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ADL Audit Says '85 Incidents Decreased; Shlevin Disagrees

by Robert Israel

The Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith last week reported that anti-Semitic incidents directed against Jews and Jewish institutions in the United States decreased last year, according to the annual audit. Yet the local representative of the ADL, Samuel Shlevin, disagrees with the report. Shlevin feels that there is an increase in incidents in the Rhode Island community.

National Findings

The national findings were divided into two basic categories: 1) vandalism (i.e., swastika daubings or bombings) and 2) personal assaults, threats and harassments.

According to Nathan Perlmutter, ADL's national director, the 1985 findings reflect a general five-year downward trend. He called the current statistics "encouraging" and said they were most likely the result of stricter legislation, vigorous law enforcement and increased educational programs.

"While the audit is a useful yardstick for measuring one aspect of anti-Jewish hostility in the United States, they are other manifestations of anti-Semitism," Perlmutter said in a published statement last week.

Perlmutter singled out the following:

- The criminal conspiracy launched by "The Order," a neo-Nazi group committed to overthrowing the government, which it declares is "Jewish controlled." Ten of its members were convicted by Federal Court in Seattle last month.

- Activities of such other organized right-wing anti-Jewish hate groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, Posse Comitatus and Identity Church.

- Collaboration of extreme left organizations in attacking the most basic concerns of Jews regarding the security of Israel and the continuing anti-Semitic rhetoric in the United Nations by Saudi, Libyan, Jordanian and other Arab delegates.

Increase In Local Incidents

Speaking at the Rhode Island Coalition Against Bigotry meeting of organizational

delegates last Thursday at the Narragansett Council of Boy Scouts of America in Providence, Shlevin reported an increase of anti-Semitic vandalism. He said that businesses saying they would be closed for Jewish holidays had been plastered with eggs, homes on the East Side have had eggs thrown at them, and swastikas painted on them.

Shlevin later told the *Herald*:

"There is disagreement as to what is truly an anti-Semitic incident. The national ADL is not counting the incidents of telephone harassment, for example, and there has been quite a lot of that in this community. They also are not counting harassment in the mails, for example, by groups like the New Order, that have sent local chemists anti-Semitic material on the gas used in the Holocaust. I can tell you that within the past six weeks there have been at least four or five incidents that have come to my attention," Shlevin said.

Shlevin told the RICAP meeting that his car has been the target of anti-Semitic vandalism many times and that he has received many threatening telephone calls.

"I'm sure there are many more incidents of anti-Semitic harassment," Shlevin told the *Herald*, "but they go unreported."

National Figures

According to the ADL national report, Rhode Island's anti-Semitic figure is down from 1985 from 7 incidents the year before to three incidents last year. In Massachusetts, the number of incidents went up two incidents for a figure of 22. New York and California were again the states with the most anti-Semitic vandalism, New York reporting 199, as opposed to 237 the year before, and California with 85 as opposed to 99 the previous year.

Across the country, 78 persons were arrested in connection with 48 incidents in 1985. In 1984, there were 84 arrests in connection with 51 incidents. The ADL reported that the overwhelming majority of those arrested continued to be young people no older than 20 years of age.

NCJW Examine Right To Choose On 13th Anniversary



Attorney Lynette Labinger, a partner in the Providence law firm of Roney and Labinger has actively opposed employment discrimination as well as various attempts to limit abortion. She spoke to the NCJW women on the current status of abortion rights on Wednesday night.

by Susan Bostian

Providence — January 22 — On the 13th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision that guaranteed women the right to choose a safe and legal termination to pregnancy, members of the NCJW gathered at the Gelch residence on the east side of Providence, to listen to Lynette Labinger, a local attorney, describe setbacks and progress and her efforts to guard the integrity of that decision.

About 35 concerned women, including Senator Victoria Lederberg and Representative Linda Kushner expressed surprise and disapproval at the anti-choice activities that marked the day. News stations broke the news that Mary Anne Sorrentino, executive director of Planned Parenthood in Rhode Island, had been excommunicated by the Catholic church and her daughter verbally grilled by church officials about her stand on the issue of abortion. Meanwhile several thousand anti-choice protestors marched in Washington to display their displeasure with the ruling.

Attorney Labinger told the group she had watched a newscast of President Reagan, an obvious sympathizer with the anti-choice group, as he cheered the marchers on, and after meeting with them said that he could possibly agree to pardoning the individuals who had bombed birth control centers and clinics where pregnancy terminations are performed. Later, Labinger told the group, Reagan's aides would "redefine and clarify" the President's remarks, saying "that's not really what he meant."

