Miller, he lived in Cranston for 30 years.

Mr. Miller was an attendant at Hurd Buick for the past 10 years.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Marsha Obaldston of Seekonk; two brothers, Harry and Abe Miller, both of New York City; three sisters, Sarah Miller of New York City, Mrs. Lillian Collins in North Carolina, Mrs. Rena Saipner of New York and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## ALBERT HURWITZ

**WALTHAM, Mass.** — Albert Hurwitz, the first Jew to serve in an executive position in Massachusetts state government, died at the age of 100.

Hurwitz, a former assistant attorney general, and past president of several Jewish organizations, died Friday at the Reservoir Nursing Home. He had lived at the home for the past five years with his wife, Ada, who died in May.

He was appointed in 1919, and was the prosecuting attorney in the state's case against Charles Ponzi, who ran a Boston-based securities-exchange scheme that cheated people of millions of dollars, after promising huge profits on investments.

Hurwitz became Suffolk County District Attorney in 1922, serving less than a year. He was a practicing lawyer until retiring at age 87.

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## JOSEPH J. MITTLEMAN

**CRANSTON** — Joseph J. Mittleman, 64, of 80 Western Promenade, an optometrist, died Thursday, July 25 at home. He was the husband of Shirley (Goldberg) Mittleman.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Max and Fannie (Fleishman) Mittleman, he lived in Cranston for 30 years.

Mr. Mittleman was a past president of the Rhode Island Optometric Association. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of Overseas Lodge, AF & AM.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Rabbi Alan Mittleman of New York City; a daughter, Sharon Mittleman of Boston; a brother, Harry Mittleman of Providence; two sisters, Mrs. Sara Hirsch of Sarasota, Fla., Mrs. Hilda Salomon of West Palm Beach, Fla., and a grandchild.

A funeral service was held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## MARY WEISSMAN

**WARWICK** — Mary Weissman, 85, of 200 Hoffman Ave., Cranston, died Friday, July 25 at the Kent Nursing Home. She was the wife of Michael Weissman.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Harry and Hanna Linderman, she lived in Cranston for the past twelve years, previously residing in Bronx, N. Y.

Mrs. Weissman was active in many charitable organizations in the New York area.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons, George Weissman of Cranston, R.I., and Herbert Weissman of Yorktown Heights, N.Y. One brother, Morris Linderman of Miami Beach, Fla., five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Riverside Chapel, New York and burial was at Old Montefiore Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## Death Penalty Issue Debated

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — The Cabinet decided to postpone until next week debate on the implementation of capital punishment and deportation of terrorist murderers as two government ministers each outlined tougher anti-terrorist plans.

The Cabinet said in a communique following its meeting today that while it deferred discussion on the issue, the government did decide it would step up security against terrorist attacks. The communique also said Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin had been appointed to head a ministerial committee to study the legality of tougher measures.

The government has come under increased pressure to discuss the implementation of capital punishment following last week's murder of two school teachers from the town of Afula. The two bodies were discovered stuffed into a cave on the Gilboa Hills last Friday and over the weekend three West Bank Arab youths were arrested in connection with the murders.

The murders are the latest in a number of cases involving the disappearance of individuals and couples whose bodies were later found, apparently killed by terrorists. A public opinion poll published yesterday in Haaretz showed some 70.5 percent of 1,200 people interviewed supported capital punishment for terrorists while 20 percent indicated opposition to it.

The Cabinet is reportedly split on implementing the death penalty which is on the statute books but has not been used against terrorists. Likud ministers are said to favor the death penalty while the Labor ministers favor automatic deportation of Arabs found guilty of terrorist acts — to reduce the number of PLO supporters in

Israeli prisons who can be used as bargaining chips in hijack demands.

The practice of deporting Arab terrorists and political leaders was stopped as a general rule in 1979 by then Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, but there were some exceptions including the deportation of two Arab mayors from the West Bank and the recent deportation of a former security prisoner from the Gaza Strip.

Following the Cabinet session, two former Defense Ministers, Moshe Arens and Ariel Sharon, issued their separate proposals to deal with security in the administered territories.

Arens, a Minister Without Portfolio, proposed in a five-point plan the implementation of mandatory death sentences for brutal murders and the deportation of those who incite violence in the territories. He also recommended that Palestinian refugee camps on the West Bank harboring alleged stone throwers be relocated to isolated areas near Jericho.

