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## Jordan Arms Sale In Jeopardy

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Sen. Richard Lugar (R. Ind.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, predicted that because of what he called the "faltering" Middle East peace process, resolutions may be introduced "early on" in the Senate to reject the Reagan Administration's proposed \$1.9 billion arms sales to Jordan.

Lugar, at a press conference discussing foreign relations issues for the new year, said recently the Foreign Relations Committee would hold a hearing on the Mideast peace process sometime in the first few weeks after Congress returns from its winter recess.

He noted that Congress has until March 1 to act on the Jordanian arms sale. This is the date to which a resolution by both Houses had postponed the sale, which the Administration had proposed October 21, unless "direct and meaningful peace negotiations between Israel and Jordan are underway."

Lugar said he expected the Administration would propose an arms sale to Saudi Arabia this year, but said he would not speculate on his reaction until he saw the proposal.

The Indiana Senator appeared to place

a great deal of responsibility for the lack of progress in the peace process on Syria, which he said was among those in the Mideast "who have not wanted that initiative to succeed." He added, "The current negotiations (by Syria) with King Hussein have not been helpful."

### Force Against Terrorism Not Advisable

Lugar said the terrorist attacks at the Vienna and Rome airports December 27 may have been aimed at wrecking the peace process. He said that if the U.S. used force to retaliate, this would result in a "very serious setback" for the peace process, but noted it was already a "faltering process."

However, Lugar supported the use of force if it's necessary but urged the need for international cooperation against terrorism. He said there is a "change of mind in this country and it is becoming apparent in Europe" to support government action against terrorism "that may involve the loss of life."

But he said there is not yet the realization that state-sponsored terrorism involved "nation-states, and nation-states must be held responsible."

## Toby Simon: A Profile Of A Believer And A Doer



Toby Simon, Director of Health Education at Brown University and Elisabeth, her daughter. Elisabeth recently appeared in a *Christmas Carol* at Trinity Square Repertory Theatre in the role of Tiny Tim.

by Susan Bostian

For Toby Simon, Director of Health Education at Brown University, work is not confined to an office or a rigid set of hours. Toby Simon promotes healthful lifestyles and goes to her audience to address the most critical concerns of the students. Her family understands when she is not home in the evening or when several students, alone in a new city for the first time, share dinner with them.

In addition to counseling students, Simon also leads workshops and networks with coaches and food-service workers at the school. Although her role remains consistent, Simon finds the concerns of the students change and she must provide answers to the ever evolving array of problems confronting them. This year Simon has been doing a lot of group work on eating concerns, sexuality, alcohol, homosexuality, cocaine, and what she calls, 'FAIDS,' fear of AIDS.

Simon credits Brown University for recognizing the intimate relationship between student life and physical and psychological well-being. "There's a huge safety net that exists at the university that is both unusual and wonderful," Simon says. Cafeteria personnel may alert her to a student who is bingeing or athletic coaches may ask for help in dealing with a suspected drug related problem.

Caring and being involved are not new characteristics for Simon. After earning her master's degree in education from Syracuse University, she accepted a teaching position in an inner city high

school. "My husband was in medical school at the time. This was during the late 60's and early 70's and the inner city was a tough place to be. I was teaching English classes and there were police in the school to control violence. I thought it would be a good idea to get to know the students in a way other than teacher and pupil, so I volunteered to be a cheerleading advisor and coach.

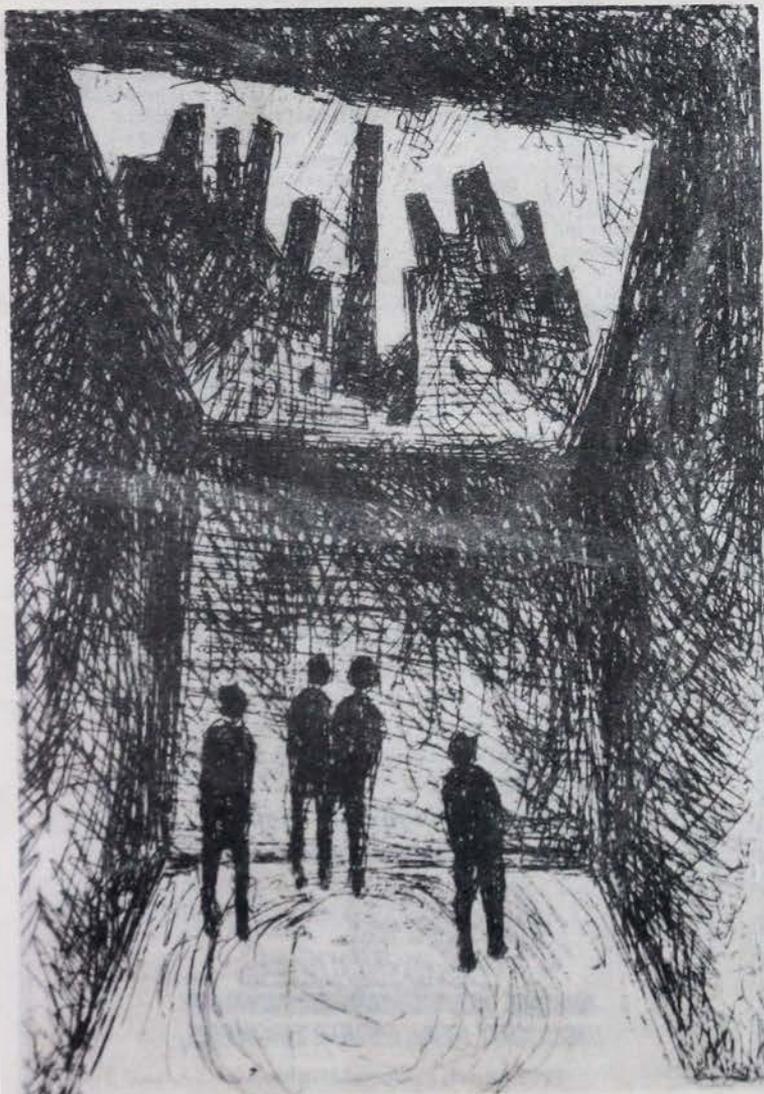
"After a while I noticed I was losing cheerleaders. Someone wouldn't be at practice and the others would tell me she was sick. Then a couple of months later I would find out she was pregnant. I was quite surprised. I guess I was a little naive, I was surprised that teenagers were having intercourse and without any protection."

Simon made the decision to help. "I started making clandestine runs to Planned Parenthood. Word spread around school that every Wednesday at 7 p.m. students should meet me at my apartment and I would load them into my squareback Volkswagen and take them to the clinic. I would be the consenting adult and they would all get a birth control talk and some sort of birth control method.

"This little underground went on for about three years until we moved. The principal was a wonderful man who was aware of what was going on but wouldn't acknowledge it. He was just glad that the students had someone to go to." Simon says this experience stimulated her interest in health education and reproduction.

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## The Plight Of The Homeless



The plight of the poor and homeless is a growing national problem. Robert Israel's report from San Francisco is on page 4.

# Local News

## Rabbi Gutterman Honored

Each year, Federations all across the United States and Canada choose to honor rabbis who have contributed their valuable knowledge, specialized interests and leadership skills to their communities. These rabbis are spiritual leaders of congregations, teachers and community activists involved in a wide range of worthy causes. They serve on the boards and committees of national and local organizations and institutions that span the spectrum of Jewish life and build interfaith bridges between the Jewish community and its neighbors.

This year's 54th General Assembly, meeting last month in Washington, D.C., honored Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman, Rabbi of Temple Beth-El for 15 years and Special Lecturer in the Department of Religious Studies at Providence College. An honorary President of the Jewish Family Service and former chairman of the R.I. Committee on the Humanities, his concern for the local community is reflected in a variety of activities, including serving on the boards of Miriam and Butler hospitals and other health organizations. He also serves on the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island Executive Board among other local boards and committees.

## Hebrew Poet To Read In Hartford

An evening of Hebrew poetry reading with English translation is scheduled Thursday, Feb. 6, by the Maurice Greenberg Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Hartford. The public is invited to the free reading, which will start at 8 p.m. in the Community Building.

T. Carmi, noted Hebrew poet, is visiting professor of Hebrew Literature at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem. He is currently visiting professor in Hebrew Literature at Yale University in the

Judaic Studies Program and departments of Near Eastern Languages and Literatures and Comparative Literature.

The winner of many literary awards, Carmi is the editor and translator of the *Penguin Book of Hebrew Verse*. His published poetry includes *At the Stone of Losses*, *The Brass Serpent*, and *T. Carmi and Dan Pagis, Selected Poems*.

Born in a Hebrew-speaking home in New York City, Carmi studied at Yeshiva University and Columbia Graduate School. He settled in Israel in 1947 and attended Hebrew University in 1949-51. He has been a visiting fellow at Oxford University.

## BBYO Winter Carnival

New England Region B'nai B'rith Youth Organization will be heading up to Auburn, Maine, for their annual Winter Convention, January 10-12, 1986. The weekend will be hosted by the Central Maine BBYO Chapter and will feature stimulating and exciting programs and social activities.

The weekend for many youth will be the opportunity to experience downhill and/or cross country skiing at the Lost Valley Ski Resort. In addition to skiing, many snow related activities have been planned.

Participants will be home-housed and convention activities will take place at Congregation Beth Abraham under the direction of Rabbi Norman Geller. Rachel Elson of Newton and Steven Leavitt of Randolph have been working with their committee of twelve and have planned a diverse, educational and fun convention. Regional N'siah Sharon Lesser of Natick and Regional Godol Brad Steinberg of Warwick, Rhode Island have both been overseeing the pending carnival.

For more information on the convention or how to join the world's largest Jewish Youth Organization (ages 13-19) call (617) 566-2067.

## Tu Bishevat Celebrated

Tu Bishevat, the "New Year of the Trees," will be celebrated on January 25, 1986, with some 3,000 Jewish schools planting over 600,000 trees in the Jewish National Fund's Children's Forest and other JNF forests throughout Israel. The theme of this year's educational program will be, "Ahdut Israel — the Unity of Israel."

A variety of Hebrew and English reading materials have been mailed to some 300,000 students throughout the United States. Coincidentally, Tu Bishevat, this year falls on the 50th anniversary of the passing of Ha Rav Abraham Kook who was the first Chief Rabbi of Israel's Ashkenazic community. He is well remembered for his love of the people, the land and the unity of Israel.

Commemorative materials on the life of Ha Rav Kook include a booklet in English on his life, written by Dr. Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University; the only available biographical filmstrip, with a Hebrew and English script; posters and stamps celebrating his life.

Every year during Tu Bishevat, hundreds of thousands of Israelis of all ages turn out at JNF planting sites throughout the country to plant trees with their own hands. The holiday has great significance in Israel, where it symbolizes resettlement of the land. It is appropriate that JNF is putting together this special education program because since its founding in 1901, the organization has planted over 170 million trees and created over 110 major parks and picnic areas throughout Israel. An additional four to five million trees are planted each year by JNF. In addition, JNF has reclaimed thousands of acres of difficult terrain for farming, housing and industry.

Shipment of Tu Bishevat materials is in process and all Jewish schools, JCC's and other interested organizations are urged to register for the program.



## PNAI To Meet

There will be a meeting of PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) — formerly APAI — on Sunday, January 19, 1986, at 2 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wellins, 171 Glen Ridge Road, Cranston, R.I. 02920 (401-942-6465).

The guest speaker will be Mrs. George (Rosemary) Shlossberg, past president and member of the founding group of Connecticut APAI (now PNAI). At present she is vice-president of the group, in charge of membership. She will speak on "Part Time Living in Israel."

A most cordial invitation is extended to all those residing in Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts, who have children living in Israel, either temporarily or permanently, to come to this meeting.

Doris Chaffee is president of the Rhode Island-Southern Mass. chapter of PNAI.

## Congregation Ohave Sholam

Ephraim Gerber will be sponsoring a Kiddush this Shabbat morning at Congregation Ohave Sholam in memory of their grandfather immediately following services which begin at 9 a.m. The rabbi will give a class on the portion of the week at 3:30 p.m. followed by Mincha at 4:15 p.m. and the third sabbath meal.

The adult education schedule is as follows:

Monday, 8 p.m. — Torah class (an analysis of various sections of the Torah).

Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Talmud. Anyone wanting an additional class in Hebrew or Judaica please contact Rabbi Jacobs at 724-3552.

The Junior NCSY for children between 5th-8th grade will be visiting the Jewish Home for the Aged on Monday, January 20 leaving from the synagogue at 2:15 p.m.

Don't forget the Men's Club, glatt kosher spaghetti and meatball dinner to take place Sunday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. Contact Dr. Barrie Weisman.

## Programs Explore Jewish Culture

A bimonthly program on Yiddish Culture, Yiddish Traditions and Yiddish Literature starting Tuesday, January 14 and continuing every other Tuesday evening of the winter-spring season is being sponsored by the Beth David Synagogue in Narragansett.

The first of the series will be given by Simon Pressman, in charge of one of the activities. It will be held at 8 p.m. at the synagogue and will be a talk and discussion on Yiddish literature and language.

Pressman has been teaching a class in the Yiddish language and expects to present interesting speakers and expand the series into a variety of programs and forums, depending on the response of participants.

The programs are open to the community and there will be no charge for attendance. On January 28, Robert Israel of Narragansett, Editor of the *Rhode Island Herald*, will give a talk about his recent trip to Israel and meeting many Rhode Islanders living there.

At a later date, plans are to have the Israeli Consul from Boston talk about "The Politics and Problems of the State of Israel."

It is hoped to make this program a community-oriented effort and will not be limited only to members of the congregation.

Other programs will be discussions and interpretations of the Torah at Sabbath prayer observances Harold Sternbach and Richard Hellman, both of Kingston.