Living under an administration that is so obviously biased against people who believe in choice has frightening implications, Labinger told the group. "The Supreme Court has voted on similar measures in the past on a split decision of 5 to 4. It is possible due to the ages of three members of the Supreme Court that vacancies could become available during Reagan's term as President. There is talk that the potential judges are given questionnaires to determine their stand on issues. Reagan would most assuredly appoint someone who could swing the vote and overturn this decision.

"One safeguard against this unpleasant scenario would be to elect legislators who are pro-choice, especially on the local level," said Labinger. "If the Supreme Court did overturn Roe vs. Wade, state

legislators could decide to either do nothing and preserve the status quo or pass a law to make it clear that those rights are protected. Unfortunately, candidates for elected office often feel it is a liability to pronounce themselves pro-choice, even though many nationally prominent people such as Geraldine Farraro have done so."

Representative Linda Kushner recalled an act of courage on the part of Lieutenant Governor Richard Licht while he was still a senator during an election year. After Kushner had pleaded her cause in the House to defeat a piece of legislation that would have limited abortions by violating the confidentiality of minors, the House overwhelmingly voted for it. The only action that kept the bill from reaching the Senate was Licht's determination to sit on it in the Senate Judiciary Committee, guaranteeing that the bill would never reach the Senate floor for a vote."

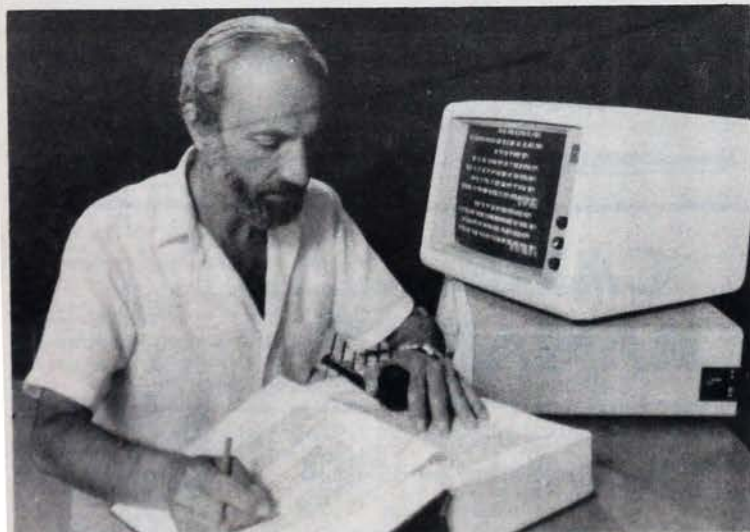
Barbara Berk reminded the group of the goals of NCJW as a pro-choice organization who assumes the responsibility of working to preserve the right of every woman to choose abortion and elimination of obstacles that limit reproductive freedom. "The NCJW position includes a belief in the separation of church and state, the right to privacy and independent judiciary and has testified at many judicial hearings."

She also quoted an interesting list of statistics. "Since the opinion authored by Harry Blackman became law in 1973, between 15 and 16 million abortions have been performed. Approximately one quarter of all pregnancies end in abortions. About 33% of all women who have abortions are under 20 years old, 65% are under 24, and 80% are unmarried. Sexual intercourse is engaged in by almost 20% of all 15-year-olds, 33% of 16-year-olds, and 43% of all 17-year-olds. But only about one third of all girls age 15 to 19 have ever used a method of contraception."

Labinger, who is a partner in Roney and Labinger in Providence and graduated with high honors from Mount Holyoke and New York University, won the Voluntary Attorney Award in 1982 from the ACLU, gave a brief history of the struggles since the momentous decision was handed down. "Since that time there has

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Computer Aids Scholar



Dr. Menachem (Fred) Wiener (above) and Dr. Moshe Katz of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, have programmed a computer to detect "encoded" words in the Torah, investigating word randomness, numerical significance, and the "unity" of "hidden" words in the Biblical text. They believe that their research may help elucidate patterns in the Torah that will reflect the unity of the Biblical text and its authorship.

Local News

Lt. Gov. Licht To Speak

"Jews in Politics" will be the timely topic of Lieutenant Governor Richard Licht when he addresses the Jewish Community Center Singles on Sunday, January 26 at an 11 a.m. Brunch. The event will take place at the Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence. The fee is \$3.50 for Center members and \$6.00 for nonmembers.

