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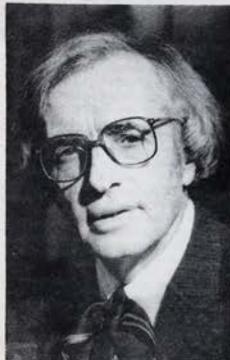
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Dispelling Illusions About Life Under The Nuclear Shadow



Dr. Robert Jay Lifton

by Susan Bostian

Even the most optimistic of us, paces occasionally to reflect on the sense of fear and frustration we all experience living under the nuclear shadow of uncertainty. Robert Jay Lifton, a much published and respected professor of psychiatry and psychology, attempted to dispel illusions, describe the concept of nothingness and share his sense of hope with about one hundred concerned people who came to hear him speak at Rhode Island College last Monday night.

"We are all subject to the psychological stresses of living with the bomb," he began. "I see despair and a sense of futility in people every day. But I also have faith in the resiliency of humankind and I am aware of a fundamental shift in human awareness; a primal rebellion of the mind."

Historically, we are a unique generation. We now possess the knowledge and technology to destroy all traces of life from this planet. "Before we had nuclear bombs," Dr. Lifton said, "only God had the power to end the world. We now share a collective annihilation and a shared fate."

"And if there were any doubts about the capabilities of nuclear bombs, Hiroshima effectively demonstrated the horrendous results," Lifton who was on the island at the time the bomb was dropped says he makes it a point never to have a conversation with someone, without mentioning his life shattering experience.

"After Hiroshima was attacked, people said they couldn't understand how a city could just disappear like that. They thought the world was dying. There was no sense of God or Buddha," Lifton said, "only walking dead." A sense of nothingness was born. "From the accounts sent to the rest of the world, we had to incorporate a new fear, a threat of bodily assault and death by invisible contamination that could strike one down years later, into our collective conscious."

Hiroshima was felled by a very small amount of nuclear explosives, but according to Lifton, "Even a minimal amount could block the sun, lower the temperature on earth and create what we

call a 'nuclear winter.' There would be an insufficient amount of warmth to sustain life. Life on earth would end. Yet many people are unable to grasp the appalling implications of this. A problem for many people is the lack of ability to imagine nothingness.

"As a psychiatrist, I feel that I have a professional responsibility, as do my colleagues, to dispel illusions. Star Wars, the President's favorite 'peace plan' must be exposed as an illusion," Lifton insisted. "We need to recognize the fantasy of preparing for a nuclear attack. We need to realize there will be no recovery and there is no such thing as winning a nuclear war.

"Atomic bombs convert everything into nothingness. Our only hope," Lifton said with a somber emphasis, "is prevention. We must direct our energies toward that end."

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Lifton noted many great scientists, including those who worked toward creating the nuclear bomb, developed something called "retirement wisdom."

"Even Admiral Rickover, who was instrumental in stockpiling weapons, gave a moving retirement speech in which he admitted a great deal of regret for the role he played during his professional career. We can't afford to wait for people to retire to suddenly become enlightened," Lifton stressed. "I call this double-think and it leads to numbing, which is a reduced capacity to feel." Double-think is the denial mechanism that allowed Nazi doctors to participate in abhorrent acts in Auschwitz.

"But out of this darkness, I see a growing trend of awareness," Lifton said. "There is a renewed sense of human possibility. We must believe in the power of human beings to affect the outcome of the world. Just like ripples in a pond, I believe that we need to and can feel good about the role each of us plays in the human adventure."

Dr. Lifton teaches at the City University of New York, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the Graduate School and University Center and the Mount Sinai Medical Center. He is particularly interested in the relationship between individual psychology and historical change. His area of expertise centers around the problems arising from extraordinary and extreme historical events of our time.

Dr. Lifton has played an active role in the formation of the new field of psychohistory. He has written extensively on Nazi doctors and the problem of genocide, nuclear weapons and their impact on death symbolism, Hiroshima survivors, the Vietnam war experience and the Vietnam war veterans. Since 1977, he has been conducting research on medical behavior of Auschwitz and Nazi doctors and is currently working on a manuscript entitled "From Healer to Killer - The Doctors of Auschwitz."

Lifton received his medical degree from New York Medical College and interned at the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn. He was an Air Force psychiatrist, a research associate in psychiatry at Harvard where he was affiliated with the Center for East Asian studies and a member of the faculty of the Washington School of Psychiatry. He is the author of over a dozen books and the recipient of more than fifteen national and international honors and awards.

Congregation Beth David: Seeking Community Support

by Robert Israel

NARRAGANSETT — Around thirty-five people, responding to an open invitation that was mailed to 230 Jewish people in South County, assembled at Congregation Beth David on Kingstown Road here Tuesday night, November 5, to discuss ways the synagogue could be more responsive to the community.

Beth David, a one-room synagogue, was originally founded to meet the needs of Narragansett's Jewish summer residents. The synagogue is having difficulty operating year-round. Now that the summer crowd had moved back to the cities, Beth David frequently cannot gather a minyan each week. The year-round South County Jewish population of one hundred families has not been attending services.

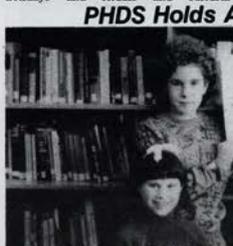
Of these one hundred families, many are involved in other Jewish activities. There is an active Hadassah chapter, which meets in members' homes in the area. A Hebrew school conducts classes at URI's Hillel House which also has an active agenda of Jewish activities, services and social functions. There are also B'nai B'rith groups that meet at URI and in Westerly.

The Board of Directors of Beth David, present at the meeting, wondered aloud how to attract the groups back to the synagogue.

"I've been disappointed when I come here that I haven't been able to participate in services because there is no minyan," said David Nelson. "I moved here three years ago and I have never been contacted by anyone. It's like there is no synagogue here. I've been told it's cheap to be a member here, but I'd rather pay more money in order to participate."

A woman sitting nearby who is also new to the South County area added, "I moved here 16 months ago, but I've never felt welcomed, either. I think there should be a committee, a social committee, that welcomes people to the area and lets them know about the different options that exist here."

Simon Pressman, a Narragansett resident who teaches Yiddish through the Learning Connection at URI's Hillel House said, "In my many years living in different places around the country, I've been a member of many synagogues, but I haven't been drawn to be a member here. There has never been, to my knowledge, programming that would attract me, special events with a focus on Jewish holidays and rituals and cultural



PHDS Holds Annual Book Fair

Providence Hebrew Day School will hold its annual book fair, "People of the Book," on Sunday, November 24. The book fair will feature Judaica, literature with Jewish themes, and a wide variety of children's books. There will be a large selection of books suitable for gift-giving, including old-favorite and new kosher cook books. "It will be a great opportunity

activities. There are no programs for the children. You are making no effort to reach out to the intermarried who live in the area. I was living here when there was the squabble, when the Orthodox and Conservative members were taking one another to court, and maybe that's left a bad feeling among people that only new programming and new efforts to attract people can overcome."

The "squabble" Pressman referred to concerned a court case brought against the synagogue by Z. Herschel Smith, who contended that the original charter of the synagogue deemed it an Orthodox synagogue. An effort during the summer of 1982 to change the synagogue to a Conservative synagogue failed to be held up in a court of law.

"I relate to a lot of what Mr. Pressman is saying," Mrs. Ronald Salavon, a Kingston resident, said. "We need to activate the membership and we need some kind of leadership. Not many people want to come just to daven. They want to be involved in warm and wonderful discussions."

Several people attending then suggested that a committee be formed to look into attracting a rabbi to Beth David, even on a part-time basis.

"We've gone through that discussion before," said Edward Newman, a board member. "And if we bring in a rabbi, we'll have to raise the dues. Who'll pay for the increase? One of the most attractive things about Beth David has been the low dues structure."

"I'll be happy to pay more money," David Nelson said, repeating his earlier remark. "If you have a rabbi here, he'd be more likely to draw people to attend services."

Norman Barnett added, "I'd like to explore how much bringing a rabbi here will cost. Through fund-raising and other activities, through study groups like the one I am starting, we could raise funds to bring a rabbi here even part-time." Barnett later went on to announce the date of a meeting set up for interested parties to meet with him on these topics.

Before the meeting concluded, a board member appeared alarmed at the prospect of a futuristic overwhelming success at Congregation Beth David.

"Suppose we get one hundred families?" he asked. "This temple doesn't have the room for all of them."