The activities committee headed up by Norman Barnett of Saundertown is planning other community projects and social activities at the Narragansett Synagogue to reach out to the Jewish residents in South County as a Community Center concept.

Additional information for those who wish to take part in other forthcoming programs should call 295-7720 or 783-8054.

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## Shiloh Addresses Local Ben-Gurion Chapter



Immersed in conversation are Consul General Michael Shiloh, Robert Bernstein, Chairman of Rhode Island Area, Ben-Gurion University and George Shrut, Chairman, Executive Committee New England Area, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Michael Shiloh, Consul General of Israel to New England recently addressed a lunch time Board of Directors meeting of the New England Chapter of the American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Mr. Shiloh updated those present on current activities in Israel and the Middle East. Recently instituted economic reform measures have been successful in curbing the high rate of inflation. Inflation has diminished significantly and exports are up 8% over the past year. However, in order to achieve this goal governmental subsidies were drastically

reduced to nondefense related services. Consul General Shiloh stressed the need for increased donations from American supporters of Ben Gurion University and other Israeli universities at a time when subsidies to institutions of higher learning have been dramatically reduced.

In addition, Mr. Shiloh noted that diplomatic relations with Egypt remain status quo. While there was some initial excitement about negotiations with Jordan, during the previous months, no significant progress has been made to date. However, the State of Israel remains committed to the ongoing search for peace.

## B'nai B'rith Urges Action Against Terrorists

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith today called the terrorist attacks in Rome and Vienna "appalling" and said "they leave us all with a greater sense of exposure to evil."

In a statement issued by Abraham H. Foxman, ADL's associate national director and head of its International Affairs Division, the League urged a worldwide offensive against terrorism and punishment for nations which provide refuge to terrorists.

The full text of Mr. Foxman's statement is as follows:

"Even after the many Palestinian inspired terrorist tragedies of the last

fifteen years, the terrorists have not lost their ability to shock us with their inhumanity. The attacks today in Rome and Vienna are appalling. They leave us all with a greater sense of exposure to evil.

"They also leave us with a greater urgency to achieve concerted international action against terrorists and those who would abet them.

"We must begin by engaging in a worldwide offensive against terrorism. No legitimacy can be given to those involved. No nation which provides refuge should go unpunished."

## Devar Torah

by Rabbi Leslie Gutterman

Henny Youngman used to tell the story of a man who complained to his psychiatrist, "Nobody will listen to me! My boss won't listen to me. My wife won't listen to me. My kids won't listen to me." The doctor responds, "next!"

In this week's Torah portion Moses has a similar lament. "Pharaoh won't listen to me. The Jewish people won't even listen to me." Moreover, Moses is right! Unlike that psychiatrist God does hear Moses out. Eventually the great Jewish leader finishes his catalogue of woes including reminding God that he is an ineffective, inarticulate spokesman. ("I am a man of impeded speech!") One almost expects him to add — "And furthermore I quit!"

But Moses does not quit. What happens is that he goes back to Pharaoh and continues looking for the day when his people will go forth in freedom from Egypt. As we know Moses was successful; of course not all at once and not without continuing crises of self confidence, but he was victorious by sticking it out. In Moses' darkest moments he remembers how noble is the task he has dedicated himself to, and he recalls God's assurance, "I will be with you."

Here is an important model for us. It is

easy to identify with the plight of Moses. The Torah portion stresses his humanity. That is why there appears a genealogy which spells out the Emancipators' simple, unpretentious background. A man named Amnon married a woman named Yochevad and they had three children: Aaron, Miriam and Moses! Here is a very human, being who, like most of us, feels he is not always equal to life's challenges. But Moses also discovers that even the most arduous journey can only start by taking a next step. Perseverance has won more races than we know.

Who is the person who has not faced hardship or never dealt with set back? Unfortunately we usually have little to do about altering those circumstances of life. The good news is that much is in our control concerning the attitude we choose toward dealing with those circumstances.

When we feel isolated and ignored we may like Moses wring our hands and cry out in despair. That is only human! However it is also human not to be discouraged from starting anew. It is also human to turn once again to life's tasks heartened by God's own assurance, "I will be with you!"

Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman is spiritual leader of Temple Beth-El in Providence.

## Temple Emanu-El

Saturday January 11 will be a Family Shabbat Service commencing at 10 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary of Temple Emanu-El. Members of the congregation will lead the service, chant portions of the Torah and read special prayers. Everyone is invited to attend the service.

Sunday January 12 will see a continuation of the Minyanaire Lecture Program sponsored by the Men's Club of Temple Emanu-El. This week's speaker will be Carol K. Ingall discussing "Teaching and Teachers: The Jewish Dimension." Mrs.

Ingall holds degrees from the Jewish Theological Seminary, Barnard College, the University of Chicago and the University of Rhode Island. Currently, Mrs. Ingall is Associate Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island where her primary responsibilities are in the areas of curriculum development and teacher training. The morning begins with services at 9 a.m. in the Chapel followed by breakfast and the lecture in the Bohnen Vestry. All are welcome to attend.

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## From The Editor

by Robert Israel



### The Plight Of The Homeless

SAN FRANCISCO, California — The morning fog clings to the trees near my hotel across from Golden Gate Park, a damp, cold fog that challenges the warm and romantic images of this city by the Pacific Ocean. It is possible to escape the realities of life for a few moments by riding the cable car down to the tourist shops along Fishermen's Wharf, but the cold soon seeps into the bones and it is necessary to seek refuge at the Cafe Trieste, in North Beach, a bohemian hang-out not far from City Lights Bookstore.

At five o'clock in the evening, the bells of St. Francis of Assisi Church ring across the street from the Cafe Trieste, and the homeless people of the city line up waiting for their evening meal. At first there are a few of them, mostly men, grisly faced, shabby, carrying their belongings in bags, bedrolls under their arms or tied to their backs. The men are black and white, old and young. Some of them are visibly intoxicated, others weary from wandering for endless weeks and years. By five-thirty, the line of hungry men stretches around the corner along Broadway, and then the doors open and the men go inside for soup, bread, coffee, shelter.

A few weeks ago, the city passed out over 1,000 sleeping bags for the homeless. According to the San Francisco *Examiner*, there are over 17,000 homeless people in the Bay Area. Along Market Street, a major street, you can see the homeless at all hours of the day. At night, it is particularly tragic. Men and women, seeing warmth, bundle themselves up and wait out the night under trees or in doorways. Contrasted with the opulence of the large homes on the hills overlooking the Pacific Ocean, it tells the timeless story of the haves and the have-nots, a story which holds true in every city in the world.

San Francisco's homeless population is considerably lower than the homeless population in New York City. According to a report on CNN News, there are over 23,000 homeless men, women and children in New York, a city that has been called "capital of the homeless." The director of a housing agency that helps the homeless was interviewed on the CNN report and asked why so many are homeless and destitute. He replied that it is because of cutbacks to low-income housing — federal cutbacks under the Reagan Administration — which all but make it impossible for poor people to find housing in expensive cities like New York and San Francisco.

Predictably, during the holiday season, we hear news commentators report about the plight of the homeless. The weather turns cold and people lie in the street or in the parks under crude shelters, and the media brings them close to us. We see their suffering and are told this is the season for compassion. But suffering knows no season. There is an urgent need to address the problem nation-wide.

In Boston last month, several homeless people obtained access to a heated, 24-hour banking booth and crammed into that little booth to call attention to the plight of the hundreds who are searching for warmth on nights when the mercury dips and the cold winds come in off the harbor. And closer to home, last month over 800 people were given shelter by the Salvation Army in Pawtucket and Central Falls.

In San Francisco, when the fog gives way to teeming rain, the homeless gather in Golden Gate Park not far from the warm comforts of my hotel. Here, in a concrete bunker, the men and women who have no where else to go light fires, pull their belongings close to them, covering themselves with sleeping bags until the rain stops. In the morning they find their way to the soup kitchen in North Beach, or to other city run agencies for the homeless.

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While it is important to heed the message of those broadcasts during the holiday season that urge us to have compassion, the real message is being lost.

It would be comforting to think of this government — our government — as a friend. But when funds for low-income housing are repeatedly trimmed, this government becomes more and more like an adversary.

While it is increasingly important to give to the United Way or to Amos House in South Providence that provides meals for the hungry or to many of the other agencies working with the homeless and hungry, it is equally as important to lobby for the rights of the needy since they are often unable to lobby for these basic comforts themselves.

You need only to walk past the line of men waiting for their meal in the damp cold of a San Francisco night to realize how important it is to help the homeless. The light from the soup kitchen at St. Francis of Assisi Church is welcoming and warm. But where is the light from Washington?

## Wanted: Guidelines For Creches & Menorahs

by Theodore R. Mann

Last November, the American Jewish Congress filed a suit in the Federal district court in Chicago to stop the city and county governments from displaying a creche, or nativity scene, and a menorah in government buildings. The 1985 holiday season is over, of course; but the suit is not. We view the Chicago litigation as a "test" case with national implications. We hope, indeed, we expect, that unlike the 1984 Pawtucket creche case, known as *Lynch v. Donnelly*, our Chicago suit will lead to the establishment of clear, unambiguous guidelines for government display of religious symbols.

The American Jewish Congress did not reach the decision to file the suit lightly. We were well aware that there may be unpleasant fallout from such a suit, both within the Jewish community and from our Christian neighbors. Nevertheless, the vindication of the principle that government must remain neutral as to religion is sufficiently important to the long term interests of the Jewish community in the United States to justify our risking short term discomfort. But because of the possible repercussions of this litigation, we feel we owe the American Jewish community an explanation of why we decided as we did.

The fight against government display of creches is hardly new. For years, the Jewish community has asserted that government display of a creche — a sacred symbol of Christianity, representing the birth of the Christian messiah — "establishes" religion not only in a technical constitutional sense, but in a very practical sense as well.

Government display of a Christian religious symbol (as differentiated from the arguably secular Christmas tree and reindeer) sends a two-fold message to the community: that government officially endorses that Christian symbol, and, therefore, Christianity; and, conversely, that government views Jews and other non-Christians as outsiders, — as somehow tolerated guests in our own country.

Such government action is a fundamental affront to the idea of equality of membership in the American political community, a principle that is the bedrock of our precious religious liberty.

We believe that if the Jewish community continues to accept the spread of gov-

ernment-sponsored creches and their message of political inequality without taking action, we will be conspiring in our own political and psychological disaffection. Only if we Jews assert our rights as the full citizens we are, and as the United States Constitution intends us to be, can we preserve the integrity of our faith and maintain the proud public posture that has permitted us to flourish as a community.

If our concern about the nativity scene is to be effective we have no choice but to litigate against the menorah. We cannot expect other faiths to understand and respect our views about the creche unless we also seek to ban the government endorsed display of our own religious symbol. There simply is no principled basis to distinguish between government sponsorship of a creche and a menorah.

Before initiating litigation last November 5, repeated appeals were made to the Lubavitch movement — which was responsible for the erection of the Chicago menorah — to place the menorah on private land. All appeals were unavailing.

Our objection to these displays is most emphatically not rooted in any embarrassment at public displays of Jewish objects. In fact, we have urged, and continue to urge, the display of Jewish religious symbols on private land and by private individuals. Rather, it is our view that Judaism does not need the approval of government to flourish and in fact that the price of such "approval" down the road may be the loss of religious independence and integrity. This was the principal consideration in our decision to file suit.

Finally, past efforts of the Jewish community to prevent display of religious symbols in public buildings by measures short of litigation, such as public protests, have sometimes generated substantial anti-Semitism and ill feelings without accomplishing their intended purpose. By contrast, we anticipate that the incremental increase in bad feelings attributable to this litigation — which we believe will accomplish its purpose — will not be substantial. Certainly, it is a small price to pay to eliminate the long-term religious divisiveness generated within many of our nation's communities by displays of religious symbolism in government facilities.

*Theodore R. Mann is an attorney in Philadelphia. He is President of the American Jewish Congress.*

## Chain Reaction

For sheer brutality, the slaughter of passengers checking their luggage for holiday flights in Rome and Vienna has seldom been matched — even in the Middle East, the world's most active volcano of terror.

The heart cries for a break in the chain — forged link by link over decades of exploding grenades, flaming buses, booby traps and dead women and children — that tethers Israelis and Palestinians to a war with no trenches and no boundaries. The mind sees yet another deadly link already being forged to join the chain in yet another blinding flash somewhere soon, sometime soon.

From the relative safety of Washington, shielded from most such madness by an ocean and a continent, officials counseled restraint. Go gently in reacting to these Palestinians working off their frenzy on the innocent with grenades and machine guns, they said. The heart yearns for the break in the chain that might feed the fragile hopes for peace through negotiations. The mind argues that restraint is a concept with meaning only in civilized settings where both parties can contemplate the value of turning the other cheek. Contemplation was an early victim in the Middle East.

As long as there are ragged platoons of young Palestinians, encouraged by demented elders, nursing a blind faith that repeated violence will wear down the civilized world, there will be no break in the chain. If the next link is not forged by retaliation, it will be fashioned at another airport, on another cruise ship, at 35,000 feet on another airliner caught off guard, by people for whom death is a condition of peace as much to be desired as life.

The tragedy piles upon tragedy in this insane war. There is the most recent tragedy of 18 dead, irrelevant strangers to

the assassins. There is the tragedy that in the twisted minds of the assassins those strangers died not in vain but in the cause of the assassins. There is the tragedy that retaliation often is neither as precise nor as proportionate as it must be, inviting ever bloodier response. There is the final tragedy that strict forbearance is no answer, either — only an invitation to more death in the cause of the assassins.

*Reprinted from L.A. Times.*

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### To The Editor:

Thanks to Rabbi Laufer that there was a public display and lighting of the Chanukah menorah at the State House.

I find contradictions with editor Robert Israel's mention of the separation of church and state and the rights to all individuals of practicing their religion in a country founded on the ideals of that freedom. Let's face it, we're living in a Christian country where this season's religious displays are in every public and private place imaginable.