On Wednesday, January 29, the Singles will have the opportunity to view the film "Tootsie," Starring Dustin Hoffman and Jessica Lange. The film will be shown on the Center's wide screen TV at 7 p.m. Snacks will be served. The fee for the film is \$1.00 for Center members, \$2.00 for nonmembers.

For further information about either event, call Judith Jaffe at the Center, 861-8800.

JCC Silent Auction

Dining with Mayor Paolino, guitar lessons, computer discs or Trinity tickets are just a few of the hundreds of items open for bid at the Silent Auction/Cabaret to be held at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence on Saturday evening, February 1 from 8 to 11 p.m.

Gift certificates from many of the areas finest restaurants, designer items, men's and women's Accutron watches — even the service of having your car pin-striped will go to the lucky bidder. The fun of an auction plus food, drink and entertainment will make for a memorable evening.

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."

Reservations must be made by January 20 by calling Ann Miller at the JCC at 861-8800.

Line Dancing At JCC

Have you ever wanted to line dance at a party but didn't know how?

The Senior Adult Department of the Jewish Community Center will be offering line dancing, beginning Friday, January 31 from 10-11 a.m. in the Center's Senior Adult Lounge, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence.

Join in the fun with well-known dance instructor Sue Duskin. The fee is \$1.00 for members, \$2.00 for nonmembers.

For further information call Sharon Lee Custis, Senior Adult Coordinator at the Center, 861-8800.

Michael Fink At Beth Shalom

Congregation Beth Shalom located at 275 Camp Street will be having its first Saturday night Melave Malkah program on the evening of January 25, 1986. Michael Fink, Professor of English at the Rhode Island School of Design and a member of Beth Shalom, will be presenting a lecture and slide show on his research into Jewish life and history in Italy.

Michael spent a period of time traveling in Italy and studying the magnificent synagogues and other Jewish sites located there. He will present his lecture together with personal reminiscences of his trip. While Italy is the oldest Jewish community in Europe, its connection to the Jewish people is often overlooked and not well-known. The program will offer an audiovisual armchair trip to the Jewish points of interest in that country.

The presentation will begin at 8 p.m. It is free and open to all members of the Jewish community. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Pawt. Hadassah To Meet

The regular meeting of Pawtucket Hadassah will be on Monday, January 27, 1986, 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Our featured guest speaker will be Lillian Schwartz whose topic will be "Our Living Heritage." Refreshments will be served.

Sexuality And The Elderly

The topic for the February 24, 1986, Nursing Home Teaching Conference is "Sexuality and the Elderly." The conference presenter is Dr. James McCartney, Chief of the Department of Psychiatry at the Miriam Hospital and Director of Psychiatry at the Jewish Home for the Aged.

The conference will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on February 24 at the Jewish Home. Sandwiches and coffee will be available. All health care professionals who are involved with the elderly are invited to attend.

Following the discourse by Dr. McCartney, a multidisciplinary case presentation will be made by The Home's professional staff. Then there will be a discussion period for those attending the conference.

The monthly conference is co-chaired by Dr. McCartney; Dr. Marsha Fretwell, Director of Geriatrics at Brown University and at Roger Williams Hospital; and Dr. Henry Izeman, Director of Geriatrics at Miriam Hospital and Medical Director at the Jewish Home.

The conference is generally held the third Monday of each month at The Home from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Those who plan to attend should contact Rita Stone at The Home, 351-4750, the week before the conference.

Senior Adult Movie Series

To fill the winter months, the Senior Adult Department of the Jewish Community Center is holding a series of "first run" movies beginning on Wednesday, January 29 from 12:30-2 p.m. in the Center's Social Hall, 401 Elm Grove in Providence. The first film will be "Cocoon."

The films which will be preceded by a delicious kosher meal will be shown on a wide-screen TV. Seniors may reserve for lunch which is sponsored by Project Hope, and remain for the free film. A \$1.00 donation is recommended.

For further information, call Sharon Lee Custis, Senior Adult Coordinator at the Center, 861-8800.

Camp JORI Looks Ahead

Camp JORI is pleased to announce a record-breaking early registration as campers and staff look forward to the 49th season.