"That would be a misfortune that might be a delight to reckon with," a man sitting beside him replied.

do one-stop Chanukah shopping, according to Lilian Figueira, president of the school's Parents, Teachers and Friends Association, which is sponsoring the fair.

The book fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on November 24 at Providence Hebrew Day School, 450 Elm Grove Ave.

Local News

Lunch 'N Learning With Rabbi Rosen

Rabbi David Rosen of Temple Torat Yisrael is happy to announce the beginning of this year's "Lunch 'n Learning" series at the Turk's Head Club in downtown Providence.

The first session will take place Thursday, November 14 (a change from the previously-announced date), beginning at Noon. The session will end by 1:30.

Participants will study "Pirkei Avot," "The Sayings of the Fathers," with Rabbi Rosen. This important rabbinic work contains some of Judaism's most significant maxims, wisdom and ethical advice. No background is necessary to be a part of the sessions.

The series is open to members and non-members alike. Reservations are a must. To reserve a place and to order your lunch (fish or salad), please call the Temple Office (785-1800) or Sheldon Sollosy (331-4185).

Future sessions will meet on December 5, January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3 and May 8. There is no charge to participate.

Yiddish Club News

The Yiddish Club of the Jewish Community Center held its first and very successful meeting of the year on November 3, 1985.

The guest speaker was Isaac Klausner who spoke on Yiddish proving its vitality to an enthusiastic audience of over 60 persons. He also read classic and modern Yiddish writings. He was introduced by Edys Markovitz and Caroline Gerehoff. Yiddish poetry was read by Lilian Goldstein, Jerry Connis and Edys Markovitz. Blossom Kirschenbaum gave the English translations. Miriam Snell played Yiddish tunes on the accordion.

Blackstone Valley Chapter, Rhode Island Association for Retarded Citizens, is looking for volunteers to share a few hours of their time each month with

BBYO News

The Cranston Chapter of B'nai Brith Youth Organization held its first annual Lip-Synch Contest and Dance on Saturday, October 26, at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston.

There were seven (7) acts in the Lip-Synch Contest with the winner receiving a cash award.

The Chapter, which meets at Temple Torat Yisrael, would like to thank the Board of Directors for making it possible for the Chapter to hold their dance. Also, for allowing Cranston B.B.Y.O. to hold their meetings at the Temple.

The B'nai Brith Youth Organization is pleased to announce the birth of its newest chapter in the South County area. Youths from Narragansett, Wakefield, Kingston and North Kingstown make up this new chapter.

The B'nai Brith Youth Organization is the largest Jewish youth organization in the world with over 40,000 members worldwide and over 1,500 in the New England Region. The Rhode Island area is made up of chapters in Cranston, Providence, Woonsocket, Newport, Narragansett, West Bay, Attleboro, Taunton with more than 150 youths involved.

There are a vast number of activities in which members are invited to participate. Conventions, ski trips, dances, sports are highlights with community service projects and many more.

If you are or know any Jewish youth between the ages of 12-18, please call David Hochman at (401) 467-BBYO or the Regional office at (617) 566-2067.

adults who are mentally retarded. If you have some time to volunteer or would like further information about the program, call Linda Dvelis at 727-0153.

Torat Yisrael News

Temple Torat Yisrael's 21st annual auction and flea market will be held Veterans Day Weekend, Nov. 9 through 11.

Thousands of new and used items will be auctioned and sold during the three-day event, a very popular tradition for the hundreds of shoppers who return each year. The event is held at the Temple at 330 Park Avenue, Cranston.

The flea market will be held on Saturday evening, Nov. 9 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. On Sunday, the flea market will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Monday from 9 a.m. until the end of the auction late in the afternoon.

The all-day auction, begins Monday morning at 10 a.m. and continues until sellout.

Cohen Camps

The Eli and Bessie Cohen Foundation sponsors of Camp Pembroke, Pembroke, Mass.; Camp Tel Noar, Hampton, N.H.; and Camp Tevya, Brookline, N.H. announces the opening of registration for the 1986 season.

All three camps are located on lakes within a one hour distance from Boston and boast of modern up-to-date facilities. The camps feature a complete program of waterfront activities accredited by the American Red Cross which include swimming, sailing, boating, canoeing and waterskiing. Land sports such as tennis, softball, volleyball, soccer and basketball are also offered. A meaningful and creative Jewish cultural program, kosher kitchen, as well as arts and crafts, music and dramatics are an integral part of the camps. All activities are under the supervision of mature and experienced counselors many of whom have come through the ranks of the camp.

An Israel trip as well as counselor training are part of the Cohen Foundation program. Pembroke, Tel Noar and Tevya are accredited by the American Camping Association indicating that the camps have met specific standards in the areas of administration, program, personnel and campsite.

Further information regarding registration may be obtained by contacting the camp office, 30 Main St., Ashland, Mass. 01721, Telephone 881-1002.

Temple Am David Auction

A collection of fine American and European art will go on the auction block at Temple Am David, 40 Gardner St., Warwick, Sunday, Nov. 17, at 8:30 p.m.

The Temple's annual art auction this year is being held in conjunction with the European-American Galleries of New York City. It will feature oils, enamels, engravings, serigraphs, lithographs, water colors and sculptures. All two-dimensional pieces are mounted and tastefully framed. The collection includes originals and reproductions. Prices will start at \$25. All would make ideal gifts for the home or office.

The auction will be preceded by a Champagne Preview at 7:30 p.m. A donation of \$2.50 per person is requested and that will be applied to any purchase. Included in the evening's activities will be refreshments, a raffle and door prizes.

All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Temple.

Rev. Flannery At Beth-El

Reverend Edward H. Flannery, Director, Office of Continuing Education of the Clergy, Diocese of Providence since 1976, and noted scholar, will address the Congregation of Temple Beth-El at a Brotherhood Breakfast on Sunday, February 9, 1986. A recipient of the "Never Again" award presented by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis in 1984, Father Flannery is a respected member of the clergy and outspoken scholar on the roots of Christian anti-semitism. His book, *Anguish of the Jews: Twenty Three Centuries of Anti-Semitism* continues to be one of the greatest narratives of this topic ever written. Published by MacMillan in 1985, it has been translated into three languages and has received six awards.

BJE News

On Thursday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m., the Bureau of Jewish Education is sponsoring an Israel Trips Forum for all teenagers planning to study and travel in Israel during the summer of 1986. Parents and young people are often confused about the variety of program opportunities. To clarify them, the Bureau will review some of the programs and discuss scholarship options. The featured event of the evening will be a panel discussion led by five students who participated in five different programs: Robin Anronson (Let's Go Israel), Tom Feldman (Netfy), Deborah Cerel (USY), Joshua Starr (Ramah), and Amy Kushner (High School in Israel).

Although summer programs will be highlighted, information will be available on Israel programs throughout the year.

The program, which is open to students and parents, will be held in the Senior Adult Lounge of the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. For further information, call Carol Ingal at 331-0956.

Cong. Ohaw Sholom Services

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gershman will sponsor the Kiddush following Sabbath services at 9 a.m., or Sabbath afternoon. The rabbis will give a class on the portion of the week for both men and women at 3:30 p.m. This will be followed by Mincha at 4:10 p.m. and the third Sabbath meal. Friday evening services will be at 4:20 p.m.

The daily service schedule will be as follows: Mon. & Thurs. — 6:45 a.m.; Tues., Wed. & Fri. — 6:55 a.m.; Sun. — 8 a.m.; evening services — 4:15 p.m. daily.

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SAGE Concert

S.A.G.E. (Senior Adult Group Educators) is once again planning a fall concert on Wednesday, November 13 at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue, Providence and is scheduled for 1 p.m. Debbie Waldman, talented singer, will entertain our elderly from Pawtucket, Providence, Cranston, Warwick, Woonsocket and Newport with nostalgic American and Yiddish melodies. As in the past, elegant desserts will be served.

At previous S.A.G.E. concerts, many who are no longer able to travel easily have been reunited with friends they haven't seen for years amongst smiles, tears and emotional moments.

S.A.G.E. is a group of professionals who represent several Jewish agencies in the community including the Bureau of Jewish Education, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, Jewish Home for the Aged, Leisure Club of Temple Emanuel, Shalom Apartments and the Jewish Family Service Mealsite at Temple Torat Yisrael.

Funding for all S.A.G.E. concerts is provided by an endowment grant from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Seating is limited so reservations should be made by calling Deborah Prinz at 331-1244.