While that, too, is not quite palatable to the supposedly cohesive rabbinic council of rabbis from all factions of Judaism, it certainly is better than trying to make religion disappear from the face of the earth.

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Karen Dub

### To The Editor:

Regarding the issue of December 20 and the two articles — one about "New Settlements Seize the Galilee" and the other on "Unorthodox Attitudes Help Exceptional Cancer Patients Heal."

I thought both articles were very interesting and at this point I want to tell you that I think the paper has greatly improved under your guidance.

Congratulations!

Ernest Nathan

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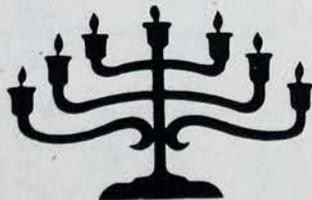
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## Letters To The Editor

### To The Editor:

None of the 22 Moslem Arab states lives by the rule of law. Each of the 22 states is a police state, there is no political choice, there is no free press and there are no free Jews. Most of these states are regularly at war with each other: Egypt with Libya, Iraq with Iran and Syria, Syria with Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon, etc. Most of these states conduct regular wars of extermination against their racial and religious minorities: Sunni and Shi'ite vs. Allawie vs. Kurds vs. Coptic Christians vs. Druze vs. PLO. There are few Jews here, there are few Christian or Bahai left alive. This troubles Rabbi Kahane — Does it trouble you?

But these societies' hatred for each other is secondary to their hatred of Israel. Israel is a victim of their constant bloodletting. Israel is not a wealthy social worker to solve the problems of these delinquent societies. Israel is to be praised for keeping glowing the light of freedom amongst these bleak and horrible lunatic asylum states.

Rhode Island Jews do not have such a wealth of public speakers that we have the luxury of pushing one away or ignoring one. Listen to Rabbi Kahane, question him, criticize him and yourself on January 13 and keep the Lite of Freedom glowing in the Middle East.

I want to add that these next several months can be a special time for the Russian Jews. The Russians want things from the West these days and they might be pressured to release some of their hostage Jews as they have done in the past when they hoped for concessions from us.

John S. Dering

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### To The Editor:

I would like to call attention to several important facts in support of public lighting of the Menorah by government officials, rabbis, and prominent Jewish leaders.

When it comes to Constitutional matters involving church and state, the Supreme Court is the one legal body that has absolute jurisdiction in this matter. The beliefs of an individual or group notwithstanding, the Supreme Court has written that "the Constitution affirmative mandates accommodation, not merely tolerance of all religions."

Displaying religious symbols on public property is totally permissible and does not in any way infringe on the issues of Church and State. In fact, according to the Supreme Court, local, state and federal governments are obligated to assist in these matters.

As it is explained in the Talmud, the purpose of lighting the Menorah is "to publicize the miracle." This is why traditionally the Menorah was put in view of the street, for the benefit of Jews and non-Jews.

Over the past ten years many public officials have conducted Chanukah lighting ceremonies in public places. These people disagree with those who fight the tradition of lighting the Menorah publicly.

As members of the Jewish community, you would undoubtedly agree that the strengthening of Jewish values and the stemming of intermarriage and assimilation are the primary goals of all Jewish organizations, lay leaders and individuals. By placing the Menorah on the State House and encouraging coverage by the media, we have been able to reach many unaffiliated Jews, one of whom said to us, "You gladdened our hearts and made us feel proud."

The Chanukah Menorah with its universal message of triumph of freedom over oppression is especially akin to the spirit of liberty and independence of this nation and has won applause not only in Jewish life but also in the life of the American people. It has never been offensive and was never opposed from any non-Jewish quarters. Regrettably, the only objections and opposition to public menorahs have come from some Jews, who disregard the rulings of the Supreme Court.

Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer  
Director, Chabad-Lubavitch  
of Southeastern N.E.

### To The Editor:

Rabbi Meir Kahane is coming to Providence on January 13, 1986. There are already those who call themselves Jewish leaders in Rhode Island who are mounting pressure to keep Kahane from speaking. Those who oppose him probably have never heard him speak. If they are afraid of giving him the rights of free speech guaranteed by the first amendment, why should you?

Rabbi Kahane believes that he speaks the Jewish truth. Those that oppose him do not share this belief.

At the very least, each member of this community has the right to listen to him and decide. No decent person would or should countenance anyone — though he be your Rabbi, Federation President, or lay leader from taking upon himself the right to decide whom you can listen to and whose views are "unsafe" for you to hear.

Larry Dub

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### To The Editor:

The holes in Robert Israel's editorial argument concerning the "State House menorah-lighters" could accommodate a Greek war-elephant. ("Community Disunity," *Herald*, Dec. 20, 1985).

Mr. Israel states that he feels he "must take a stand for the Constitution," as if the menorah-lighters had somehow taken one against it, something I had not known, and fully doubt. Yet only a few paragraphs earlier he fully admits the full legality (hence, one presumes, constitutionality) of the ceremony at the State House.

"Vying for attention" is the phrase used, derogatorily, to indict the menorah-lighters. This season of the year sees quite a lopsided abundance of displays of Christian beliefs — something not offensive to me but by any account quite noticeable. If the menorah-lighters wanted to heighten the awareness of Jews in the community to the existence of Chanukah, that is hardly "vying for attention." It is, in today's political terminology, an attempt at equal time. If that offends the R.I. Board of Rabbis or Mr. Israel, they would do well to meditate on the importance of pride for one's Jewish heritage, and the importance of spreading that pride to other Jews.

Ironic indeed is the fact that, when various Jewish groups seek to undermine halachic standards (as in the "Who is a Jew?" or better, "What is a Conversion?" issue), they are called "bold" and "wise," though it is the essence of Judaism and the unity of Jews with which they tamper, while Jews who simply try to spread Judaism to other Jews are slandered as fomenting "Community Disunity," the title of the *Herald's* misguided editorial.

Ironic as well is the fact that the only word which was important enough to have been italicized in that editorial was one which was rightfully invoked to characterize the Constitution's attitude toward religion: *tolerance*. Yet what we have here is a board of self-proclaimed spokesmen for Judaism displaying something substantially less than that great ideal, toward a group of dedicated, religious Jews with whom they disagree. Tolerance indeed.

That a person apparently very sympathetic to the attitude of the R.I. Board of Rabbis attempted to blackmail Rabbi Laufer with a withholding of funds (moral bankruptcy leaves one only one's financial assets for leverage), does reveal some true colors. They are not exactly colors of tolerance.

Unfortunately, it seems that Jew-baiting is not dead. It's just that some Jews are doing the baiting these days. The victims though are the same folk, Jews dedicated to ancient Jewish tradition.

Mr. Israel is heartened by the fact that all the members of the R.I. Board of Rabbis are on record favoring the banning of religious displays on public property and that the board includes Orthodox rabbis.

Note that I did not use the term "representatives."

Mr. Israel would be disappointed, but wiser, to be informed that the overwhelming majority of Orthodox rabbis in the state do not belong — and do

not want to join — the Board of Rabbis, as it is wholly a forum for personal opinions and not an organization dedicated to Torah law (halacha) and Torah-guidance, their first priorities. The one or two Orthodox rabbis who have chosen to join that group can (perhaps) answer for themselves, but they nevertheless stand in stark opposition to all the rest of us. Representative of Orthodoxy they surely are not.

While the rest of us have no ill-will toward anyone on the Board of Rabbis and support their right to vote their

consciences and make their statements, we cannot remain silent when they attempt to, in our opinion, misrepresent Judaism, especially when they do so in the name of "rabbis," a group to which many of us belong. We have clear and quite reasonable priorities. To ignore those priorities or to kowtow to the personal opinions of the Board's members might serve some ephemeral and superficial "unity," but it, unfortunately, would not be Jewish unity.

Rabbi Avi Shafran



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## Social Events



(L-R): Debbie Bojar, Helena Szrek, David Mangiantine, Tanya Abrams, and Ruth Kaplan.

At the Solomon Schechter Day School "Cover Story Fashion Show," held on November 26, 1985, models sashayed down the aisle displaying the latest fashions in the literary world. Wait a minute! The literary world? Yes indeed, for this event, which united intellectuals and trendsetters alike, was held in honor of Jewish Book Month.

Florette Brill, librarian of the Solomon Schechter Day School, provided running commentary as each student represented the book which he or she had read. For the latest in hatwear, the audience was referred to *Jacob Two-Two* and the *Hooded Fang* by Mordecai Richler. And if footwear was required, one could check

out *The Shoes of Tambory* or *A Pair of Shoes* by Aline Glasgow. The "classic look" was represented by *All of a Kind Family* by Sidney Taylor while those in the market for a bargain were referred to *Ike and Mama* and the *Once-A-Year Suit*.

There was certainly something for everyone, from the latest in spring attire to "holiday fashions" and "travel wear."

It was an elegant and enlightening affair, ending with a collation of ice cream cake and apple juice. Models and spectators greeted the refreshments almost as enthusiastically as they had welcomed the new fashions.

### Azroffs Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Charles Azroff of Jacksonville, Florida, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, December 16, 1985.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis of Jacksonville, Florida, are the maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Azroff of Jacksonville, Florida, formerly of Cranston, Rhode Island, are the paternal grandparents. The late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Azroff of Providence, Rhode Island, were the paternal great-grandparents.

### Young Families To Present Shabbat Dinner

The Young Families Committee of Temple Beth-El, chaired by Roberta Lasser will host a traditional Shabbat Dinner on Friday evening, January 24, 1986 at 6 p.m. in the Temple's Meeting Hall.

The Young Families Committee has presented a variety of programs throughout the year including a Sukkot Program, family Shabbat Eve services, and a most successful Chanukah program last month. The cost of the dinner is \$10 for adults

and \$5 for children. The meal will include Challah, wine, chicken soup, roasted chicken, potato, vegetable, dessert and coffee. Alice Solorow, Cantorial Solist will lead the singing of traditional Shabbat melodies, and Rabbis Gutterman and Silverman will lead an abbreviated Kabbalat service.

For further information on the Young Families Committee or the Shabbat Dinner, call Abby Leavitt at 336-9399.

### Hebrew Poetry Reading

Hebrew poetry reading with English translation by T. Carmi, poet and visiting professor of Hebrew literature, Hebrew Union College, Jerusalem, and visiting professor in Hebrew literature at Yale, 8 p.m., Feb. 6, Community Building, University of Hartford. Sponsored by the University's Maurice Greenberg Center for Jewish Studies. Free. Further information: (203) 243-4340.

### Shapiros Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Shapiro of West Warwick, Rhode Island are pleased to announce the birth of their second child and son, Jonathon David on December 29, 1985. He is the brother of Daniel Evan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Einhorn of Warwick, Rhode Island are the maternal grandparents. Mr. Sidney Shapiro of Warwick, Rhode Island is the paternal grandfather. Esther Krieger of Providence, Rhode Island is the maternal great-grandmother.

### Beth Adler Engaged To William Fishman

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Adler of Providence and Narragansett, Rhode Island are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth Hope Adler of Providence to William Fishman of Rockaway Park, New York. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fishman of Delray Beach, Florida.

The bride-to-be attended Quinnipiac College. The groom-to-be graduated from Richmond College in New York.

The wedding date has been set for March 9, 1986.

### Nancy Singal Marries Randall Feld

Nancy R. Singal of Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts and Dr. Randall G. Feld of Bedford, Massachusetts exchanged wedding vows at Temple Emanuel in Newton, Massachusetts at 6 p.m. on November 23, 1985.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Edith Singal Katz of Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts and Palm Beach, Florida, and the late S. Richard Singal. The groom is the son of Charlotte and Bernard Feld of Warwick, Rhode Island. His maternal grandparents are Gussie Goldman of Warwick, Rhode Island and the late J. Samuel Goldman. His paternal grandparents are the late Jacob and Rebecca Feld formerly of New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Rabbi Samuel Chiel officiated at the ceremony. The reception was held at the Meridian Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts.

The bride received her bachelors degree from Boston University and her Masters degree in Education from Boston College. She is a teacher in the Brookline, Massachusetts public school system.

The groom received his bachelors degree and his doctorate in veterinary medicine from Michigan State University. He practices and owns the Belmont Animal Hospital in Belmont, Massachusetts.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii and San Francisco, the couple will live in Bedford, Massachusetts.

### Levys Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Levy of Owings Mills, Maryland are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, and daughter, Jennifer Susan on December 18, 1985. Mrs. Levy is the former Cheryl Abrams of Cranston, Rhode Island.

The maternal parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jordan S. Abrams of Cranston, Rhode Island. Mr. and Mrs. Joel Levy of Manchester, Connecticut are the paternal grandparents. Paternal great-grandfather is Ben Levy of West Palm Beach, Florida.

### Singles Events At JCC

Wednesday, January 15 — Join other Singles at the JCC at 7 p.m. for a convivial evening of Trivial Pursuit, pleasant conversation, and snacks. Members: \$1.00. Nonmembers: \$2.00.

Tuesday, January 21 — Discussion/Dessert at the JCC at 7:30 p.m. The topic will be "Interfaith, Intrafaith Dating" and will be facilitated by Judith Jaffe, M.S. Members: \$1.00. Nonmembers: \$2.00.

Sunday, January 26 — Lieutenant Governor Richard Licht will be guest speaker at a Brunch at the JCC at 11 a.m. Mr. Licht graduated with honors from Harvard University School of Law, has a master's degree in law and taxation from Boston University, and is a partner in the law firm of Licht and Semonoff. He has served the public in numerous civic and governmental organizations and has distinguished himself as an advocate of constructive change and improvement in government. His topic will be "Jews in Politics." Members: \$3.50. Nonmembers: \$6.00.