Applications were sent earlier in the fall this year to avoid the long waiting lists many experienced last year. At this early date there are only a few spaces left in each four-week session. Jeffrey Brier, President of Camp JORI, asks that those who would like to be a part of the JORI tradition please send in their forms as soon as possible. Past campers and their siblings were given first preference in October. Now enrollment has been opened to the community.

For the past 49 years, Camp JORI has been known for its "home away from home" atmosphere. In addition to a strictly kosher kitchen, the camp offers a modern facility featuring a complete sports and recreation program with an emphasis on Jewish culture. All activities are supervised by Marshall Gerstenblatt, Director, and his staff of mature and experienced counselors, many who have been campers themselves.

Camperships are available based on need. For information, or to receive an application, call Camp JORI at 521-2655.

A Tu B'Shevat Seder

To celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees, the Jewish Community Center will continue a tradition begun 500 years ago by the Kabbalists of Safed.

A Tu B'Shevat Seder, complete with songs, readings and samplings of a multitude of fruits and nuts, will take place on Sunday, January 26 at 2 p.m. at the Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence.

The event is open to the entire family. The fee for adults is \$3 for Center members, \$4.50 for non-members. Children who are Center members pay \$1.50, non-members \$2.25. The maximum cost per family is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Reservations should be made by January 21. Call Laura Berkson, Director of Family Life and Jewish Experience, at 861-8800.

Weisbord To Speak

Robert G. Weisbord, Professor of History at the University of Rhode Island, will address the congregation of Temple Beth-El at Shabbat evening services on January 31, 1986, at 8:15 p.m. in the Temple's chapel. Author of several books on Jewish-Afro American historical themes and winner of the 1983 Charles Nicholas Award for Afro-American History, he will speak on his recent book, Israel in the Black American Perspective. An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. The community is welcome.

BJE News

The Bureau of Jewish Education's Winter Discussion series will begin the week of February 4 and will continue for 4 weeks. The series entitled, "Rose, Where did you get that Red," will prove that anyone can write poetry. Using innovative techniques to spark creativity, Ruth Page, instructor for the course, will direct the students to write poetry as a group and as individuals. Additionally, different poetic devices will be identified. Themes for the poetry will develop from discussions based on reminiscences of the participants.

The series, open to the public at no charge, will be held at the following locations:

Shalom Apts., Warwick, Tuesday, February 4, 11, 18, 25 at 10:15 a.m.; Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25 at 11:15 a.m.; Charlesgate, North Providence, Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25 at 1 p.m.; Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence, Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25 at 2:15 p.m.; Jewish Community Center, Providence, Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26 at 12:45 p.m. For further information, call the Bureau of Jewish Education at 331-0956.

World Marriage Day At Emanu-El

World Marriage Day is a day set aside to celebrate marriage, just as we have days to celebrate fathers, mothers, grandparents, and secretaries. On this day we celebrate the love and commitment of married couples. It is our time to come together and acknowledge our 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.

Please join us on February 9, 1986 at Temple Emanu-El and let's celebrate marriage together! Children are welcome and please join in our "wedding reception" that follows.

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



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Is there a moral response to terrorism? What are the ethical considerations that influence military strategy? How does our faith influence our view of politics, both in the Mideast, and at home? These are some of the provocative and complex issues that will be raised over the course of five Tuesday nights in February and March. In a departure from the Adult Institute's regular programming, the second hour of the winter semester will be devoted to this special lecture series. Following is a schedule for the five sessions.

Force And Faith: Strategies For Survival In A Complex Age Tuesday Nights At 8:30 p.m.

February 4 — Force and International Terrorism

Professor A.H. Bernstein, Chairman, Department of Strategy and Policy, U.S. Naval War College.

February 11 — Force in the Mideast

Professor Steven Ross, Department of Strategy and Policy, U.S. Naval War College.

February 18 — Force and Strategy: Why are so many Jews in the Strategy Business?

Professor Eliot Cohen, Department of Strategy and Policy, U.S. Naval War College.

February 25 — Up From Powerlessness: Rationales and Methods of Jewish Political Action in the United States.

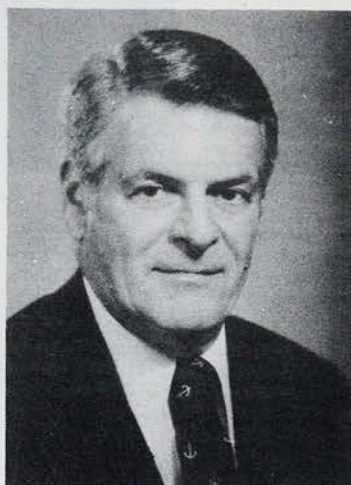
Robert A. Riesman, Officer, American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC); former President of Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

March 4 — Force and Faith

Rabbi Arnold Resnicoff, Chaplain, U.S. Navy; former Rabbi for the U.S. Sixth Fleet.