Admission to the concert is \$1.50.

PHDS To Hold Teacher Retreat

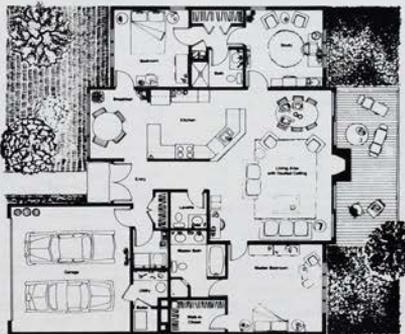
With the focus on the present and an eye for the future, some 60 teachers, principals and administrators will gather in Providence, November 15-17, for the Second Annual New England Torah Teacher Retreat, under sponsorship of Torah Umesorah, the national organization of Yeshiva Day Schools.

According to Rabbi Joshua Fishman, Executive Vice-President of Torah Umesorah, "The bringing together of regional educators provides a much needed opportunity to advance the effectiveness of Torah education and its impact on our students and to take inventory of what we have accomplished to date, and what are the problems that lie ahead, both locally and on the national scene."

Michael Fink Honored At RISD

The Faculty Member of the Year Award, which was given for the first time last year, was awarded to Michael Fink, Associate Professor of English, whose humanistic concerns have spread far beyond the RISD campus.

Fink, who has taught at RISD since 1957, was director of the European Honors Program in Rome in 1978-79. Last year, with the help of a Mellon grant, he visited absorption centers in Israel to document the immigration of the Falasha tribes, researching their crafts and legends. His film on Jewish Holocaust survivors, co-produced and directed with Peter O'Neill, Assistant Professor of Film and Video, will soon be released. His *Drawing with Words*, published in 1982, which he based on his freshman syllabus; expresses his ideas of design within the liberal arts. A 1955 graduate of Yale University, Fink received master's degrees from Harvard and Brown Universities.

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The Fifty-third Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island was held on Sunday, November 3, 1988. The Martin M. Chase Auditorium was filled to capacity as members of the Corporation came to elect and install Officers and Trustees. Mr. William A. Edelstein, Executive Director reported on the operations of the Home during the past year.

The Keynote Speaker was H. Denman Scott, M.D., Director of the Department of Health for the State of Rhode Island.

Returning for a fourth term of office as President is Martin M. Temkin. He discussed the many challenges that face the Home. He thanked the Officers, Trustees and members of the Corporation for their unflinching support. He further stated that through mutual cooperation and joint efforts our elders were able to receive quality health services with dignity.

The Installing Officer was Rabbi David Rosen of Temple Torat Yisrael.

The Slate of Officers for the ensuing year are: Martin M. Temkin, President; Muriel Leach, Vice President; Ellis S. Waldman, Vice President; Estelle Klemmer, Treasurer; Norbert Fessel, Assistant Treasurer; Herbert L. Brown, Recording Secretary and James P. Galkin, Assistant Recording Secretary.

Those people who were elected to serve a three (3) year term of office are: Victor

Baxt, Lewis Bosler, Jeffrey Brier, Irvin Chase, Irving Chorney, Patricia R. Cohen, Susan Leach DeBlasio, Claire Ernstof, Larry Friedman, Charlotte Goldberg, Robert Goldberg, Doris Greenberg, Marvin Greenberg, David Leach, Abbott Lieberman, Abraham Lippman, Mark Mandel, Edward Odessa, Franklin Prosnitz, Blanche Revkin, Arthur Robbins, Barbara Rosen, Harris N. Rosen, Jane Sackett, Charles Salmanson, Donald Salmanson, Edwin Soforenko, Charles Swartz, Michael Thaler, Manfred Weil, Jack Wilkes.

Filling a two year unexpired term of office will be Jon Fain. Filling a one year unexpired term of office will be Arnold Wasserman and Scott Wolf.

Serving a one (1) year term of office as a Presidential Appointee are: Melvin G. Alperin, Stanley Grossman, Marvin S. Holland, Dorothy Lippman, Lester A. Macketz, Jerome R. Sapolsky and Jacob N. Temkin.

Having served the Home for a minimum of fifteen (15) years as an Officer and/or Trustee, the following were installed as Honorary Trustees for Life: Joslin Berry, D.M.D., Milton Dubinsky, Max Leach and Bertha Weintraub.

An audio-visual presentation entitled "A Special Pride, A Special Place" was shown. This audio-visual program describes the various services and programs the Home provides.

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From The Editor

by Robert Israel

Self-Reliance & The Wood Pile

Nothing can bring you peace but yourself. Nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principles.

Ralph Waldo Emerson
"Self-Reliance"

NARRAGANSETT — Four years ago when I was working as a freelance writer and I had more time on my hands, I cut, split and stacked my own wood to heat my house. It was a very satisfying feeling searching the highways and by-ways for fallen tree limbs. I'd drive down a certain street and see a branch lying by the side of the road and pull over, stop the car, and take my bow saw out of the trunk. I'd prop the branch up against the fender and saw it right then and there. After awhile, it became an obsession. Several hours of each day were devoted to wood gathering. Several more hours were spent stacking and splitting the wood. I was trying to live, as Emerson once wrote, as a self-reliance.

Working full time at the *Herald* and teaching one night a week at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston, there is no time to cruise the streets for fallen branches. After Hurricane Gloria, I pulled in a few branches that were left by the roadside but I haven't had the time to saw them up. And so I went about searching for the best bargains for cordwood in the local newspaper.

I should preface all of this wood talk with a few references to my new woodstove which I hauled into our house with the help of my landlord, a man forty years my senior, who had devised an elaborate plan to push the 450 pound cast-iron Fischer stove from the trailer to my front door, across the lawn, on pieces of plywood made mobile by broom handles. It took several hours laboring in this ancient fashion just to get the stove in the house. When we finally succeeded getting the pipe connected and all of that, I threw my back moving a bookcase so my living room rug wasn't bunched up against the new stove's legs. It took three days for my back to recover. It was a painful reminder that I am not the he-man I thought myself to be.

Well, the stove was in place and the nights were getting colder but I had no wood to burn and no time to go hunting for fallen branches. The newspaper announced that prices for wood had risen to around \$125.00 a cord, average price, a noticeable increase of \$45.00 over last year's price.

I tried calling my old standby, Walt, who lives in Exeter. As I suspected,

Walt was nowhere to be found. He had trouble last year with his pick-up truck, which is an untraced off vehicle that he drives only on the back roads to cut trees or pick up fallen timber and then to deliver it to a select few customers. He has five children and lives in a trailer in the woods but has always been honest in his dealings with me, never short-changing me on any of the cords of wood I've bought from him over the years.

Last year Walt ran into trouble. Someone from his town who didn't like him slashed the tires of his truck. That put out of commission for awhile, but he managed to get the truck running and stopped by my house with a cord of wood and a tale of woe.

"I know they'll try again," he said, "and I'm debating whether or not to head them off at the pass."

I knew what that meant and I advised him to get involved in any sort of retaliation — it might be his dumb luck to get caught — then what? "I suppose you're right," he said, "I've got to live with myself. But why they want to put me out of business is beyond me."

The neighbor that supposedly inflicted all this misery on Walt later was arrested. Walt told me that he testified at the trial. He stayed true to his word and did not retaliate. When I finally reached him last week, he told me that his truck broke down again and he decided to retire from the wood business.

I put the word out to some people around town and I found the name of a new source who delivered a cord of wood to my front steps just last weekend. It is sitting there still, half of it that is, the other half neatly stacked by the door.

When you heat by wood, whether or not you buy it or go searching for it yourself, you are living as close to a self-reliant life as I suppose you can get, that is, without going all the way primitive. Stacking and splitting the wood, getting the fire started in the morning when there is a chill in the house, hearing that first satisfying crackle of kindling, catching in the flames before igniting the larger logs — it involves you in the process of a basic necessity that I find very satisfying.

Yesterday, while the sun set behind the house outlining the thin poles of trees now robbing of their autumn colors, I stared lovingly at my pile of wood, neatly stacked, full of warm promises for the winter months ahead.

Dreyfus Affair Revived

by Isaac Klausner

While traveling this summer in France, we could, by reading the newspapers and talking to people, observe new passions connected with the name of Alfred Dreyfus.