Wednesday, January 29 — View "Tootsie" starring Dustin Hoffman & Jessica Lange on the JCC's wide-screen TV at 7 p.m. Snacks. Members: \$1.00. Nonmembers: \$2.00.

How would you like to offer your home for a house party? If so, please call Judith Jaffe, 861-8800.

All events are for ages 21 to 60 unless otherwise noted.

If you would like to help out at any of our activities, let us know. We especially need help with food preparations and clean-up. And, volunteers attend the event at half-price.

If your child could use a Big Brother or a Big Sister, or you would like to be a Big Brother or a Big Sister, please call Judith Jaffe at 861-8800.

For further information, please call Judith Jaffe, 861-8800.

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The JCC Singles is holding a convivial evening of Trivial Pursuit, pleasant conversation and snacks on Wednesday evening, January 15 at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence. The fee for the evening is \$1 for members, \$2 for non-members.

The JCC is a favorite spot for New England singles to meet. The JCC Single Adult Department sponsors a variety of social, culturally and Judaic events each month. Events are for ages 21 to 60.

To be put on the mailing list or for further information call Judith Jaffe at 861-8800.

### JCC Day Trip To NYC

On Thursday, January 30, the Adult Services Department of the Jewish Community Center is offering a day trip to the Jewish Museum in New York to see "The Circle of Montparnasse: Jewish Artists in Paris 1905-1945."

A bus will leave the JCC, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence at 8:45 a.m. to arrive in New York in time for a guided tour of the widely acclaimed exhibit. Time will be allowed for extra browsing in and around the Museum. There will be a stop for dinner on the return trip.

Reservations must be made by January 20 by calling Ann Miller at the JCC at 861-8800. The fee for the general public is \$25; senior citizens and children under 12 are \$22. Children must be accompanied by an adult; the fee does not include meals.

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## Toby Simon: A Profile Of A Believer And A Doer

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Simon and her husband moved to Baltimore where she met another sympathetic soul at a party. Simon related her activities in Syracuse and the new friend described the program she directed for pregnant high school girls. "Baltimore was quite progressive in 1974," Simon says. "And after this woman told me about the program she offered me a job there as a resource teacher and I quickly accepted."

"These kids all had low self-images and needed to be doing things that other kids were doing, so we put on plays. Some turned out to be very funny. We had to find plays with all women casts. It was one thing to be pregnant but there was no way they could play a male," says Simon laughing at the obviously pleasant memory of it. "The plays were a big success, so we put on fashion shows as well."

"We also did pre-natal counseling and taught them about their bodies, exercise, diet and nutrition. I became pregnant with our second child and went through my pregnancy with them, acting as a role model. As I learned about breathing and breast feeding, I shared it with these young mothers."

When Simon and her family moved to Providence nine years ago, she made her first official entry into health education at Women and Infants Hospital. There she worked under a Harvard Public Health Education graduate as she counseled pregnant women.

Four years later she was ready to accept the challenge of creating a health education department for Brown University. "Each year the job has evolved as the health issues change. One year it was Herpes, this fall it has been AIDS," Simon reveals. "We also spend a lot of time talking about food obsessions, bulimia, cocaine, alcohol, sexuality, and birth control."

"We write brochures and distribute them around campus. We hold forums and I teach a non-credit sexuality course

in the fall. There are three months each semester that are incredibly intense. I'm out late in the evenings doing workshops in the dorms and being highly visible around campus. Sometimes a student will come to me and say 'I heard you speak in my dorm and you said your door was open to anyone who needed to talk.' These are the rewarding times when you know you are reaching them. Sometimes I will refer a student to another professional."

"I love working within the network at Brown. The older I get the more comfortable I feel as a manager, a decision maker and an administrator," says Simon. "But I still worry about compromising my family's needs by working. My husband is a physician and a tremendous supporter. He's always encouraged me to work when I wanted to. I think it has been hard for him but he's come a very long way in understanding."

"In fact, I don't even know my way around Star Market, he does all the food shopping. If I'm not home when he arrives, he starts dinner. He's wonderful in the kitchen. I don't know what my daughter will choose to be when she grows up or what kind of woman my son will marry. But I am glad they are able to see us in roles that are interchangeable. I have a lot of concern about doing the right thing for my children. My son is very active in hockey and my daughter is serious about pursuing a professional acting career."

Together with a friend and colleague, Simon wrote a manual for people conducting workshops for food obsessive people. "We are selling it independently. We printed up 150 and sold 130. The kids are really excited about it and it's a good chance for them to see me doing something as a professional person."

About a year and a half ago, Benjamin Simon was born, between semesters. He's a beautiful, bright baby who is clearly coddled and cajoled by his family. "I had a lot of confidence that I could have a third child and get back to work even though I

was 37 when I did it. Ben has brought a new dimension into the household. Some nights when I'm tired and my husband is starting to yell at the kids, Ben will do or say something funny and we all forget

what we were mad about and start laughing. We feel really close and we have a deeper sense of what it means to be a family."

## Conference To Support Women's Rights Issues

A call for women's rights advocates and religious and human rights groups to unite in opposing right-wing fundamentalist forces will be the focus of a conference Monday, January 13, 9:30 a.m. at the headquarters of the American Jewish Congress, 15 East 84th Street.

The convocation is under the joint sponsorship of AJCongress and Women's American Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT).

Other cooperating organizations include the American Jewish Committee, Catholics for a Free Choice, Christic Institute, Church of the Brethren-Washington Office, Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot, Hadassah, National Coalition Against Censorship, National Council of La Raza, National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC), New York State Catholics for a Free Choice, People for the American Way, Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, and United Synagogue of America.

The conference is believed to be the first ever called to underscore what its sponsors characterize as a "common threat from the Fundamentalist New Right to Religious Freedom and Women's Rights."

The conference has been called on the occasion of the thirteenth anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion.

Among the key speakers at the conference will be author-feminist Betty Friedan, who is co-chair of AJCongress' Commission on Women's Equality. Ms. Friedan first enunciated the "common threat" theme at a National Domestic Policy Conference sponsored by

AJCongress in Washington last March.

Alida Brill, Program Director for the Russell Sage Foundation and co-author of *Dimensions of Tolerance: What Americans Believe About Civil Liberties* is the convocation chair, and Bea Forrest, National Chair of the Communities Affairs Committee of Women's American ORT, is the convocation co-chair. Leona Chanin, Senior Vice President of AJCongress, is co-chair of the AJCongress Commission on Women's Equality.

Other speakers will include Norman Redlich, Dean of New York University School of Law; Stan Hastey, Director of Information, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; the Rev. Pamela Barnett, of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights; Catharine Stimpson, Acting Dean of Rutgers University Graduate School; Harriet Pilpel, attorney in the New York firm of Weil, Gotshal and Manges; the Rev. Charles Bergstrom, Executive Director of the Office of Governmental Affairs of the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A.; and Rachael Pine, Staff Attorney for ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project.

Moderators will include Louise Stein, Vice President and Jewish Community Relations Chair of Women's American ORT, author Blu Greenberg, of AJCongress, and Beverly Minkoff, School Operations — U.S.A. Chair of Women's American ORT.

Among the subjects to be discussed will be the Fundamentalist threat to the Constitution, the importance of pluralism and religious freedom for American life, the Fundamentalist assault on women's rights and privacy of family life, and threats to intellectual freedom.

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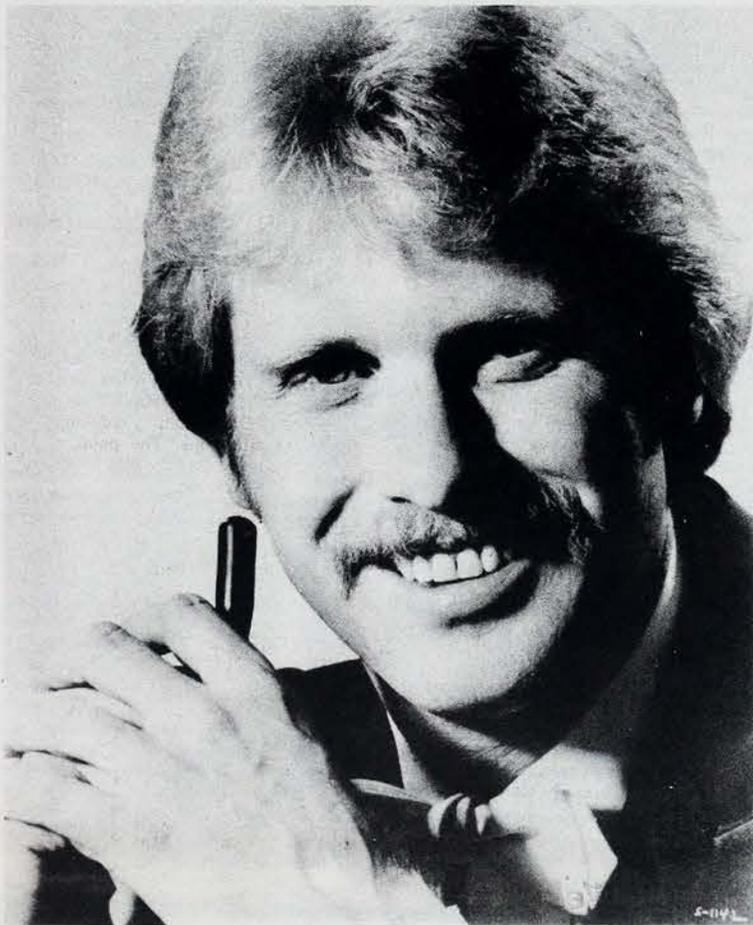
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## Arts & Entertainment



### Fourth Guest Conductor To Lead Philharmonic



Robert Henderson, the fourth guest conductor in the Rhode Island Philharmonic's search for a new Music Director, will lead the orchestra in a concert on Saturday evening, January 11, beginning at 8:30 p.m. in the Providence Performing Arts Center. His guest soloist will be pianist Alexander Toradze.

The program will open with the *Symphony No. 85* by Haydn, followed by the *Piano Concerto in G Major* by Ravel, with Mr. Toradze as soloist. The concert will conclude with the *Concerto for Orchestra* by Bela Bartok, written in 1945 for the Boston Symphony.

Born in Pomona, California in 1948, Robert Henderson began violin study at age 4, and added piano, French horn, composition and conducting by the age of 12. He made his conducting debut at the age of 13 with the performance of one of his own

works. At 16, he received the Young Musicians Foundation Composers award for his work *Orchestral Variations*, while still in high school he became one of the youngest recipients of the BMI composers grant, which also resulted in the recording of one of his works. Mr. Henderson is still an avid composer, currently working on a work entitled *Pinnacles* for the Arkansas Sesquicentennial. Henderson studied music at California State University and the University of Southern California. During this period he became a much sought after French horn player for various orchestras in southern California as well as for films and television. He became professor of conducting at Pomona College and then went on to become the Associate Conductor of the Utah Symphony. In 1981, he became the Music Director of the Arkansas Symphony in Little Rock.

### Art Of Cyanotype

"Immediate Images — The Art of Cyanotype" will be the subject of a course offered at the Children's Museum on Sunday, January 12 from 1-5 in the afternoon.

Roz Lincoln, area artist, will teach this photographic process that can produce amazing images with spatial and lighting effects not possible with any other art form.

The course is open to ages fourteen and older including adults. Cost of the program is \$8.00 for members and \$10 for nonmembers and is limited to 10 participants.

The Children's Museum is located at 276 Gulf Road in South Dartmouth. For additional information please call (617) 993-3361.

### Berini To Perform At Gala Opera Premiere

Maestro Giuseppe Raffa, Artistic Director of the International Opera Festival, is pleased to announce that the world-renowned mezzo-soprano, Ms. Bianca Berini, will perform at the Gala concert premiere in Rhode Island on January 18, 1986.

Ms. Berini's operatic debut in Trieste, Italy was as Azucena in Verdi's *Il Trovatore*. She has since appeared with most of Italy's opera theaters and made U.S. debut in 1969 with the Philadelphia Opera, also as Azucena. Her 1978 Metropolitan Opera debut as Leonore in Donizetti's *La Favorita* was followed by a score of Metropolitan appearances: Amneris in *Aida*, Santuzza in *Cavalleria Rusticana*, Dalila in *Samson and Dalila*, Federica in *Luisa Miller*, Ulrica in *Un Ballo in Maschera*, seen on "Live from the Met," Eboli in *Don Carlo*, the Principessa in *Adriana Lecouvreur*, La Cieca in *La Gio-*

*conda*, Azucena in *Il Trovatore*, and Frugola in *Il Tabarro*, also seen on "Live from the Met." She was also featured on the Metropolitan Opera's Centennial Gala. This internationally acclaimed star is also a popular artist in France, Spain, South America and Canada as well as the United States and Italy. Elsewhere in the United States she has appeared in recent seasons with the opera companies of San Francisco, New Orleans, Dallas, Fort Worth, Pittsburgh, Hartford, Palm Beach and Knoxville.

Her performance in the Providence premiere is a great honor. Her gala concert is Saturday, January 18, 186 at 8 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Theater, 83 Park Street, Providence.

Tickets are \$100 and \$50 (which include 6:30 p.m. reception to meet Ms. Berini) and \$15 and \$10. For further information call the International Opera Festival at 277-2534 or 277-3150.

### One Night, Two Artists At The Strand

"An evening of robust, sensual, thoughtful, witty movement... a striking talent," "an undeniable success" — this is what the *Boston Globe* and *Boston Herald* had to say about Blondell Cummings' performance at the Strand last August. For those who missed her then, or only had a brief glimpse of her at First Night '86, here is a second chance.

For one night only, this internationally acclaimed choreographer/performer will appear at the Strand Theatre on a shared program with equally renowned Boston jazz artist, Stan Strickland. The *Boston Globe* has called Strickland "one of Boston's outstanding improvisers."