Eliot Cohen



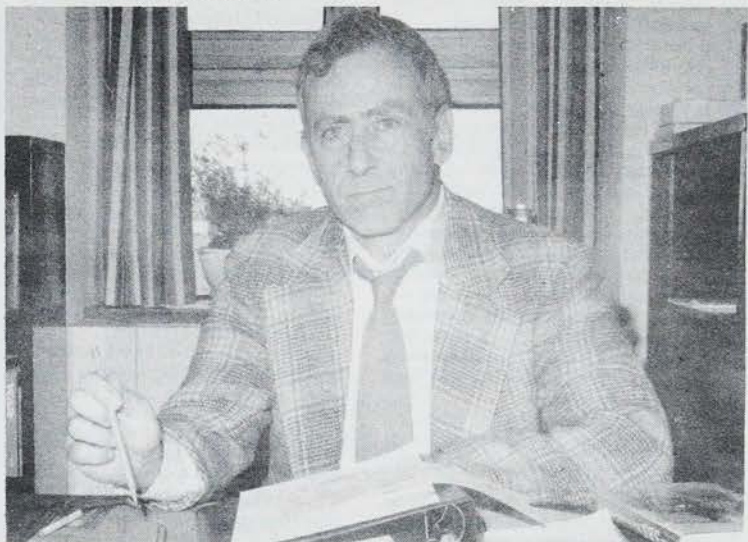
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A.H. Bernstein



Rabbi Arnold Resnicoff



Steven T. Ross

Devar Torah

by Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer

It was the prophet Isaiah who said: "As the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people."

The Jewish calendar, with all its holidays, is tied to the cycle of growing things. Of special significance to the Jews is the tree, especially fruit trees.

From the trees of life and knowledge in the Garden of Eden to the Jewish prohibition against the cutting down of fruit trees even when wood was needed for purposes of war, Jews have always had a special regard for trees. Due to the arid land in which Jews lived, trees meant water, shade and food.

Trees are so vital to us that Rabbi Zakkai stated that if one should be standing with a sapling when the Messiah comes, first you should plant the young tree and then greet the Messiah.

On the 15th of this Hebrew month, Shevat, Jews throughout the world celebrate the holiday of Chamisha Asar B'Shevat or Tu B'Shevat. The Hebrew letters Tet (nine) and Vav (six) add up to fifteen and spell Tu.

Another name for this observance is Rosh Hashanah L'Ilanot, which means the New Year of the Trees. A question arises as to why do we need a New Year for Trees? The Torah contains a law that forbids the eating of the fruit of a tree during its first three years. On the fourth

year the first fruits must go to the priests as a gift to G-d and as a token of gratitude for all the fruit the tree will bear. From the fifth year on, all fruit may be eaten. How could Jews remember the ages of the trees. On the 15th day of Shevat, all trees are a year older.

Tu B'Shevat is not mentioned in the Bible and there are no special prayers for this day, but there are special customs: The Talmud states that on Tu B'Shevat a young cedar was planted for every boy born during the year and a cypress for every girl. When the young people were married, branches from their trees were cut and woven to form their Chuppah.

The tree is for the Jewish people the symbol of life, continuity and a commitment to the future. To plant a tree is a statement of the belief in a future. When Herzl paid his only visit to Palestine in 1898, he wanted to plant a tree. He was urged to plant an olive tree, but he chose to plant a cypress instead, explaining, "An olive is a tree from which the planter expects a return. I'd rather plant a shade tree that will live for centuries and benefit future generations."

On this New Year of the trees 5746, we continue the work of planting in the present to assure life in the future.

Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer is spiritual leader of Temple Shalom, Middletown, R.I.

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From The Editor

by Robert Israel



Denouncing Kahane

After the press conference last week, when Rabbi Meir Kahane spoke with reporters, I followed him and his aides to the Federation office in Providence with the other reporters. Later that afternoon, I listened to him on the Buddy Cianci talk show. I did not attend his evening speech, however, because of a previous commitment. This prompted one of his followers to call me to ask if I hadn't attended because I had been intimidated.