It started when President Mitterrand expressed his desire to honor illustrious Frenchmen (about 200 of them) by erecting appropriate statues to their memory. Among the personalities chosen was Alfred Dreyfus, as the "symbol of the fight for justice and liberty." The monument, four feet high, was supposed to be placed in the large yard of the Military School in Paris, at the spot where Dreyfus was degraded on January 5, 1895. The Ministry of Defense refused and suggested other locations.

The "Dreyfus Affair" began in 1894 when scrap papers were found in a waste basket in the German Embassy in Paris, indicating that some officer of the French General Staff was selling secret documents to the Germans. The real traitor, as it was established later, was a Major Esterhazy, who had gone into exile through high living, and who fled in 1899 to England where he confessed his guilt. Another man, Lieutenant Colonel Henry, who committed the evidence against Dreyfus, forged suicide in 1898 rather than standing trial.

At the period of time, the French military establishment was dominated by a group of officers most of whom were reactionary and anti-Semitic. The handwriting of the "papers" found in the German Embassy was declared to be that of Captain Alfred Dreyfus. The fact that Dreyfus was Jew seemed to be sufficient to cause belief in his guilt and to convict him of disloyalty. All seven officers of the Military Court proclaimed him guilty of treason and crowds shouted "Death to the traitor," "Dirty Jew" and "Death to the Jews."

Dreyfus was degraded and sent to

Devil's Island, in Central America, for life imprisonment.

Slowly, evidence that Alfred Dreyfus was innocent came to light and men of conscience and courage, both Jewish and Gentile, aroused public protest. The great writer Emile Zola published the explosive "J'accuse" in which he charged the French generals with the crime of "high treason against humanity." The French nation became divided into two opposing camps, for and against Dreyfus. It led to a new trial in 1899, but again Dreyfus was found guilty. Only in 1906 was Dreyfus pronounced totally innocent by the French Supreme Court and reinstated as a Major in the army.

The Dreyfus Affair revealed the depth of anti-Semitism in even a highly advanced society. It became crucial in the fight against prejudice. It taught the world a lesson best expressed by the French poet Charles Peguy: "a single injustice, a single illegality, especially if it be officially confirmed, a single insult offered to justice and to right, especially if it generally, naturally and conveniently is accepted, is enough to dishonor and disgrace an entire nation."

In the end justice triumphed, but grave doubts persisted: if anti-Semitism could explode with fury in the land of emancipation and liberty, what could be the fate of the Jews in the world as a whole?

Ninety years have passed since the Dreyfus drama began. Anti-Semitism continued in many lands and produced more hatred and more persecutions.

The refusal to place the statue of Dreyfus in the yard of the Military School started a debate which might prove that there still are elements who are willing to believe in the guilt of the Jew Alfred Dreyfus.

Isaac Klausner lives and writes in Cranston.

Letters To The Editor

To The Editor:

In the summer of 1929, there were rumors that a revolt of Arabs against the Jews was imminent. In Hebron, lived a popular Rabbi and his son. The son decided the rabbinic was not for him and he got involved in banking. He could to the point where he headed a bank in Hebron. When rumors spread about the bank killing the Jews, he laughed it off. After all, his Arab buddies that did business at his bank would not get involved in such a pogrom-like action. Even if there was a mini-pogrom, his Arab buddies would protect him. One day, in 1929, a group of Jewish "terrorists" came to him, offering to protect Jews of the city. He told the leader of the group to clear out of Hebron, or he would have them arrested by the British colonial authorities. Not long after, the Arab pogrom materialized. The popular Rabbi survived. His son, the banker, was murdered by his buddies from the bank. Besides murdering him, they desecrated his corpse by chopping it to pieces. So much for the ... out phrase, "Some of my best friends are ... Arabs."

In this generation, there are still such Jews who believe in pieces of paper. They actually believe that a piece of paper signed by Sadat and Begin immediately made every Egyptian into an instantaneous lover of Jews. They flock to his widow, speaking at a local temple. These people forget the day Mr. Sadat died. It was a celebration of Egypt's sneak attack on Israel, which resulted in the death of 3,000 Jews, widowed 3,000 Jews, grieving 6,000 parents, and left thousands of children fatherless in Egypt. Had destroyed Israel in 1973, G-D forbid, one can be assured that the Sadats would have made a bigger party than the King of Persia made in the days of Esther. The Egyptians need peace for only one thing. They need time to get the strength to fight against Israel in the future.

Anyone who does not believe it might just as naive as the Rabbi's son from Hebron.

Jerry Snel

To The Editor:

Regarding your beautiful article about Madame Sadat and her talk at Temple Beth-El in Providence.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, but it brought back bitter-sweet memories.

Eight years ago, while applying for a new position, I had to undergo a so-called psychological test. One of the questions was: "when was the last time to wept?" I answered: "last night." The somewhat surprised interviewer asked me how come? My reply was that the night before while watching the news on television, I saw the late President Sadat being taken to his mission at Tel Aviv airport and Mrs. Golda Meir greeting him. He bowed and kissed her hand after a handshake. I broke down completely.

Hans L. Heimann

To The Editor:

The power of journalists to incite distrust of a government, also will ill and hostility, as exemplified by Mr. Dav Wilson in his *Boston Globe* article August 11.

First, he cites Paul Findley's concession that "factors other than his targeting by the Israel lobby may have cost him his seat" — meaning severe economic woes in his district. Consider that the electorate deemed 22 years in Congress sufficient time for a change to a younger more aggressive representative; consider that the Jewish people constitute scarcely 5% of his 20th District; that most non-Jews saw terrorist PLO activity; that Findley, in his past friendship as an enemy of U.S. and all Western democracies; that Congressmen (including those with negligible Jewish constituents) overwhelmingly support Israel as our only reliable capable ally in Mideast — a proven bulwark against Soviet encroachment.

Naturally, "U.S. policy was deferential to Israel" — without "harm to both countries." The "perpetuation of hostilities" is due more to the State Department's encouragement of Arabs to persist in their impossible demands and in supplying them with enormous weaponry and training — intended for the avowed destruction of Israel — another Holocaust.

Of course "the Israel lobby laid its lash" — financial pro-bag figures, so did the rich Arab lobby defeat friends of Israel like Senators Case, Church, Humphrey — and representatives like Clarence Long — etc. Not a tiny minority but the great majority had reason to reject Findley who had ample financial support from pro-Arab organizations. Regrettably, Wilson joins the anti-Israel crowd to "blame the Jews!"

S. Norman Gouge

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Developing Israeli High Technology

by Thelma Leaffer

The Israeli economy is at a crossroads today. Grateful to American Jews for their generous contributions which have helped Israel to flourish, many Israelis would like their support to take a new tactic. They would like to become able to help themselves through successful commercialization of their high technologies.

While Israel received approximately \$500 million from overseas Jews last year, its total budget was \$23 billion. Responding to this dramatic financial gap, the Israeli Government adopted unprecedented austerity measures this July to combat its runaway inflation and shape an environment more attractive to foreign investment. Although it cut back on a number of public programs, it continued to provide substantial support for research and development to promising high technology companies such as Elscint and Bio-Technology General.

Despite the fact that Israel is still considered a developing nation, the more advanced countries have a strong respect for its medical profession and its technology-based products. It is not inconceivable that a cure for AIDS or cancer could come from Israel.

One needs only to look at Elscint, for example, a firm that is the only total digital medical imaging company in the world whose products span the entire domain of medical imaging modalities. Today, it has subsidiaries in 18 countries and employs approximately 800 people.

Elscint has played an important role in advancing the technological development of computerized tomography and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), hailed as a major breakthrough in non-invasive imaging. MRI is beneficial in diagnosing difficult to image brain tumors and heart disease as well as in detecting and localizing cancerous tissues and tracking the progress of radiation and drug therapy. Recently, Elscint was awarded a contract of over \$1 million from Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York to install its MRI unit and build a facility for it. Elscint's mammography instrumentation which is useful in early detection of breast cancer has the lowest dosage of radiation and high imaging quality. These qualities have enabled it to capture 20% of the growing mammography market.

Another example is Bio-Technology General (BTG), the largest biotechnology firm in Israel. It was formed as a joint venture between Dr. Haim Aviv, a prominent professor of biochemistry and



virology at the Weizmann Institute, and New York venture capitalist Fred Adler who facilitated BTG's going public in 1983. Mr. Adler controls slightly more than half of the stock with Israel's Electronic Industries holding 5.5% of the shares. Dr. Sim Fass, President and CEO of BTG, holds a Ph.D. in biochemistry from M.I.T. A key element in BTG's ability to compete with much larger firms is not going it alone and collaborating with major firms such as American Cyanamid.