Together, for one night only, February 8 at 8 p.m. they offer a rare opportunity to experience the best in contemporary dance and jazz. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door and are available through various outlets in the Boston-Cambridge area and by phone at (617) 491-7377.

This performance will help kick off Boston's celebration of Black History Month. It will mark the culmination of a

week-long residency of both artists at the Strand. The performance will include the Boston premiere of Cummings' new work, *Basic Strategies V* which will be performed by Cummings, her company and Boston area dancers. The final piece of the program will involve a unique collaboration between Cummings and Strickland.

See them for the first time, see them again. At home, Cummings' work is praised as "virtuosity that always stuns" (*Village Voice*) and "brilliant dramatic miniaturism" (*New York Times*). The experience is guaranteed to inspire and delight.

The setting is the beautifully restored Strand Theatre. Immediately available from the Southeast Expressway (exit #15) and Massachusetts Avenue (from in-town), the Theatre can also be reached by MBTA (Red Line to Andrew Station bus #16 or #17 to the front of the Theatre). The Theatre is entirely wheelchair accessible. For more information, call the Strand at (617) 282-8000.

### Beauty And The Beast Headlines Cityarts

The East Providence Recreation Department will host the first in a series of Cityarts events when the Boston Arts Group performs *Beauty and the Beast* on Sunday, January 26 at 3 p.m., East Providence High School auditorium.

This classic Grimm fairytale will be brought colorfully to life with music and the imaginative, dramatic touch of "A Cry of Players" ensemble. A fable of fantasy and mystery, it tells the story of a young girl Beauty, whose fear of the ugly Beast is transformed into love through kindness and understanding.

For over ten years, Boston Arts Group performances have demonstrated that theatre can be both entertaining and informative. Using drama as an educational tool, BAG theatre professionals foster an awareness of humanistic values. The group has developed programs for countless sponsors including the Bicentennial Commission, the National Parks Service,

Boston's Jubilee 350, Metropathways and Brave Boston.

General admission to *Beauty and the Beast* is \$2.50. Anyone purchasing the subscription Cityarts button at \$2 will be able to attend all indoor Cityarts programs free of charge.

For more information, please call 434-3311, Ext. 289.

### RI Chamber Music Concerts

The Rhode Island Chamber Music Concerts will present the Mendelssohn String Quartet on Tuesday, February 4th at 8 p.m. in Alumnae Hall, Brown University. The group will play selections from Haydn and Schoenberg.

Tickets are available by writing to Box 1903, Brown University or calling 863-2416, and at the Box Office, Alumnae Hall on the evening of the concert.

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## Suburban Jewish Singles

The Suburban Jewish Singles of Temple Emanuel, Newton Centre, will hold their next Friday evening service and Oneg Shabbat on Friday, January 17. The service will be held in the Chapel of the Temple, 385 Ward St., Newton Centre, beginning at 8 p.m. Service will be conducted by Rabbi Mark Friedman and Cantor Gavriel Oren along with members of the group.

Children are invited to attend the regular monthly Singles Service. An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service in the Vestry. All singles 30-45 years of age are invited.

For further information please call Chester Rubin, Director of Youth & Adult Activities at Temple Emanuel (617) 332-5772.

## The Haj Reviewed At Hadassah Meeting

The Providence Chapter of Hadassah afternoon group will meet on Monday, January 13th at the Jewish Community Center. The guest speaker will be Beatrice Feldman, who will review *The Haj*, a recent novel by Leon Uris. *The Haj* tells the history of modern Palestine and Israel from the viewpoint of a moderate Arab and also gives the views of the Jews and of the other Arab factions involved at the time Israel became a state.

Preceding the meeting, the popular brown bag discussion group will meet at 11 a.m. After a brown bag lunch, a coffee hour will be held at 12:30 p.m., followed by the meeting and book review at one o'clock. Members and friends are invited to attend this program on Zionist affairs, which will increase people's awareness of the complex problems involved in making a just peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

## Oranges From Hadassah

Delicious Jaffa oranges are being sold by the Providence Chapter of Hadassah, under the auspices of the Hadassah Israel Education Service.

To order a case of the oranges, call Rita Millen at 245-8440 or Selma Halpern 272-6342.

Delivery will be made in the Providence-Pawtucket area or can be picked up in March. A case is \$23.

## Beth-El Sisterhood Program

On Thursday, January 23, 1986, at 7:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Avenue in Providence, the Temple's Sisterhood will sponsor a special program entitled, "Kids and Secrets: Helping Parents Talk to Young Children about Sexual Abuse." Dr. Ann Presser, a Sisterhood member, and Dr. Charles Assad, both licensed psychologists in private practice with specialization in child and family psychotherapy, will be the speakers. Both Sisterhood members and the community are urged to attend this meeting. For further information, contact the Temple Beth-El office at 331-6070.

## Horticultural Society Presents Series

The Massachusetts Horticultural Society is proud to announce "Distinguished Men and Women in Horticulture," a lecture series being held the first Tuesday of the month beginning in February.

Anthony Walmsley, co-principal Landscape Architect on the restoration of the Emerald Necklace, will start off the series on February 4, with a talk "Rebuilding Historic Parks: From Prospect Park to the Emerald Necklace." On March 4, Geraldine Weinstein, Loeb Fellow at the Harvard Graduate School of Design and former Director of Horticulture for New York City, will speak on "Central Park: Landscape Restoration in an Urban Environment." Thalassa Cruso, well known author, lecturer, and television personality, will discuss "The Plaintiff of an Amateur Gardener" on April 1. And, the series will come to a close on May 6 with David Smith, Director of Horticulture for White Flower Farm in Litchfield, Connecticut, who will bring alive the world of "Perennials Through the Seasons."

All lectures will be held at Pine Manor College at 7:30 p.m. with a reception following. Tickets are \$5.00 for members of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and \$7.50 for nonmembers. For a registration form or more information call Madeline Zadik at (617) 536-9280.

## Free Lecture On Plastic Surgery

Plastic surgery gives people options that nature did not. Roger Williams General Hospital is offering a free lecture on Thursday, January 23, at 7:30 p.m. that focuses on several aspects of plastic surgery.

Howard S. Sturim, the head of the Plastic Surgery Division at Roger Williams, will speak about what plastic surgery can do, and when people should consider having it done.

This lecture is part of the hospital's free health education series, "Grab All The Health You Can Get." Each month from September through June, a different topic is presented to help people take responsibility for their health.

Anyone interested in attending the free lecture on plastic surgery should call 456-2019 for registration.

## Pioneer Women Herald Name Change

At a recent meeting of Dvora Dayan Club of Pioneer Women, Geraldine Foster, who had returned from Israel where she served as delegate to the Biennial Conference held in Jerusalem, informed the group that the official name of the organization would be NA'AMAT/USA. This is a Hebrew acronym for Movement of Working Women and Volunteers.

The change came about after much discussion among the thousands of members in local chapters who took a vote — that vote was in turn brought to Israel where all the delegates voted for the change.

Foster brought the group up to date on the work being done there with funds sent from chapters all over the world to benefit women and children and families who find it difficult to cope with the daily stress of living. Na'amat has set up Day-Night Homes for problems of family violence and is Israel's only national information and referral service that deals with this issue. Since its inception two years ago, over 2000 people have turned to the Center for professional help and guidance. Support groups for battered women or men and therapy groups are supported by the Center which maintains close ties with police, hospitals and battered women shelters. The need to care for the unfortunate children of Israel has grown over the years and Na'amat maintains many such homes.

Also attending one session of the conference was Gertrude Diwinsky who gave a colorful description of the final presentation which was in the form of a pageant.

The next meeting of Dvora Dayan Club Na'amat/USA will be held at the home of Gertrude Diwinsky, 175 Sessions St. It will be an Open Board Meeting for all members to attend on Monday, January 20, at 7:45 p.m.

## Masseuse Available At JCC

A licensed massage therapist will be available for female members of the Jewish Community Center's Health Club during the months of January and February.

Donna Pierotti will offer a forty-five minute massage for \$15. To make an appointment, call the Center's Health Club Monday-Friday between 10 and 12 a.m. — 861-8800.

## South Africa

"What Martin Luther King Would Have Done if He Were a South African," and "Youth and the Southern African Revolution," talk and discussion by Corbin and Naomi Seavers, 7 p.m., Jan. 21, faculty lounge, Gengras Student Union, University of Hartford. Sponsored by University's African American Students Assn. and African American Studies Program. Free. Further information: (203) 243-4710.

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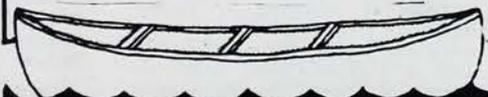
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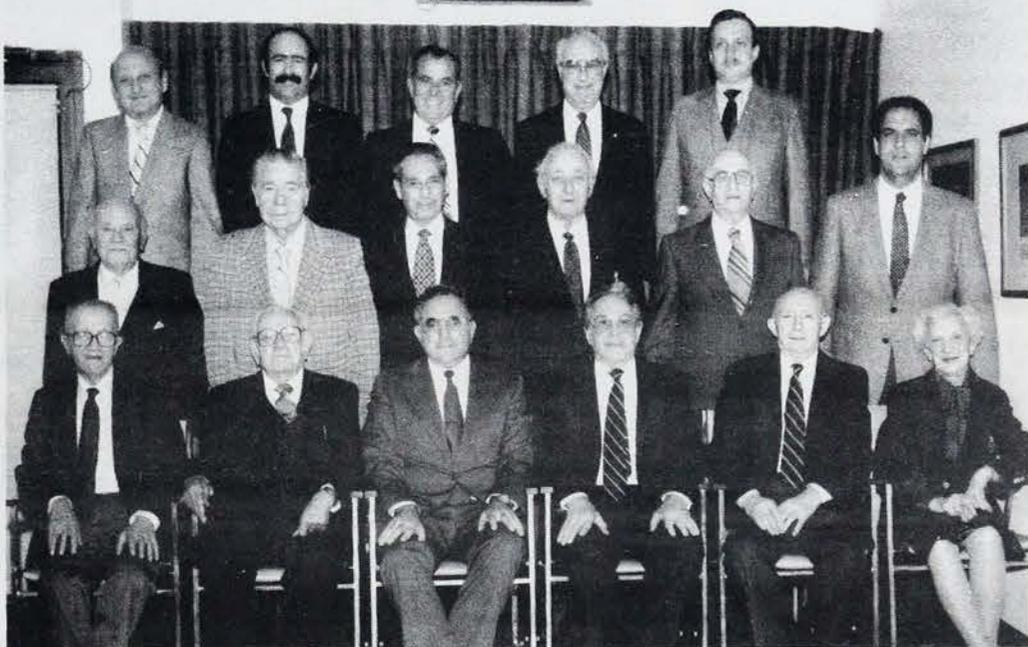
## Rose IS The Hebrew Free Loan



Organizers and First Board of Directors, 1903. Listed alphabetically, they are Kalman Abis, Abe Abrich, Barnet Fain, Jacob Feinstein, Benjamin Flink, Benjamin Goldstein, Charles Goldstein, Joseph Joslin, Hyman Katz, Philip Kelman, Joseph Kroll, Joseph Levy, Dr. Saul Lewando, Samuel Luber, Harry Lyon, Samuel Priest, William Rabinowitz, Harry Rosenhirsch, Isaac Woolf. (Photo courtesy of Gemilath Chesed).



Shown is the current board of directors for Gemilath Chesed, Hebrew Free Loan Association of Providence. They are first row from left: Sidney L. Rabinowitz, Maurice Prager, second vice president; Herbert B. Meister, president; Louis A. Brown, first vice president; Sam Rotkopf, treasurer; Rose Lampert, executive secretary. Second row from left are Joseph Connis, Bernard Rosenfield, Gerald Connis, Sayre Summer, Morris Trippe, David Hochman. Third row from left are Harold Kaufman, Jeffrey Perlow, Kenneth Resnick, Elliot Slack, Rennie J. Brown. Not present in photo are William Meltzer, secretary; Stanley Greenstein, Steve Levy, Samuel Stepak, Simon Chorney, Nat Swartz, Samuel Stein, Aaron S. Helford, Martin M. Temkin, Irving Chorney, George Labush, Noah Temkin, Samuel Grossman, Irving Zaidman. (Photo by Dave Kelman)



Rose Lampert remembers the 1938 hurricane vividly.

It was a year after she began working for the Hebrew Free Loan Association of Providence, also known as Gemilath Chesed Association of Providence. The office was then located in the Fain Building on North Main Street.

A board of directors meeting had been scheduled. "Assuming there would be a meeting, I remained at the office all by myself. I wasn't told to cancel. I sat there and no one came to the meeting," she says. "I left and got as far as the Biltmore Hotel."

I ask Rose if she had to wade through pools of water. She demurely smiles.

Even though she says she had to stay at the Biltmore for two days because she couldn't make it home to Smith Hill where she lived at that time, I can see that Rose didn't want to imply there was any hardship on her part.

Rose Lampert has been enjoying her work with Hebrew Free Loan Association for 48 years. She has been the secretary, jack of all trades, the double entry bookkeeper, the bill sender and the thanker to those who send donations.

When she began in 1937, she recalls the maximum loans were \$25. "They came in horse and buggy then."

She is happy that younger people are taking interest in the work of the organization, but she would like to see more younger people become members. "It's only \$50 for a lifetime membership," she says.

Rose Lampert's absenteeism record is practically spotless. She is proud of the fact that she has missed very few days in all these years.

"I've been rewarded," she smiles. "In

1984 the board of directors presented me with a plaque which I have faithfully hanging in my bedroom. I've worked with a lot of presidents and board members. We get along very nicely."

It was on a Thursday morning when Rose and I got together in her office at 58 Burlington St. and the morning after a board meeting. "I don't know where to get going the morning after a board meeting," she says gently while scooping up several papers. "There is a lot to do."