The Cabinet next week is also scheduled to discuss ways and means to defend the Arab population against actions by Jewish extremists.

Sharon, meanwhile, urged the government to attack Palestinian terrorist headquarters in Jordan, and to tell the United States and King Hussein of Jordan that Israel will not enter into peace negotiations while terrorists are based in Jordan.

Sharon, the Industry and Trade Minister, also said he would deport or re-arrest the some 600 terrorists released last May into Israel and the occupied territories as a part of the prisoner exchange deal which allowed for the release of three Israeli Defense Force soldiers captured in the Lebanon war.

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## Parents Plights & Rights

by Dr. Steve Imber



### Dear Dr. Imber:

I have a 15-year-old son who has had a lot of pretty serious behavior and learning problems during the last four or five years. At home he is surly, insolent, and temperamental. We have taken him to different therapists but his behavior is getting worse. In school he often keeps to himself. He really does not seem to have friends. He doesn't get along very well with his teachers, either. He used to get A's and B's in elementary school. Then his grades began to drop. He almost failed the seventh grade and just failed the ninth. He didn't even seem to care although he was in a very bad mood for a couple of weeks. He has seen the guidance counselor and the principal a number of times this past year for his behavior. He was suspended several times from school, too. I had been to see his teachers and counselor several times, but things kept getting worse. Finally, I had a private evaluation done in June. The evaluator reported serious behavior problems as well as reading comprehension, writing, and math difficulties. What can I do to help him this summer? Can I count on the school for any help?

Feeling Stymied

### Dear Stymied:

I can understand your concern and even your frustration. From our phone conversation I learned that although you initiated several school visits, apparently no one had ever suggested that you refer your son for an evaluation by the school department (at no expense to you). The information which you shared with me suggests that one of your son's teachers or most certainly his guidance counselor should have referred him for an evaluation. Given his serious behavior problems and his failure of several subjects at the midterm, a referral was indeed warranted. Perhaps, he should have been referred years ago. However, you have already obtained an independent evaluation which clearly specifies the problem. You also indicated that the evaluation report included a number of specific recommendations including a program for family based treatment as well as an intensive special education program.

During the remainder of the summer, there is a lot that you can do to alleviate the current situation and plan for the fall. You can file a referral with your local Special Education supervisor. Supervisors

have a brief summer vacation. However, if your local system has a team which considers emergency cases, during the summer months, perhaps the situation can be reviewed soon. According to state law, school days rather than calendar days determine when evaluation teams must act upon specific requests. Since most school systems do not employ teachers, social workers, and school psychologists during the summer months, your request for a team review may have to wait until September or October. It would probably be appropriate to request a meeting with the supervisor of Special Education during the month of August. You might find it very helpful to share the evaluation report with the supervisor before the meeting. You might also consider asking the evaluator to accompany you to the meeting. Although a Special Education team will actually make a formal recommendation the supervisor, your superior can (and should) be very helpful in exploring various educational and school based therapeutic alternatives.

Additionally, you may wish to hire a certified secondary level Special Education resource or self contained teacher to work with your son during the remainder of the summer. If the remedial sessions seem to be very helpful, you may wish to consider continuing such services during the next school term. The individual(s) who conducted your son's evaluation should be able to recommend highly qualified tutors.

Perhaps, most importantly, given the present situation, it would be advisable for you to identify a therapist, consultant, or counselor who is prepared to help you deal with the behavioral problems which you described. You and your spouse should be integrally involved in consultation and treatment. Obviously your son will need to be a willing participant (or at least agree to go, however reluctantly). In the event that the situation becomes intolerable, you might consider using the services of your local crisis intervention center.

Dr. Imber is a Professor of Special Education at Rhode Island College, a Past President of the International Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, and a Private Consultant. Questions about learning and behavioral problems of children and adolescents may be directed to him at 145 Waterman St., Providence, R.I. (401) 276-5775. All communication will be held strictly confidential.

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This musical is recommended for ages 3-12.

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### S. County Art Assoc.

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This show will be judged as one show for all media, with prizes awarded at the reception for the artists on opening night, August 15, at 8:00 pm. The Annual Members' Buffet will be held at 6:30 pm the same evening.

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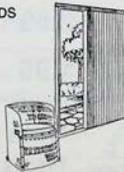
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