Human superoxide dismutase is one of the firm's most promising medical products. This is an enzyme prepared by recombinant DNA methods that has broad applications in treating heart disease. The projected market for this product is equal to that for thrombolytic agents alone (\$500 million to \$1 billion). BTG's most commercially advanced product is pharmaceutical-grade hyaluronic acid which has unique moisturization/lubrication properties that are useful in cosmetics, ophthalmic surgery, as a post-surgical coating for organs and as a basis for drug delivery system.

In order for American Jews to help Israeli companies commercialize their technology-based products, it is important to consider the following recommendations:

- To acquire a heightened understanding and appreciation of the achievements of Israeli high tech.

- To share these achievements with others by word of mouth and to ensure they are communicated to the American

press and particularly in the Jewish press.

- To acquire an understanding of the long development period and long-term commitment required to commercialize high technologies and to modify their expectations of the speed of return on their investments in these technologies.

- Where appropriate, to help open up doors to Israeli companies seeking to expand their American markets.

- To utilize the Jewish press to link concerned Jews interested in playing a role in helping to commercialize Israeli high technology.

- To use their power as intelligent

consumers to design and implement effective "Buy Israeli Campaigns."

- To develop a mechanism for coordinating efforts by various Jewish groups to help commercialize Israeli products in the U.S.

I am interested in establishing a dialogue with concerned groups toward these ends.

Dr. Thelma Leaffer works at Delta Square Associates, an International Innovation Consultant firm in Providence. She delivered these remarks at the annual Torah Fund Luncheon at Temple Beth-El in West Hartford, CT.

Commission Formed To Celebrate Dr. King Day

Lieutenant Governor Richard A. Licht recently announced the formation of a commission to plan an appropriate celebration to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. January 20, 1986, has been designated as the first national state observance of a holiday honoring Dr. King.

The 21 representatives of state government and community organizations, which make up the commission have already identified four major areas of activity for the celebration: a Speakers' Bureau to secure a nationally known keynote speaker as well as local scholars, educational programs for elementary and secondary school students, media events, and ecumenical religious observances in honor of Dr. King. Plans are under consideration for a concert or special performance to raise funds for an annual Rhode Island King Celebration and the King Center in Atlanta, GA. In addition, the commission will publish a statewide calendar of events in an effort to coordinate all activities scheduled for Dr. King's birthday celebration.

Lieutenant Governor Richard A. Licht, Sen. Charles D. Walton (D-Providence) and Rep. George A. Castro (D-Providence) serve as Co-chairmen of the Commission. Sen. Jane B. Gencarelli (R-Westerly) is Vice Chair, and Frederick C. Williamson, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society, is Secretary.

Other members of the commission include: Sen. William V. Irons (D-Rumford); Walter R. Stone, Chairman of the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society; Frank R. Walker, III, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education; Rev. Richard C. Brown, Executive Minister of the Rhode Island Council of Churches; Rep. Harold M. Metts (D-Providence); Mathies J.

Santos, Policy Assistant to the Governor; Dr. Virgil A. Wood, President of the Rhode Island Ministerial Alliance; Dr. Daniel W. Brown, Chairperson of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Rev. George N. Hunt, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Providence; Raymond E. Gallison, Jr., Executive Director of the Rhode Island Heritage Commission; Karoly White, Executive Secretary of the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts; Raymond E. Mitchell of the Diocese of Providence; Rep. Stephen E. Erickson (R-Middletown); Rep. John S. Hernandez (D-North Kingstown); and W. Thomas Erskine, Co-ordinator of Public Information at the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities.

Emanu-El Garden Club

Emanu-El Garden has now for more than a decade continued to be responsible for the plants on the bima, replacing as needed and maintaining them.

Thursday, November 14, 1985, Emanu-El Garden Club members will have a "Meeting in the Park" at the Roger Williams Park boat house. There will be a tour of the greenhouse, followed by a "Bulb Planting Demonstration."

Members will meet in the Temple parking lot at 11:30 a.m. with a bag lunch. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

Thursday, December 12, will fete Garden Club's own talented, Sybil Lesselbaum, master flower show judge, who will speak on "Silk Flower Arrangements." Mrs. Lesselbaum has exhibited and won many blue ribbons for her arrangements.

This is an open meeting, guests \$2. Coffee hour is at 12:30 p.m. in the Temple vestry. The program will be at 1:30 p.m.



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Social Events

Beth Lipitz Engaged To Stephen Wasserman



Dr. and Mrs. Tevia Lipitz of Smithtown, New York are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth Mindy Lipitz of New York City, to Stephen Leonard Wasserman of Providence, Rhode Island. He is the son of Mrs. Lorna Schiffman and Mr. Allan Wasserman of Providence.

The bride and groom-to-be graduated from Boston University School of Management. The groom-to-be is currently pursuing an MBA degree at Fordham University.

The couple plan to be wed November, 1986.

Carol Barber Engaged To Abbott Wolfe

Mrs. Arleen Barber of Warwick, Rhode Island is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Carol Barber, of San Diego, California, to Abbott D. Wolfe also of San Diego. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Wolfe of Stamford, Connecticut.

The bride-to-be graduated from the University of Connecticut with a degree in Management. The groom-to-be graduated from St. Lawrence University with a degree in Biology.

The wedding will take place June 15, 1986.

Sisterhood Of Ohawe Sholam

The Sisterhood of Cong. Ohawe Sholam will be having a brunch for paid-up members and prospective new members on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 10:30 a.m. The brunch will include a pastry demonstration by Mr. Ralph Buckler.

To make reservations notify Fay Rosen at 334-2154 by Nov. 10.

Kornfelds Announce Birth

Ellie and Gary Korenfeld of West Palm Beach, Florida are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a son, Lee Evan, on October 13, 1985.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Halperin of Cranston, Rhode Island. The paternal grandfather is Samuel Kornfeld of New York and Florida.

Mr. Max Caplan and Mr. and Mrs. Max Halperin are the great-grandparents.

Robin Kall And Burton Homonoff Wed

Robin Sue Kall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kall of Hauppauge, N.Y. and Burton F. Homonoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Homonoff of Providence, R.I. were married Saturday, August 17, at Temple Beth Torah, Dix Hills, N.Y. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rabbi Marc Gillman, and a reception was held immediately following the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a summer satin gown with an illusion neckline and long, fitted sleeves. The collar and bodice were trimmed with Shiffle embroidery. The gown featured a full skirt with Shiffle embroidered lace bordering the entire hemline, and a chapel-length train. Her headpiece was a floral wreath trimmed with pearls. She carried a bouquet of pink roses, phalaenopsis orchids and exotic flowers.

Laura Kall, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Jennifer Kall, sister of the bride, Susan Homonoff, sister of the groom, Linda Homonoff, sister-in-law of the groom, Susan Schapira, Jodi Cohen, Michele Laxer, Marla Baecker, and Beth Lipitz.

Best man was Marvin Homonoff, brother of the groom. Ushers were John Scollard, Peter Leach, Robert Orsman, David Odessa, Michael Chase, Jeffrey Sparr, Bennett Mazursky and Stephen Wasserman.

Junior attendants were Michele and Scott Austin, cousins of the bride, and Heather and Matthew Homonoff, niece and nephew of the groom.

The bride is a May 1985 graduate of the State University of New York at Binghamton.

The groom, a 1983 graduate of Brandeis University, is employed in the family's furniture business and is presently working toward his MBA at Bryant College.

The couple spent a two-week honeymoon in Israel and are presently living in Providence, R.I.

Women Against Violence To Meet

Women Against Violence Against Women of R.I. (WAVAV) will be meeting on Thursday, November 7 at 6 p.m. Call 272-5341 or 272-0367 for any other dates.

Make Your Own Chanukah Menorah

In preparation for the holiday of Hanukkah, the Jewish Community Center will offer a workshop entitled "Creating Judaism by Hand." The workshop is part of the Family Life and Jewish Experience program.

On November 13 and November 20, from 6:30-9 p.m., the workshop will focus on the creation of a Hanukkah menorah. The first session will deal with clay shaping, and the second with glazing.

The cost is \$5 for Center members and \$7.50 for nonmembers. Call Laura Berkson at 861-8800 for further information.