The board, she tells me, meets twice a month all year long. Rose works Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. On Wednesdays she works from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon. She is always there for board meetings too.

I ask her about retiring. "If I can help it," she says, "I don't want to retire because I don't think I could stay home as a steady diet. I'm the old-fashioned type, like to keep busy and do my own housework."

"I don't think I'd enjoy retiring. I like to get down to brass tacks. Everything's got to be done right away. I'm a real stickler for details. I have to get things done without waiting until next week or the week after."

Rose works alone she adds. "They have offered to get me help, but I'm independent. I like to do it my way."

Herbert Meister is president of the Hebrew Free Loan Association. Praising Rose, he says, "Rose Lampert is so important to us that she actually is the Hebrew Free Loan."

### Meaning Of Gemilath Chesed

The words Gemilath Chesed means to extend a loving kindness.

Since the beginning of the Fifteenth Century, the expression "Gemilath-Chesed" began to mean a helping hand in the form of an interest free loan to the financially hard-pressed.

"Halacha" prescribes that the chief characteristics of a Jew is his very readiness of bestowing a "Loving-Kindness", a "Gemilath-Chesed" to his fellow man. It says, "Whoever denies the duty of Gemilath-Chesed denies the principle of Judaism." "He who practices it is worthy of being a Jew; whoever does not, denies his Judaic origin and membership."

Gemilath Chasodim Societies were formed and most Jewish people began to contribute to its cause; thus, the concept of a "Free-Loan Institution" was born and came down to us in modern times throughout the world.

Such loans weren't meant to compete with regular loan establishments nor as a give-away, but to be loaned to a hard-pressed person, a merchant, a peddler or a professional.

To this day the requirements of the borrower are that the true purpose of the loan and the real urgency of it to be free of interest, the borrower to furnish two co-signers able and guaranteeing full reimbursement to the Gemilath-Chesed in case of default by him or her.

To make the Gemilath-Chesed's functions possible and enduring, members pay annual dues of \$3.00 to \$5.00, but some members prefer to pay a one-time \$50 life membership. Many people send in donations in honor or memory of their relatives or friends. A good many remember Gemilath-Chesed in their wills establishing special funds.

The Gemilath-Chesed Free Loan Association in Providence was formed on Feb. 4, 1903 by a group headed by Joseph Kroll, Dr. Saul Lewando, Charles Goldstein, Joseph Joslin. There were 18 altogether. The total contribution to the first loan fund then was \$725.

They began extending loans from \$5 to \$25. This Providence institution is considered the most successful in New England.

Currently, the Hebrew Free Loan Association grants interest-free loans up to \$1000 to needy applicants for personal needs such as pressing bills; up to \$1500 for business purposes and up to \$2500 for education.

The Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association is independent from any other units of Jewish philanthropies supporting itself solely with the cooperation of the entire Jewish community.

Maurice Prager, second vice president, who provided background information about the Association says, "All of us are aware of the needs to keep such an institution operating. We would like those who aren't members to join us."

He emphasized the strict confidence of all activities within the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association. "Its main purpose is to relieve the financial strain of the needy applicant. It's a real Mitzvah and gratification for everyone to participate in this worthy cause."

Tieing in to Maurice Prager's comment, president Herbert Meister expressed that "One of the biggest thrills for us has been the ability to help newly-arrived Russian Jewish immigrants by granting them loans."

## The Crucible Next On Trinity Stage

The cast has been announced and rehearsals have begun for Trinity Repertory Company's production of Arthur Miller's powerful drama, *The Crucible*, which begins in the Upstairs Theatre on January 24 and continues through February 23, 1986.

Directed by Company member Richard Jenkins, who has directed past Trinity Rep productions of *Billy Bishop Goes to War* and *Tartuffe*, *The Crucible* continues Adrian Hall's season to American drama, "Americana Revisited." *The Crucible* is a striking play set in Salem during the witch-hunt and trials of 1692, and centers on John Proctor, a young farmer drawn into the web of his own conscience. *The Crucible* is an American and a world classic, a drama of suspicion, deceit, fear, and love. It has been performed more often around the world than any other of Miller's plays.

The cast includes Company members Barbara Blossom, William Damkoehler, Margot Dionne, Peter Gerety, Tom Griffin, Ed Hall, Richard Kavanaugh, David Kennett, Richard Kneeland, Becca Lish, Howard London, Margaret Marx, Ruth Maynard, Cynthia Strickland, and Daniel Von Bergen, as well as Cathy Cabriele, Steven Jermanovich, Trisha McGuire, Stella Reed, Frederick Sullivan, Jr., and Jennifer Van Dyck.

Set design is by Robert D. Soule, lighting design by John F. Custer, and costume design by William Lane.

*The Crucible*, for which Arthur Miller received the Tony Award, was taken upon its first production in 1953 as a parable against McCarthyism. But the play now holds a larger relevance, and Trinity Rep's production will cut to the heart of it. And the play's large cast works perfectly for Trinity Rep's well-known ensemble style of production.

## Learn To Play The Guitar

If you have always wanted to learn guitar, Bristol Community College gives you your chance with "Guitar/Beginning," a 10 week non-credit course to be offered this spring at the Elsbree Street campus.

The course, scheduled for Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning February 6, is for people with little or no experience in guitar playing. Chords and strums will be taught, as well as the ways in which guitar is used in rock, jazz, folk, country and classical playing.

Registration for the course is \$40, plus a \$6 registration fee. You must provide your own instrument. For more information, call the Division of Continuing Education at 617-678-2811, ext. 150, in Fall River and Rhode Island, or toll-free from other parts of Massachusetts at 800-462-0035.

## Antique Sale To Benefit Land

The Land Preservation Society of Norton will present the 11th annual Norton Antiques Show and Sale on Saturday and Sunday, January 18 and 19, at the Middle School on Route 123 in Norton.

Fifty-five exhibitors from Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Maine and New Hampshire, as well as southern New England, have been selected to show 18th and early 19th century furnishings.

In addition to booths full of early American country and formal furniture will be displays of antique artwork and books, glass and china, textiles and rugs, early woodenware and metalware. Special collections will include Quimper, majolica, mocha, Canton and Staffordshire china; early American pattern glass and open salts; jewelry; midwestern quilts and oriental rugs; Connecticut clocks; dolls; Shaker and Indian artifacts; decoys and nautical items; pewter, brass and copper; and tools. All items will be for sale.

Members of the Land Preservation Society will have a drawing on a period Hepplewhite table during the show. Proceeds from the event will be used for the purchase and protection of wetlands and woodlands in Norton. The Society will offer home-made meals and baked goods during show hours, 11 a.m. till 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. on Sunday. Early buyers may enter at 10 a.m. on Saturday for a larger donation. The Antiques Show and Sale is professionally managed by Country Cape Antiques Shows. For more information, telephone (401) 377-8116.



In a scene from Lerner and Loewe's *BRIGADOON*, Rick Sabatini in the role of Jeff Douglas, an American lost in the Highlands, resists the advances of an amorous Scottish lass, Meg Brockie played by Judy Walstrum. This enchanting fantasy comes to the Providence Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Jan. 17, and Sunday, Jan. 18 for three performances. Saturday's evening performance begins at 8 p.m. On Sunday a 3 p.m. matinee and 8 p.m. performance are scheduled. For reservations and information, call 421-ARTS.

## Pawt. Arts Council

The Pawtucket Arts Council is sponsoring an exhibit of art work by ten of its member artists. Sixteen paintings in watercolor, collage, oil, acrylic and pastel are on display at the Council gallery in Pawtucket City Hall through February 28, 1986. The exhibit area is found on the first and second floors of Pawtucket City Hall.

The ten artists include Leone Cargill, Sally Caswell-Linhars, George Costa, Rosamond Elliott, Dorothy Goodwin McGee, Janet Kaden, Linda King, Laurie Lynn Lawton, Karen Prosper and Gail Rose.

The public is invited to view this exhibit Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information concerning this exhibit or other Arts Council events, call 725-1151.

## Return To School Made Easy

Returning to school can be a frightening prospect for people who have been away for some time. They know they need the training, but are afraid they have been away from the discipline of studies for too long to be successful.

Bristol Community College has a program to help. On Thursday, January 9, at 7 p.m. on the Elsbree Street campus, the College will offer a free informational meeting to answer the questions people considering college may have. "Lots of people shy away from going to college because of the fear of the unknown," said Steven Ozug, coordinator of evening studies. "We plan this program every year to answer some of the questions people may have, and help them see that they can be successful even if they have been away from school for years."

The meeting will outline the degree and certificate programs at BCC, admission procedures, student services, and how to take advantage of BCC's flexible scheduling to fit classes around work and family responsibilities, Ozug said. "Even if you don't know what direction you want to go, this meeting can help tremendously," he said.

The meeting will be held in the Health Technology Building, room C-111, on the Elsbree Street campus. For more information contact Ozug at 617-678-2811, ext. 155.

## TRIST Offers Urban Caesar

A city by night: energetic, exciting, dirty and dangerous; a city torn by civil strife and ruled by a tyrannical megalomaniac; a city about to explode into violence, assassination and civil war. This is Rome, and the setting for The Rhode Island Shakespeare Theater's production of *Julius Caesar*, opening January 16 at the Swanhurst Theater in Newport, R.I. With acknowledgements to Orson Welles's 1937 Mercury Theater production, director Bob Colonna takes away the togas, the white marble and bright sunlight, and plunges the action into the depths of the city, in sweatshirts and three-piece suits, against graffiti-sprayed walls and garbage cans, to the sounds of traffic and boom-boxes, in the shadows and under the street lights.

"*Julius Caesar* is an amazing achievement of playwriting," says Colonna. "It is the story of a specific historical event in a particular period, a politically oriented, socially conscious message play. Normally this sort of thing becomes outdated very quickly, but not *Caesar*. It does not fade or lose its punch. It is more alive now than it has ever been. However, TRIST will refrain from visual references to specific contemporary figures or situations. The point of the production is not that the play is relevant, but that it is timeless."

*Julius Caesar* features Karson Mesler as Brutus, Donald Wight as Cassius, Fred Murphy as Caesar and Kevin Oakes as Marc Antony, with Pamela Berryman as Portia, Lindy Nettleton as Calpurnia, Paul Dunn as Casca, Barbara Finelli as the Soothsayer and featuring Jim Doherty, Philip Tomposki, Tom Terceira, Randy Sharp, Rob Ostrander and Michael Gump. The costumes are by Karen Nash and the lighting by Tom Rutherford. Performances are Thursday through Sunday nights at 8 p.m. at the Swanhurst Theater. Call 401-849-7892 for reservations. Programs of The Rhode Island Shakespeare Theater are presented with the assistance of the Rhode Island State Council of the Arts.

## JCC Welcomes Newcomers To Brunch

A "Bagels and . . ." will be offered to anyone who has joined the Jewish Community Center in the past six months or has recently moved to the Rhode Island area and is interested in the Center and its activities. The light brunch will be held on Sunday morning, January 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the Center in Providence. The Center staff will be available to answer questions and greet the newcomers.

The fee is \$1.50 per person (no charge for children under 5). For reservations, call Ann Miller at 861-8800.

## Barrington Preschool Stories

Barrington Public Library's Storytime for Children 3-5 years of age will begin the week of January 13. There will be three sessions offered each week: Monday at 10, Wednesday at 1 and at 6:30. Each program will use the same stories, fingerplays and film. Registration is not required.



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# Living On The Edge Of Terrorism

by Lilah Tov

In the years after the war of 1973, one could very much feel the Arab hostility permeating the atmosphere. Turmoil became the order of the day. From Theo's apartment window, which overlooked the slaughterhouse in the valley below and through which a constant hymn of last moos seeped, we could see on the street directly beneath us a car going up in flames. The police were there — and fire engines too. Jackie had seen the very tire tilting full speed toward the parked car and had rushed to call the police. "Did you know that peaceful looking village behind our French Hill is a hot bed for terrorists?" she asked. I didn't know. But all of French Hill knew about the letter bomb planted in apartment 10 on Bar Cochbar Street just a few days ago.

The ugly mood intensified. In Ramallah, a large village twenty minutes north-west of Jerusalem, where we would go shopping in the shuk, two soldiers were knifed in the back. In Hebron, windows were smashed at Kiryat Arba, the outpost of the Gush Emunim. The residents of Kiryat Arba didn't say a word. They took up sticks and walked through the Hebron village smashing windows right and left until the shiek appeared. "If our property is touched again, we will break every window in town," they vowed. No more windows were damaged in Kiryat Arba.

Bombs were being planted everywhere. Children were told not to pick up any objects seen lying on the street or sidewalk. Dan and Josh once left their school bags on the steps leading to our apartment, and 10 minutes later the sapper squad was at our door. An alert neighbor was not taking any chances. Too many bombs in too many places — the bomb planted in the watermelon at the shuk in Machne Yehudah, the bomb in the baby carriage at Zion Square, and the bomb in the refrigerator being delivered to Ben Yehudah St., made one aware of the details of one's surroundings. Even being alert, my girl friend, Eve, was injured with her baby in her arms by an exploding bomb while food marketing in Supersol.

My American naiveite, liberal ideas and lack of language skills, sometimes prevented me from comprehending the implications of certain social situations. One of my friends, a girl from New Zealand had just become engaged to the son of the former chief of police of Jerusalem. Because she had difficulty handling money judiciously, her parents appointed a bank executor for her. Jenny couldn't withdraw a grush (penny) without his say so. Her family owned a successful sheep ranch. Consequently she had a large apartment, a cute red sports car, and funds at the discretion of her executor. She came to me to complain that Shlomo wouldn't marry her unless he controlled all her money, and that furthermore, he had persuaded the executor to agree with him. To my ears that idea seemed preposterous. Shlomo, who had been introduced to me by my Aunt Bronya, a veteran Israeli who knew his family for fifty years, appeared to be an up-right person. Jenny broke up with Shlomo and started to give elaborate dinner parties to which my girl friends

and I were invited. There were always lots of good looking men there, all speaking very good English, all handsome, all charming. After five or six times we understood that none of those men were Israelis, and we stopped attending the parties.