B'nai B'rith Holds Cult Awareness

On November 12, at 7:30 p.m., the B'nai B'rith Hope Lodge will sponsor a Cult Awareness Program at Temple Beth-El on Orchard Avenue in Providence. Rabbi Sholom Strajcher who has experience in de-programming cult members, will speak following the showing of the film "The Magnetism of Cults."

Coffee and Danish will be served following the program.

For more information, contact Stephen Sirota at 943-7224 or Harold Silverberg at 942-9245.

Toddlers And Parents Development Group

A workshop focusing on the social and emotional development of the toddler (14 months to 2½ years) as well as the role of the parent will be held on six consecutive Tuesday afternoons from 3-4:30 p.m. beginning November 12.

Sponsored by Jewish Family Service as part of its Family Life Education series, the workshop will be led by Yael Cohn, ACSW, and Ivy Marwil, ACSW, both of Jewish Family Service.

The sessions, which are cosponsored by the Jewish Community Center and the Young Women's Division of Federation, will be held at the Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence.

The fee is \$40 and includes babysitting services. Pre-registration is required. Call 331-1244 for further information.

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Photography Workshop At JCC

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Emphasis on correct techniques in the use of 35mm cameras (automatic and manual) will lead into composition, exposure, choice of film, lighting, electronic flash, etc.

The instructor is Max Ritter, a master photographer, who has taught courses throughout Rhode Island.

The fee is \$20 for Center members, \$30 for nonmembers. Call Ann Miller at 861-8800 for further information.

Cinema At Sinai Continues

Cinema at Sinai continues to bring entertaining films on Jewish life to the public as part of Temple Sinai's Adult Education program. The Temple Sinai Film Society is sponsoring the following films to be shown in the Social Hall at 30 Hagan Avenue in Cranston.

On Sunday, November 17, at 11:15 a.m., "Yiddle With His Fiddle," a Yiddish film with English subtitles will be shown. On Tuesday, December 10, at 8 p.m. the film, "I Love You, Rosa," will be screened in Hebrew with English subtitles.

Donation to the Film Society is \$2.

Prison Chaplain To Speak At Chabad

Chabad House Jewish Hospitality Center invites all to its first community-wide Melave Malka of the season, this Saturday night, Nov. 9, at 8 p.m. at the Chabad House, 360 Hope St.

The program is titled, "This Man Spends Time in Prison," an evening of first hand experiences with Rabbi Yaakov Lazarus.

He is the chaplain of the Mass. Institute of Correction, Concord, Mass., Cushing Geriatric Hospital in Framingham, Framingham Nursing Hospital, and a student advisor at Brandeis University.

In his discussion, Rabbi Lazarus will emphasize the strengthening of spirit and the social and psychological benefits that are accomplished through visiting those in hospitals, prisons, and nursing homes.

The Mitzvah of Bikur Cholim was always important to Jewish communities. Every town or city organized and coordinated Bikur Cholim Societies who helped care for and visit the sick. Chabad has always been in the forefront of visiting hospitals, prisons, and nursing homes, by arranging for weekly visits, Shofar blowing, Chanukah candle lighting and more. For more information and for those interested in volunteering to visit the ill and infirm, please call Chabad Bikur Cholim Committee at 273-7238.

Dining And Dancing At Temple Emanu-El

Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood on November 23 will sponsor a musical evening featuring Debbie Waldman, an exciting versatile singer-actress and Dr. Mayer Levitt, a multi-talented prominent Providence dentist. Chairing this event are Susan and Edward Odessa. The committee for the evening includes Ruth and Howard Schachter, Buddy and Ellie Frank, Bob and Joyce Starr, Jill Robinson, Murray Kaplan, Bernard Lightman, Mrs. Reuben Cohen, Mrs. Nathan Barkam, Mrs. Abe Gurwitz and the Temple Emanu-El Garden Club.

Congregation Ohave Shalom

The Junior N.C.S.Y. group for children in 6th through 8th grade will be holding a bowling party this Saturday evening Nov. 9 at Chipp Bowlarama. All Jewish youngsters of the above ages are invited to attend. The group will leave from the congregation at 7 p.m.

Adult education officers will be elected during a meeting on Sunday, November 10 at 5 p.m.

The adult education schedule will be as follows:

Mon., 8 p.m. — a class for women on "The Song of Songs."

Wed., 7:30 p.m. — Talmud class, co-ed; 8:30 p.m. — Jewish law faces modern problems, co-ed.

Yiddish Film In Hartford

"Green Fields," a Yiddish film with English subtitles, will be presented by the University of Hartford's Maurice Greenberg Center for Jewish Studies Sunday, Nov. 24, at 3 p.m. in the Community Building on the West Hartford campus. Admission is free and a reception will follow. For information, call (203) 243-4963.

Chanukah At Learning Connection

The tradition of Chanukah is symbolized by the menorah and potato latkes. Why not come join the Learning Connection in this session to learn about the special foods of this lovely holiday.

The teacher, Peppy Fuerst, has taught ethnic and gourmet cooking for five years, the last three for the Learning Connection and Warwick Recreation Department. She offers her own family recipes for latkes and other Jewish delicacies in this class. Also included are demonstration, hands-on cooking and tasting!

Chanukah starts the eve of December 7. The class meets in Warwick on Sunday afternoon, November 17, and the course fee is only \$16.

For registration and information, call the Learning Connection today at 274-9330.

Segal Promoted At Ocean Spray



Joan E. Segal of Boston, Mass., has been promoted to Associate Business Unit Manager, Flexible Packaging, at Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc.

In this position, Segal will be responsible for managing all aspects of the cooperative's 250-milliliter Paper Bottle business, including development of marketing and sales programs with advertising and promotional agencies.

Segal has previously held the positions of Assistant Business Manager, Flexible Packaging, and New England Regional Sales Manager at Ocean Spray. Prior to joining Ocean Spray in 1983, Segal held sales representative positions with Kahns & Company and Food Enterprises, Inc.

Segal holds a B.A. degree in Psychology from the University of Vermont, and she is currently an M.B.A. degree candidate at Boston College.

Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., based here, is a marketing cooperative of cranberry and grapefruit growers. The co-op had sales of \$465 million in fiscal 1984, the ninth consecutive year Ocean Spray has posted record sales.

Youth Interfaith Conference At JCC

"Coming Together," the Second Annual Youth Interfaith Conference will be held at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence on Monday, November 11 from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The day-long conference will bring together four clergy from the different faiths who along with youth from the entire state will seek to answer such questions as: what do different religions have in common? What makes people different? How do people communicate? What stereotypes do people believe? How do we combat prejudice?

The themes of the day are communication, trust and elimination of stereotypes and prejudice. Activities include the sharing of experiences, panel discussions, Israeli dancing, gospel singing, role playing and a Show and Tell by the clergy of the key symbols in their religions.

The Advisory Committee consists of Miriam Jefferson, Youth Services Coordinator of the Jewish Community Center, Charlotte Penn., Executive Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the following clergy: Father Steven Amaral, Director/Spiritual Director of St. Dominic Savio Youth Center in Peacedale; Reverend John Hall, Episcopal Chaplain at the University of Rhode Island and co-administrator of the Episcopal Conference Center; Reverend Margaret Lawson, pastor of the Douglas Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church in New Bedford; and Rabbi Daniel Liben, Assistant Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

The Youth Committee includes: Nadeem Ahmed, Brown University; Robin Estrin, Classical High School; Vincent Ho, Classical High School; Tracy Horne, Bay View High School; Sarah James, Lincoln School; Roman Kaplan, Our Lady of Providence; Kathryn Kilbanoff, Classical High School; Lisa Kranser, Bay View High School; David Lisbon, LaSalle Academy; Robert Mitchell, Classical High School; Noam Neusser, Classical High School; Marilyn O'Neal, Central High School; Ramon Rodriguez, Central High School; and Kevin Smith, LaSalle Academy.

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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



The elevator light blinked and a signal pinged its arrival on the seventeenth floor of the Biltmore Hotel. Those from the media watched for the door to open.

I spotted a familiar face I had seen on celluloid countless times. If I didn't possess a clue to his identity, I would have pondered from what place in time I knew him.

I was spared this probe into past placement for we were waiting for character actor Dana Elcar and others who were in Providence for the world premiere of "There Were Times, Dear."

The film, which stars Shirley Jones, Len Cariou, and Cynthia Eilbacher, revolves around the poignant plight of one family's life with Alzheimer's disease. Produced by Linda Hope, daughter of Bob and Dolores Hope, the premiere gala held last Friday was sponsored by the Rhode Island Chapter of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association.