The pieces started to fit together. I learned who George Habad was, after Jenny told me she used to visit George (she called him Uncle George and said she brought him home-baked cookies) in jail. I began to understand how Jenny, who after being in Israel three or four years claimed she could not speak a word of Hebrew because it was too hard, could converse and count fluently enough in Arabic. Never had the idea crossed my mind that a Jewish girl living in Israel would feel a strong sympathy for the Palestinian Cause. The Arabs, being much more charming than the Israelis, knew how to win an uninformed, liberal thinking, emotionally vulnerable person to their side.

Several weeks after their breakup (and coinciding with the earlier dinner parties), Shlomo came to my apartment in a rage, insisting that I give up my friendship with Jenny. I thought he was out of his mind. "The police are watching all her friends — and you and your friends too. Jenny is entangled with the wrong people. I tried to save her. If not for her executor, she would be giving every lire she has to them." Unfortunately he was too upset to explain who "Them" were and I was too taken aback to ask. Only later did I understand the urgency of Shlomo's demand. My tender friend went to such an extent in acting out her sympathies, that when her parents came to visit, she took them on a tour of the Palestinian Camps, attired in a dress she had tailor-made from the same material (white with thin blue stripes) which was the uniform of the camp inmates. Her parents were furious.

There are several versions to the ending of the Jenny story. Version one was that she was transferred to France and died in a blazing car crash while driving as a courier for the Arabs. The second version claims that she married a New Zealander and is presently raising Palomino horses on their extensive ranch.

Circumstances changed for my boys and I. We moved to Neve Yaacov, 10 minutes from our old friends in French Hill. Josh and Dan had to take a bus to school. Stoning of the school children's busses by the Arab villagers was not an infrequent event. The stone would crash through the window. The kids would quickly lie flat down on the floor. "Do not imagine that these are little stones," my son, Joshua, said. "These are big rocks the size of a cabbage and if they hit you, they'll rip your head off." Still, we (my friends), myself, other Israelis with whom we spoke hoped the villagers would settle down and that these unhappy tensions would pass. We wanted to live in peace. We just wondered how peace could be promoted after hearing that the Arab school systems operating in our land with the knowledge of the Israeli government, disseminated school work books to their grade school children with math examples

stating "If there are five Jewish boys and three are shot, how many Jewish boys remain?"

With all the hostile incidents, one would think that the ill feeling would be wholeheartedly returned. We felt despair and frustration but not hatred. In the courtyard behind the cupaht cholim (doctor's clinic) there is a plaza overgrown with grass where an occasional Bedouin will still wander in to graze his flock. Next to the cupaht cholim is a pharmacy that was owned by an American pharmacist. As I was walking out from the cupaht cholim, I saw an elderly Bedouin, his face burnt and crisscrossed from the elements, approaching me. "Cupaht Cholim" he said pointing to his tearing eyes. I led him to the cupaht cholim where he was refused

treatment because he lacked the proper documents. Downcast, we walked out. I then led him to the pharmacy in the hopes that my pharmacist friend could help. Apprising the situation the pharmacist took medicinal drops out of stock and applied the soothing liquid to the Bedouin's poor inflamed eyes. The relief was instantaneous. The pharmacist pressed the bottle into the hand of the Bedouin. With great dignity, the Bedouin acknowledged his gratitude and returned to his flock. My friend looked at me. These nomads come in here all the time. I don't have the heart to refuse them. Could you?"

Lilah Tov is an artist and freelance writer who contributes frequently to the Herald.



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## New Na'Amat President Defends Women's Rights

In 1925, Rahel Yanait Ben-Zvi, a pioneer in Palestine whose husband later became Israel's second president, issued an urgent appeal to friends in the United States. She needed \$500 to build a well at an agricultural colony she had just helped to found in the hills near Jerusalem.

That, says Gloria Elbling of Pittsburgh, was the beginning of Pioneer Women, now known as Na'amat USA.

Mrs. Elbling was elected national president of the organization at its 60th anniversary convention in Israel recently. Prime Minister Shimon Peres addressed the convention at the installation ceremonies and praised the organization as one that "takes care and takes action."

When Rahel Ben-Zvi made her plea, Sophie Udin of New York, a member of Poale Zion, the Labor Zionist Organization of America, answered it. Mrs. Udin organized a group of seven wives of Poale Zion leaders who raised the \$500 for the well. Others soon joined the women, and in 1926 the group incorporated in New York under the name Pioneer Women.

Shortly afterwards, the American organization affiliated with Moetzet Hapaolet (the Working Women's Council) in Palestine. Today the Israeli organization is called "Na'amat," a Hebrew acronym for Movement of Working Women and Volunteers. It is the largest women's organization in the country, 750,000 strong. In America, Na'amat USA (formerly Pioneer Women/Na'amat) has 50,000 active members who support the Na'amat programs in Israel for women, children and families.

### A Goal Of \$7 Million

"For the next two years," Mrs. Elbling said, "we have accepted a goal of \$7 million on behalf of these services."

Na'amat USA also carries out a vigorous American affairs program emphasizing women's rights. In Israel, too, Na'amat has launched a national campaign to improve the status of women and establish equal rights for all Israelis, regardless of sex, religion or color.

One program seeks to set up Israel's first family courts, where divorces and inheritance questions can be settled equitably. Currently, Mrs. Elbling explained, such matters are handled by religious courts, where the "strong Orthodox factor" discriminates against women. "Religious laws cannot be changed, but new statutes can be enacted by the Knesset to protect the rights of women," Mrs. Elbling said.

As a result of Na'amat's recent "Be a Man, Lend a Hand" campaign throughout Israel, Mrs. Elbling said, "growing numbers of husbands are helping their wives with household and child care duties. The effort was part of a drive to



encourage men to do their share in the home, to educate women on the law, and make them aware of their rights with regard to their husbands." She added: "Equality must begin at home if it is to reach into the workplace."

### Washington Task Force

On this side of the Atlantic, the Washington Task Force of Na'amat USA monitors legislation and takes public stands on Israel, attacks on the Constitution, and on women's issues such as child care and freedom of choice in abortion. Budget cuts in social welfare programs and social security coverage for housewives are other priorities.

"We are also setting up 'State Watch' committees to monitor legislation on the state level," Mrs. Elbling said.

Mrs. Elbling is especially proud of the network of social services established and run by Na'amat in Israel. "There are over 1,000 separate installations and services," she said, "including community centers, vocational schools, literacy programs for adults, scholarships, legal counseling and on-site day care centers at universities and factories where the children's mothers study and work. This is an idea the United States could well follow."

"Na'amat's services have been particularly helpful in handling past immigrations of Jews from Morocco, Yemen and Iran, and since 1978 we have been working with immigrants from Ethiopia," she said. Mrs. Elbling reported that some 800 Jewish children from Ethiopia are currently being cared for in Na'amat installations.

In addition, some 40,000 non-Jewish Arab and Druze women who are members of Na'amat benefit from the organization's programs. "We operate 43 clubs for Arabs under the auspices of our Arab department," Mrs. Elbling said.

Mrs. Elbling joined Pioneer Women 37 years ago and held many local and national offices before becoming national president. She has also served on the community level in Pittsburgh — on the boards of the Jewish federation, her synagogue, Israel Bonds, and others. Shortly after her return from the Na'amat USA convention in Israel, she was honored by her home town when one of Pittsburgh's main arteries, Forbes Avenue, was re-named Elbling Way "for a week" in a public ceremony.

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## Burned Soldier's Condition Improves

JERUSALEM — Nineteen-year-old Itamar Mendelevich, who was the most seriously injured of the 84 soldiers sleeping in a barracks in Samaria which burst into flames in the early morning hours of December 8, has recovered the total use of both of his hands according to Dr. Shamaï Cotev, head of the Acute Respiratory Care Unit at Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center.

"Itamar has made a beautiful recovery," Dr. Cotev says. "This includes total functions of both his hands which were severely burned in the fire."

## Herald Editor To Speak

The Lodge is inviting all to their special breakfast meeting at Valle's on Post Road in Warwick, on January 12, at 11:15 a.m. Robert Israel, editor of the Rhode Island Herald, will be guest speaker. Bob spent last summer travelling through Israel and will give his impressions in a talk entitled "An Unbiased View of Israel." Spouses and prospective Lodge members are welcome. These get-togethers are an excellent way for prospects to meet other Lodge members.

The cost of breakfast (juice, eggs, bagels, homefries, danish and coffee) is \$2.50 per person. Potential members are invited free.

Reservations may be made with Steve Sirota at 943-7224 by January 8.

## World Marriage Day

On Sunday February 9, 1986 at 3 p.m. the churches of Rhode Island will be celebrating World Marriage Day at Temple Emanu-El on Taft Avenue in Providence. All married couples of all faiths are invited to join in this wonderful celebration.

World Marriage Day is a day set aside to celebrate marriage, just as we have days to celebrate Fathers, Mothers, Grandparents, and Secretaries. This day will be a celebration of love and commitment of married couples. It is time to acknowledge support for the marriages of other people, to recognize their endurance through the trials and changes, and the ups and downs of life; to celebrate the fact that we are all in this together and that it is working.

In a time when the image of marriage needs a facelift, when soap operas portray marriage as a joke or a burden, and when the marriages of newly married couples fail within the first two years, there is a need to start rebuilding what we value. This day, will set an example for other married couples, for newly marrieds, engaged couples and children, that marriage is worth celebrating. Together, couples in Rhode Island, can make a difference.

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# Obituaries

## DR. ROBERT H. ROSEN

PROVIDENCE — Dr. Robert H. Rosen, of 319 Wayland Ave., a practicing physician and proprietor of Northwest and Tri-State Medical Treatment Center, Burrillville for the past nine years died Wednesday, December 25, at the Miriam Hospital.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Max and Nellie (Brynes) Rosen, he had been a resident of Providence most of his life.

He was a graduate of Providence College and Trinity College. He was a graduate of the University of Edinburgh Medical School in Scotland.

He served residencies at the following hospitals: Beth Israel, Boston; Montefiore, New York City; Beth David, New York City; and Roswell Memorial Park, Buffalo, N.Y.

He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a Federal Aviation Administration Examiner.

He had practiced in Providence for 20 years before becoming affiliated with Northwest and Tri-State Medical Treatment Center.

He was a member of the American and Rhode Island Medical Societies, the Burrillville Lions Club, the Rhode Island Cancer Society and had been a member of Temple Emanu-El. He was a World War II Navy veteran and served in the Pacific Theater.

He leaves two daughters, Elizabeth Ann and Allyson Claudia Rosen; a sister, Gloria R. Rosenbaum; and a brother, Phillip S. Rosen, all of Providence.

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

## NETTIE A. RENKIN

NORTH KINGSTOWN — Nettie A. Renkin, 72, 90 Greenmeadow Circle died Wednesday, January 1, at the Southeastern Medical Center, North Miami Beach, Fla., where she was vacationing. She was the widow of Harry B. Renkin.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Benjamin and Rose (Mitnick) Albert.

Mrs. Renkin was a self-employed electrologist during the 1940s and '50s. During the 1960s and early 1970s, she was a secretary at the Quonset Point Naval Air Station. She was a member of the Majestic Senior Guild, the North Kingstown Senior Association and the Cranston-Warwick Senior Citizens Association.

She leaves two stepsons, Eugene Renkin of Davis, Calif., and Herbert Renkin of Atlanta, Ga.; a step-daughter, Elaine Berkowitz of Cranston, and 10 grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was private.

## HARRY LEVEN

PROVIDENCE — Harry Leven, 80, of 38 Luzon Ave. died Sunday, January 5, at his winter home in Palm Beach, Fla. He was the husband of Josephine (Auerbach) Leven.

Born in Central Falls, a son of the late Samuel and Sarah Leven, he lived in Providence most of his life.

Forty years ago, Mr. Leven and his late brother, George Leven, founded the Major Electric and Supply Co., 123 High St., Pawtucket. He was a member of the board of trustees of the Jewish Home for the Aged, a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Men's Club, the Barney Merry Lodge, F & AM, Ledgemont Country Club, and was a contributing member of Miriam Hospital, Brandeis University and the Jimmy Fund.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, David E. Leven of Providence; a sister, Ida Robin in New Jersey; two grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

A funeral service was held at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## LOUIS BENJAMIN GRINKER

NALCREST, Fla. — Louis Benjamin Grinker of Nalcrest, Florida, died on December 25, 1985. He was the husband of the late Jennie (Serota) Grinker. He was born in London, England. His parents were the late Abraham and Hinda (Kallen) Grinker.

He was a WWI United States Army Veteran serving in European Theater of Operations. He had been an employee of the U.S. Postal Service in Portland, Maine for 30 years. He was then a bank messenger in Portland for 12 years. He moved to Nalcrest, Florida in 1967.

He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Elaine E. Goldberg of Warwick, a sister, Mrs. Anne Levine, of Miami, Florida, and three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Burial was in Sinai Memorial Park, Warwick. The arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## RHONDA BETH GOLDSTEIN

CRANSTON — Rhonda Beth Goldstein of Cranston, Rhode Island died December 27, 1985. She was the daughter of Abraham and Barbara (Solomon) Goldstein.

She leaves four brothers, Glenn Goldstein of Cranston, Brian Goldstein of Liverpool, New York, Stuart Goldstein, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Neal Goldstein, of Brooklyn, New York and a sister, Diane Goldstein of Palo Alto, California.

Funeral arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

## BEATRICE NELSON

PROVIDENCE — Beatrice "Barye" Nelson, 65, of 413 Lloyd Ave. died Thursday, January 2 at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Samuel Nelson.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Louis and Ida (Gershman) Gershan.