In a conversation with Dana Elcar about how the film evolved, he told how Linda Hope and Nancy Malone, a former actress and the film's director, were flying cross country when Nancy noticed an article on Alzheimer's disease. When they got to New York, Nancy researched it further. Both she and Linda became enthusiastic about doing something significant for Alzheimer's disease.

"It spoke with Bill Connolly, now special projects director for Sandoz Pharmaceutical Co., and the three of them decided to do a special presentation together. They created the idea of the picture and then obtained a writer.

"I was asked if I would be interested in

you have supported and who has supported you, suddenly lose his ability to function in the business world.

"As the movie progresses, the character can no longer function. That's a terribly devastating to happen in 25 years of a business association and friendship. The man suddenly has to withdraw from the business. How do you deal with it? How does he deal with it? It doesn't mean he can't think. It doesn't mean he doesn't know what's happening. As the disease deepens, people can become irritable and exhibit other personality changes.

"One of the reasons I felt good about doing this picture," the actor says, "is because it will be used to raise funds for research. The Sandoz Pharmaceutical Corporation donated a large amount of money in making this picture.

"After all, our main hope for the future is to discover what the cause is and how to cure it."

Many problematic questions rise in the provisional care of those afflicted with Alzheimer's disease. I spoke with Bill Edelstein, executive director of the Jewish Home.

"Globally," he says, "my understanding is that Alzheimer's disease is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States. The problem we're seeing is that nursing homes, if they're not already, will soon be flooded with applications for people with Alzheimer's disease depending on the stage of the disease when a person is admitted to a home.

"The amount of care that has to be delivered is tremendous. Some of the problems are wandering, anti-social

role model in helping nurses aides and orderlies cope with the problems in caring for Alzheimer's disease residents in addition to teaching treatment modalities.

"What I see on that floor," Bill says, "is that there has become a sense of community. The Home has had difficulty in the past in attracting volunteers, yet our greatest drawing card for volunteers are people working on this special therapeutic floor who come in, visit, play the piano, and conduct an exercise program.

"We're very proud our residents are encouraged to maximize their potentials. They're dressed every day. We try to keep people well groomed and motivated. Exercise programs are scheduled daily. Programs are brought up to the floors because many can't come down.

"We haven't given up," he says determinedly. "We aren't going to be a warehouse for these people. We're still going to motivate them and whatever potential they have.

"Alzheimer's disease is not discriminating. It doesn't care if you're rich or poor, bright or ignorant. It can happen. The statistics are showing it. One out of four people will get Alzheimer's disease.

"How does a spouse or siblings react when they see this person?" Bill questions. "Let's take it on the extreme. You have a brilliant individual. Now all of a sudden, simple tasks can't be completed. It's got to be frustrating. My God, where is this waste of talent going? There's all different phases. Early on, someone may realize they're just not getting things right.

"There is a book written that categorizes Alzheimer's disease as the twenty-six hour day for the care-giver. It shows that the day doesn't end because you're constantly watching, monitoring. You fear your spouse will wake up in the middle of the night, walk out of the house or even start the stove up.

"It becomes very difficult for the care-givers, who after keeping their relative at home five or six years, can no longer do it. They have done marvelous things, keeping that relative stimulated and trying everything to give that person a rewarding life experience.

The Comprehensive Day Care Center at the Home provides care for people suffering from Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Bill noted, "It gives respite to the care-giver besides being a marvelous alternative to institutionalization. We have people who do very well in our Day Care program with social programs geared to their needs. Our warm and caring staff give a lot of individualized attention."

Addressing the Jewish Home's role in the future, he projects, "I think the Home



"I think the Jewish Home is a forerunner in what we are attempting to do," William Edelstein, executive director, Jewish Home For The Aged. (Photo by Dorothea Snyder).

in all sincerity is a forerunner in what we are attempting to do.

"Many nursing homes will not take people who exhibit any kind of behavioral problems be it Alzheimer's or not. We certainly will take care of this person. However, I am concerned because there are financial constraints. Our hope is to become more specialized and meet better staffing patterns to care for these people.

"Perhaps we'll need to expand the concept. Instead of a fifty-bed unit, we may need 100 beds to meet this. It takes a lot of direct staff be it nurses' aides, adjunct staff like social workers and additional psychiatric nurse specialists. This is very expensive care in excess of what we're being reimbursed for. Though we don't have the resources, we have the talent. I know we can put it together."

The Jewish Home's executive director expressed how the nursing home is viewed as the natural source of providing care, yet nothing has been done to train people.

"The nursing home is looked at as the right answer, but how can that be if there isn't enough training and equipment with finances to care for these people. Striking a positive chord, Bill said, "We want to motivate, stimulate and provide more and different specialized services for people with these unique problems so that we can attack it in an appropriate way and make living that much more enriching for them."



Actor Dana Elcar who is featured in "There Were Times, Dear," a film about living with Alzheimer's disease. (Photo courtesy of Lilac Productions.)

the film. When I read the script, I knew I wanted to do it," Dana said.

Why I ask?

"The nature of the script and what it's about," he answers. "The film isn't a commercial film in the sense that it was done to make money. It's a very successful film that is warm, lovely and moving.

"It's also educational. A lot of people aren't aware of certain things about Alzheimer's disease. This picture will tend to awaken them to what can be done, ways of dealing with it, what is known about Alzheimer's disease and what is not known.

"It's a disease for which there is no cure," he said getting intensely involved in discussion. "There is no absolute information about the cause. It affects five million people in the United States at present. An irony about the disease is that of the five million who have all of the symptoms, probably one million won't see a doctor and find out that their symptoms similar to Alzheimer's disease are curable and not Alzheimer's disease."

In his film role as business partner and long-time friend to the stricken victim, Dana Elcar said he felt very moved and upset as the character does. "It is agonizing to find someone you have known and worked with, someone who

behavior, the need for one-on-one care; for example, feeding, bathing, dressing.

"The unfortunate thing is I find many facilities are ill-equipped. The nursing home is seen as the panacea, the no longer cope, but the nursing home hasn't received any special training in caring for this kind of person. There are, of course, some exceptions and there are some nursing homes that have set up some very fine programs.

"I think we join in those ranks at the Jewish Home. About a third of our resident population has been formally diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease and another third of our resident population has behavioral problems.

"Let's focus on the moment on Alzheimer's disease. A few years ago, we set up a therapeutic floor in the Salmons Building for those people suffering from dementia and primarily of the Alzheimer's type. The program there is working out phenomenally. Our staff receives a lot of training. A director of psychiatry comes in, Dr. Jim McCartney, who is also the psychiatrist-in-chief of the Miriam Hospital.

"We hired a psychiatric nurse specialist, Donna Rogers, who serves as a



A scene from "There Were Times, Dear" starring Shirley Jones, Len Cariou, Cynthia Eilbacher and Dana Elcar. (Photo courtesy of Lilac Productions.)

Jewish Response To Hunger

by Aviva Cantor

NEW YORK (JTA) — A new national Jewish organization called "Mazon" (Hebrew for sustenance) has been launched here as "a Jewish response to hunger." The organization will raise and provide funds to projects on the local, national, and international level designed to feed Jews and non-Jews and to attack the "root causes of hunger."

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Mazon's national executive director, Irving Cramer of Los Angeles, said the idea behind the organization came from an article by Leonard Fein, editor of Moment magazine, last Spring. What followed, he said, was a "groundswell" of enthusiasm which led to the formation of a 27-member national board which met recently to finalize details of Mazon's operation.

The uniqueness of Mazon, said Cramer, lies in its sole method of fund-raising — through a voluntary surcharge of three percent to be added by families to the cost of Jewish "life-cycle" festivities such as weddings and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. With the Jewish community spending \$500 million on such festivities a year, Mazon expects the surcharge to bring in \$5 to \$6 million annually, he said.

The organization is structured to work through participating synagogues and temples. "When the rabbi talks to the family about the logistics of a festivity, he also talks about its spiritual aspects. He will talk about Jewish values and how they can be translated" into the family's adding the surcharge for Mazon, said Cramer.

At a later stage, Mazon will branch out to reach hotels and country clubs where so many of these affairs are held. Some participating caterers will put Mazon's logo on their letterheads as "Mazon partners."

The Purpose Of Mazon

The purpose of Mazon, said Cramer, is to "give contemporary meaning to what the Torah obligates us to do" — feed the

hungry — and provide the means for doing so. He pointed to the mitzvah of leaving the corners of one's field for the poor to glean, and the custom in the East European shtetl (townlet) of inviting the poor "and not only Jews" to share the wedding feast.