Mrs. Nelson was a member of Temple Beth-El, its Sisterhood, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the B'nai B'rith, and was a past president of the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary.

Besides her husband she leaves two daughters, Cindy Nelson of Providence and Judy Mintzer of Barrington; a sister, Nooka Lipsey of Cranston, and a grandson.

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

## NATHAN GINSBERG

CRANSTON — Nathan Ginsberg, 78, of 141 Lexington Ave., a purchaser at Trina Inc., Fall River, for more than 20 years, died at Miriam Hospital after a one-day illness. He was the husband of Anna "Honey" (Goldstein) Ginsberg.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Edward and Annie (Goldstein) Ginsberg, he lived in Cranston for 22 years.

Mr. Ginsberg had formerly been a choir member at Temple Emanu-El for more than 45 years. He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Steven Ginsberg of Cooper City, Fla.; a daughter, Phyllis Hicks of North Kingstown; a sister, Natalie "Nettie" Gunther of Cranston and four grandchildren.

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

## How To Quit Smoking

by Michael G. Goldstein, M.D.  
David B. Abrams, Ph.D.

Cigarette smoking is the largest preventable cause of cancer, heart disease, and chronic obstructive lung disease. As many as 350,000 in the U.S. die each year from smoking-related causes. This is the second part of a three-part series prepared by the Rhode Island Medical Society on "How to Quit Smoking." Today's article focuses on the actual process of quitting smoking. The first article discussed preparing to quit; the last will explain how to avoid starting again.

Ninety percent of those who smoke say that they would like to quit, according to surveys. It is extremely difficult to overcome dependence on cigarette smoking, because the habit is both physically and psychologically addictive. Many "quit" — only to start again within a short period of time.

### Formal Group-Based Treatment Programs

Some may be able to quit through sheer will power. Others may be able to quit through nicotine fading, or use of nicotine gum. Others — especially heavy smokers — may need a formal professionally led quitting program like that developed by the American Cancer Society. Formal programs often use group techniques, and multiple methods to help people quit and stay quit. The programs teach people how to develop coping strategies and helps them resist the urge to smoke. Ask your doctor to recommend a program to you.

### Nicotine Fading

Nicotine fading is generally not a quitting technique by itself, but it can make quitting easier. It entails a gradual reduction in nicotine intake. You can reduce nicotine intake by smoking fewer cigarettes, inhaling less, or switching to a

low-nicotine brand.

### Nicotine Gum

Like nicotine fading, nicotine gum can be a component of a quitting program. The gum — which can produce some side effects but rarely dependence — allows a person to cut down on smoking without the strong withdrawal symptoms that quitting would normally cause. But without some other efforts — such as a group program, many smokers who have "switched" to nicotine gum often return to smoking after a few months. In any case, your doctor must prescribe the gum.

### Aversive Techniques

Aversive techniques can be effective, but they are unacceptable to many smokers. Rapid smoking is the most commonly used aversive technique. Smokers inhale every six to eight seconds until they feel nauseous or dizzy. The rapid smoking technique requires medical supervision, and can be a medically safe technique for healthy smokers as well as those with heart disease. Electric shock treatment is another aversive technique, but it's even less popular than rapid smoking.

### Hypnosis

Researchers have also tested hypnosis. It appears to help people quit — but its long-term effectiveness is probably low.

### Conclusion

Quitting cigarettes may be one of the most difficult challenges you ever face. Fortunately, withdrawal symptoms generally do not last long. And, you can find help in formal treatment programs at hospitals or clinics, or through techniques such as the use of nicotine gum.

Preventing a relapse requires strategies and training which will be discussed in the next article.

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# Financial

by Sylvia Porter

The chances that the tax return you'll soon be filing to cover your 1985 income will be audited are very low. As an individual, you have odds of only 1.55 out of 100 and as a business reporting income under \$25,000, you face odds of only 1.63 out of 100. Nevertheless, even the most honest taxpayer among us shudders at the very thought of an audit. And even the most honest among us would like to know what triggers an audit.

To guide you, below are the 10 top audit triggers. Knowing them can help you avoid them if possible. My source is Matthew Bender, publisher of "Bender's Tax Return Manual for 1986" and the "Dictionary of 1040 Deductions." Clip and save this column for money-saving use.

1) Total gross receipts of \$100,000 or more on Form 1040 business returns. Total Gross Receipts (TGR) is computed by adding Schedule C gross receipts and Schedule F gross receipts.

2) Total Positive Income (TPI) of \$50,000 or more, on Form 1040 non-business returns. Total Positive Income (TPI) includes wages, interest, dividends, Schedule C and Schedule F Net profits and certain other income and distributions.

3) Tax shelter activity. Returns that reflect tax shelter activity, particularly shelters with high write-offs, will be severely scrutinized. (I've warned you of this scrutiny before; be on guard).

4) Returns prepared by a preparer on the "problem preparers list." District IRS offices have "return preparers' programs" in effect, which are aimed at preparers who clearly violate the law. Be certain that the professional you use has an intact reputation.

5) Excessive travel and entertainment expenses. Keep a diary supporting receipts for such expenses. It's time-consuming, but...

6) Business automobile expenses. This is an especially audit-sensitive area. It underlines that you must maintain proper documentation. As a taxpayer, you will be required to apportion the expenses that support business use and the expenses that

were for 1985's personal use.

7) Casualty losses. A casualty is required to be "sudden, unexpected and unusual in nature." The meaning of these terms often creates dispute — and the method of computing casualty losses has recently been changed. If you have major casualty losses to report, you well may find a tax expert's assistance indispensable if you're tagged for an audit of your report.

8) Barter income. This covers the situation where income is received in the form of goods and/or services. From the swapping of services between individuals to "organized bartering," these exchanges are elements of the enormous and still expanding underground economy. The IRS is truly disturbed by this at last, and it is finally molding policies.

9) Home office deductions. Deductions for expenses incurred in using a residence as an office are generally disallowed. You, the taxpayer, must meet stringent requirements to take advantage of this deduction. Rules on items such as computers (used at home but claimed as business expenses) are particularly strict.

10) Hobby losses. These refer to losses arising from activities that are not practiced for profit. The deductions are allowable only to the extent of income derived from such activity.

These top 10 triggers are significantly different from triggers of past years. Only recently has the IRS recognized the importance and the depth of tax shelters and the extent to which these are removing taxable income from the IRS' reach. It still is probable that the IRS is underestimating the sophisticated taxpayer's use of shelters.

But since August of 1984, the organizers of a tax shelter must register their tax shelter with the IRS before they offer any investment.

Also, if the shelter is considered "potentially abusive," the shelter promoter must maintain a list of all the persons to whom an interest in the shelter was sold. This list is available for inspection by the IRS.

In many ways, as this rundown on audit triggers illustrates, the IRS has tightened and toughened. Even the holiest of holy taxpayers can be caught in the net.

## Social Seniors Of Warwick

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a business meeting, Wednesday, January 8, at 1 p.m. at Temple Am David. On Wednesday, January 22, a social meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Bring your cards as games and Mah Jongg will be played.

Any one interested in going to Navalle in May should contact Sally Goldman, Estelle Miller or Ethel Troberman. Sara Greene is taking deposits for the trip.

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## Freedom From Smoking

The Rhode Island Lung Association's Freedom from Smoking clinic will be offered according to the following schedule:

**NEWPORT** — starts Monday, January 27, Newport Public Library

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**BARRINGTON** — starts Monday, February 24, Barrington High School

Recognized by the staff of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute as "the best available program in the country to quit smoking," the program concentrates on individual coping strategies and lifestyle changes.

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A survey by the American Lung Association states that 90% of all smokers would like to quit if there was an easy way to do it. The Freedom from Smoking Clinic is one of the best ways to try.

To find out more about the clinics call the Rhode Island Lung Association at 421-6487. The fee for the Freedom From Smoking clinics is \$50, and includes all materials. Smokers must pre-register for clinics by phone.

## Youth Interfaith Day At JCC

On January 19 from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., Jewish teenagers at the Jewish Community Center will have the opportunity to learn more about the Jewish way of life. A session entitled "Youth Interfaith Day," led by Rabbi Avi Shafran and Leibel Estrin, will encourage its participants to meet, study with and enjoy Jews from different backgrounds.

The group will meet at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Avenue. Registration is required by January 13. Call Mimi Jefferson at 861-8800.

At a recent meeting of the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association Board Meeting, the following members won U.S. Government Bonds: Manny Seltzer, Morton Baker, Marvin Pitterman and Aaron Davis.

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## Program For Homeless Elderly Receives Award

NEW YORK (JTA) — Project Dorot, an organization which involves Jews on the Upper West Side of Manhattan in aiding the house-bound and homeless elderly, was one of 12 organizations in the state to receive the 1985 Eleanor Roosevelt Community Service Award this year. The award was presented to the organization by Governor Mario Cuomo for its "ability to recognize and to meet a serious community need — working with the elderly."

Dorot was founded in 1976 by Sandra Divak Moss, its present executive director. The organization, whose name means "generations," seeks to alleviate isolation among the frail elderly by providing a support system of intergenerational friendships, programs and professional assistance.

Its core program is Friendly Visiting. In 1985, close to 250 young adult volunteers and families made weekly visits to house-bound isolated older people. Dorot also organizes deliveries of food packages on Jewish holidays to homebound senior citizens, and runs a volunteer escort program and intergenerational events designed to bring the old and young

together.

At the same time, Dorot staff people design plans to help the elderly remain in their own homes. The Upper West Side, where 30,000 senior citizens reside, is being subjected to increasing gentrification, putting these older people at risk of becoming homeless.

Dorot's newest program is the Homelessness Prevention Project. It is unique in that it not only provides a 24-hour 15-bed shelter for older people who find themselves out on the street, but it also views this safe haven as a starting point.

Staffers at Dorot make sure their elderly clients receive all government benefits and entitlements, such as Welfare, and get needed medical care and emotional counseling when necessary. It also searches for permanent housing for them and the means to pay for it, to get them off what Dorot calls "the homelessness merry-go-round."

Project Dorot is a beneficiary of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. Its Homelessness Prevention Project is part of the multi-agency Federation Homeless Project.

## Human Skin Repository Established At Hadassah Hospital

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Chief Rabbinate has finally relented and agreed to allow the Health Ministry to establish a "human skin repository" for transplants in cases of persons suffering severe burns. It will be located at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, under the supervision of the Israel Defense Force chief medical officer and the chief chaplain.

The lack of a skin bank in Israel was brought to public attention last March

when hospitals were forced to fly in skin from abroad to save the lives of several soldiers who suffered third degree burns in a terrorist car bombing in south Lebanon. Twelve soldiers were killed and 14 badly burned.

The chief source of skin transplant is cadavers. For religious reasons, the rabbinate bans autopsies. The skin and organs of deceased persons are thus not available for transplants.

## Notables To Judge Ribalow Award

Best selling authors Elie Wiesel (*The Fifth Son, Souls on Fire*), and Chaim Potok (*The Chosen, Davita's Harp*) will join Max Apple, the winner of the 1985 Harold U. Ribalow Award as judges for the 1986 contest.

Any novel or book of short stories on a Jewish theme published in English in 1985 is eligible for the 1986 award which is named for the late Jewish writer, editor

and critic and is presented annually by *Hadassah Magazine*.

The prize, which carries a \$500 cash award, was given last year to Mr. Apple for his collection of short stories, *Free Agents*, published by Harper & Row.

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## The Schechter Inspector — All The News Is Good News

The December issue of the *Schechter Inspector* has hit the newsstands and it is a winner. Written and published by and for the students of the Solomon Schechter Day School, the *Schechter Inspector* is an amalgam of news items, book and movie reviews, human interest stories, and puzzles and contests.

The Rhode Island Rally to free Soviet Jews was front-page news. Elie Kaunfer described the crowds and speeches and added his hope that "this and many other rallies will help the Jews in Russia." Another major news story covered an exciting phone call to President Reagan's Message Desk, made by the fifth grade. Rachel Roseman wrote that each student in turn spoke to the Presidential Message Secretary, whose "job is to see to it that the President gets the message." "I've wanted may things in my life," said Jeffrey Martin, "but I want peace most." "Let's keep a rainbow in our world with peace around the globe," wished Barbara Weinstein. "Spend money to stop pollution," advised Rachel Anter.

In further coverage of school news, Oren Kaunfer described the third grade Chumash ceremony from the point of view of the students, their teachers and the audience. Michael Gereboff continued coverage of the third grade by interviewing students and teacher on the trip to the Boston Museum of Science archaeology exhibit.

Paul Ryan, reviewing *The Karate Kid*, called it a "five-star-plus movie. On a

scale of one to ten, I would give it a ten." A review of *Mishmash and the Venus Flytrap*, a story "about a boy named Pete, a girl named Wanda, a teacher named Miss Patch and a dog named Mishmash, recommended the book highly "because it was very funny."

In a moving exploration of his feelings, Josh Rappoport wrote about his hero — his grandfather. "He came to this country with nothing. He worked day and night establishing a business so he could support his family. I think the most important thing in his life is his family. Because I'm the oldest grandchild, I feel that I have been able to get to know and understand him better than his other grandchildren, though he was only twelve when World War II began, he almost died because he was a very religious Jew. When I grow up, I hope my family won't ever suffer the punishment my grandfather did because he was Jewish."

Contests galore appear in this issue: word-search, create-a-word, hidden message math puzzle, crossword and mystery teachers. And the *Inspector* is also a gold mine for trivia buffs. For example, did you know there are 33 poles on the fence in the Temple Emanu-El parking lot or that "Ukelele" means "jumping beans" in the Hawaiian language?

Trivia or hard news — whatever you are looking for, you'll find it in the *Schechter Inspector*. Check your local newsstands.

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