Mazon's three goals, he continued, are: to feed Jews and non-Jews as part of the Jewish concept of social justice; to "raise consciousness" in the community by enabling people to realize that some of what flows in "should also flow out"; and to create in the private sector a "Jewish presence" engaged in feeding the poor.

Asked by JTA why feeding the Jewish poor should require an additional structure given the existence of the Federations, Cramer replied that "the Federations should be doing this, and they do to some extent; they are not doing it completely."

He added in this context that it is the federal government which should be feeding the hungry — they should not be doing what they did before the budget cuts but "they should be doing more and better." But, he said, "they weren't; they don't and they won't." Given this situation, he concluded, "what should we do in the meantime, stand around and watch people starve?"

Just in the past few months, as Mazon was taking shape, "people have been wildly responsive," Cramer told JTA. Many people feel the surcharge "lends some meaning" to the expensive family festivities indulged in by many American Jews, "and are thrilled to give it." In addition, when anyone spends \$20 or \$30,000 for a wedding or Bar Mitzvah, Cramer said, "no one can say they can't afford a small surcharge."

Mazon is structured as a volunteer operation, with only two staff persons, and is designed to operate at very low costs. Volunteer committees will work in the cities, with a liaison person for each participating synagogue.

A special advisory committee of experts on hunger, as well as Board members, will review all project proposals submitted to Mazon and make grants at quarterly or semi-annual intervals.

The Board is chaired by Theodore Mann, president of the American Jewish

Congress. It includes former Congressional Representative Bella Abzug; actor Ed Asner; Rabbi Irving Greenberg, president of CLAL, the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership; and Fein.

Also, Dr. David Gordis, executive vice president of the American Jewish Committee; Esther Leah Ritz, president of the JWB; Albert Vorspan, director of the Social Action Commission of the (Reform) Union of American Hebrew Congregations; and others.

Mazon will operate out of offices at 2288 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal., 90094

Holiday Fashions Benefit Cancer Society

The Rhode Island Division of the American Cancer Society presents "Holiday Fashions" on Tuesday, November 12, in the ballroom of the Biltmore Plaza Hotel. Chairpersons of the event are Bill and Sharon Rooney. Proceeds from the event will benefit the American Cancer Society.

The evening begins with a wine and cheese reception, followed by the show which will feature the latest in glittering and elegant holiday fashions. Clothes and accessories from Sueno's, Sonya's Shoes,

Munchkins & Co., Finesse, One Door Down and Gian's will be showcased. Furs provided by William Harris Furs.

Tickets are \$15 per person and parking is free with a validated ticket at the Shopper's Parkade, Biltmore Hotel.

For ticket information, call Melissa Vadas at the American Cancer Society, (401) 722-8480.

Classes At Chabad House

Several classes are now starting at Chabad House, the Jewish Hospitality Center at 360 Hope Street, in Providence. A free crash course in Hebrew Reading will be given Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

On Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Michael Phillips will lead a class called, Jewish Mysticism. It will be an in-depth introduction to the purpose of creation, life and divine providence.

At 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights, a Torah Study group for men led by Rabbi Michael Phillips will discuss the weekly portion as a guide to living and self improvement.

At the same time a discussion group led by Mrs. Michla Lauffer will focus on the Torah portion of the week and its implications for the role of the Jewish woman.

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Chorus Line Dances Its Way Back Into Providence Hearts



The award winning musical hit "A Chorus Line" returns to Providence for two performances only at the Providence Performing Arts Center, Sunday, November 24, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Winner of nine Tony Awards and a Pulitzer Prize for Drama, "A Chorus Line," the longest running musical and most profitable in American Theater history, was conceived, choreographed and directed by Michael Bennett.

It celebrates the gypsies, those vagabond dancers who go from one show to another. They perform unrecognized in chorus after chorus, and are constantly studying and practicing to perfect their skills while seeking elusive stardom.

An audition for dancers provides a fascinating parade of character studies amidst an exciting musical score

composed by "Emmy" and "Academy Award" winner Marvin Hamlisch.

"A Chorus Line," which sold out previous performances during its Providence run, became an immediate hit in 1975 when Joseph Papp, Producer of the New York Shakespeare Festival, originally presented the musical at the 299-seat Newman Theater in New York. In response to critical and public demand, it was moved to the Shubert Theatre where it continues to play to capacity audiences.

Tickets for the evening performance are \$18.50, \$16.50 and \$14.50. Matinee tickets are \$16.50, \$14.50 and \$12.50. Tickets are available at the Theater Box Office and all Ticketron outlets. To Charge call 421-ARTS. For Group Sales and Information call (401) 421-2997.

Clifford Jordan Jazzes Up Goddards

Clifford Jordan, the world-renowned tenor saxophonist who has remained a nascent days of bebop, will bring his eloquent, passionate music to the Goddard's Jazz Series tonight and Saturday, November 8 and 9. These three-set performances, running from 9 p.m. through 1 a.m., will be offered in Goddard's, the famed restaurant/lounge of the Biltmore Plaza Hotel in Providence, Rhode Island.

There will be no cover charge and no minimum, and fans are urged to stick around for all three sets. As usual, secure and reasonably priced parking will be available in the adjacent Biltmore Plaza Garage (park all evening long for less than you might pay for a cover charge elsewhere).

For his Goddard's engagement, Clifford Jordan will be ably supported by the Artie Cabral Trio.

Rape Crisis Center Benefit

The Rhode Island Rape Crisis Center will be sponsoring a 50's dance party on Sunday, December 1 from 2 to 7 p.m. at Sh'Na'Na's, Airport Road in Warwick. There will be Trivia and LIP Sync contests, and a live DJ, and cash bar. 50's dress is encouraged! Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at the door or by calling the Rape Crisis Center at 941-2400.

Feminist Coffeehouse At Amara's

A feminist coffeehouse, with music and poetry will be held Sunday, November 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Amaras Restaurant, 63 Warren Avenue, East Providence. This is a good chance to meet with other people who share the same concerns.

A \$5 donation will cover costs of refreshments. This evening is sponsored by Feminist Resources Unlimited. For more information call 272-5341.

Stars Shine Bright At PPAC

Brian Alden is pleased to present Arlo Guthrie and it special guests David Bromberg and John Sebastian on Friday, November 15, at 8 at the Performing Arts Center. They will be appearing as part of the Festival of Stars sponsored by Brian Alden.

Arlo grew up in a house filled with folk music and it seemed natural that he continue this musical tradition. Politics and songs is another Guthrie tradition that Arlo carries on. There is no separation with music and performance as it involves the social concerns of our generation. Arlo regards himself as a "concerned citizen" and takes an active role in peace movement and the environmental issues of the day.

David Bromberg began studying the guitar at the age of 13. Later, he was drawn to the flourishing coffeehouse folk music scene in the mid-60's. Shortly thereafter, his extraordinary guitar picking and exceptional stylistic range brought him to the attention of many other musicians: Bob Dylan, Ringo Starr, Tom Paxton, and Chubby Checker are only a few of the notables who sought Bromberg out as back-up artist for recording. In all, he has played as sideman of over 75 albums.

Composer, musician, singer John Sebastian has managed to stay afloat in a musical world where careers are traditionally short. This last year has included co-composing music with Phil Galdston for many different projects.

Tickets for all performances are available at the Providence PAC box office (421-2787), at Teletron (401) 331-0991, and at all Ticketron outlets.

Channing Music Series Harmonizes

Channing Music Series will present two styles of early American music as Pamela Smith and then Norumbega Harmony share the evening on November 16. Contralto singer Pamela Smith will start the concert with chain gang and blues style music and the Norumbega Harmony will finish, singing traditional folk style church music, sung from "shape-note" hymnals.

Pamela Smith, born in Detroit, Mich. and currently living in New York City, sings with a wonderfully deep, rich voice, guaranteed to fill the Channing Church hall. She is an interesting historian of chain gang songs but also impresses her audiences with a diversity of styles including pop, jazz, blues, and opera. One is tempted to compare the depth and force of her voice to that of the famed singer Odetta.

Pamela Smith and Norumbega Harmony will perform at Channing Memorial Church, 135 Pelham St., (opposite Touro Park), Newport, R.I. on Saturday, November 16 at 8 p.m. Advance tickets will cost \$7. Tickets at the door will cost \$8. For more information call 849-7721.

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