No, I informed the caller, no one has ever intimidated me from attending or not attending any function in this or any other community. I simply was booked to go to another function, that's all. But it was interesting to me to be asked that question. Rabbi Kahane himself kept pointing his finger at the so-called "organized" Jewish community that reportedly intimidates people not to attend his appearances. No one has the right to do that, he said.

He's right, of course, no one has the right to tell any one not to attend any function or lecture. This is a free country, after all, and individuals make up their own minds about who they choose to see and hear.

The Jewish leadership of this state did indeed urge people not to go to Kahane's appearance. As leaders, this is what they are expected to do — to take a stand. I support them for making that decision, a decision that tells you, as your representative, this is how we, in the leadership role, must collectively respond. How you respond as an individual is up to you. But if you want our advice, and we're thinking about welfare of the entire community, don't attend Kahane's appearance. If forced to come up with an analogy, I'd compare it to the surgeon general's warnings on packages of cigarettes. Kahane is, in the opinion of this writer, poisonous. He may even be damaging to the collective health of Jewry.

Obviously, the Jewish population of Rhode Island heeded the words of their leaders. According to an individual who telephoned this office the next day who attended Kahane's evening appearance, only around 100 people showed up at the Holiday Inn downtown.

Rabbi Kahane offers simplistic answers to complex issues. To the problems that exist in Israel he offers the simple refrain, "The Arabs must go. They must be expelled." As far as their property is concerned, well, that's easy, too, he'll simply reclaim it, buy it back from them, and the rest of them will get on the truck and get shipped back to Jordan.

When I asked Rabbi Kahane where he thought the money would come from, he replied, matter-of-factly, "From world Jewry."

But he did not answer me when I asked why world Jewry hasn't bailed

Israel out of its grave economic difficulties if they have so much money. Kahane says no one will debate him. When he doesn't answer questions directly, how can anyone debate him?

There are no simplistic answers to complicated issues. Negotiation, effective planning and compassion are needed when dealing with people, not provocation. Yet Kahane urges provocation, confrontation and radical behavior. I cannot support that.

In a lengthy and well written essay on Rabbi Kahane in *The New Republic*, entitled, "Kahane, the making of a Jewish monster," editor Leon Wieseltier writes:

"Kahane is the perfect product of the contemporary Jewish underside. He is a boorish and maddened little man, whose soul is merely the sum of its angers, who succeeds in the street because he belongs in the gutter, who cloaks a violent desire for power in the concepts of great religious traditions that he has a rare talent for twisting." (*TNR*, November 11, 1985).

I have met the man. I have listened. I have talked to his followers here and in other states in this country and in Israel when I traveled there last summer. I have read his propaganda literature ("The Jewish idea") that arrives at this office almost every week. I have talked with Jewish leaders, with non-Jews who have listened to him, I have read probing and intelligent essays like the one by Leon Wieseltier. I have read defenses of his platform in the *New York Jewish Press*. Weighing all of this I add my voice to those who denounce him.

Arabs are not "dogs" and "jackals," as he has referred to them. His proposal last year to make sexual relations between Jews and Arabs illegal in Israel is as sickening and maddening as the proposals that only Aryans be allowed to reproduce for the perfect race during Third Reich.

I cannot and will not tolerate racism anywhere, whether it comes from a Jew or Gentile. When I hear it, smell it or see it, I will denounce it. And Meir Kahane is a racist.

I was told that his visit to Rhode Island produced large sums of money for his Kach coffers. This is sad news when there are Jews in this state in desperate need of financial assistance. Jews who are out of work and need basic necessities. It is sad when there are educational programs aimed at enlightening people that are going under-funded. To give money to this "maddened little man" is truly unfortunate.

Too much attention has been focused on him already. But he won't go away quietly. Eventually, and it can't be too soon, I predict he will be undone by the very sickness he espouses.

Shabbat Shira At Torat Yisrael

The weekend of January 24-25 is designated as "Shabbat Shira," the Sabbath of Song, and is so named because "Shirat Hayam," the Song of the Sea, is read in the course of the Torah portion.

Shabbat Shira has come to be an opportunity, as well, to celebrate Jewish music in a broader sense.

To that end, Temple Torat Yisrael has scheduled two special services celebrating Jewish music in diverse ways.

On Friday evening, at 8 p.m., Cantor Stephen Freedman will present a service highlighting the liturgical compositions of Todros Greenberg, a renowned hazzan and composer who lived in the Chicago area until his death ten years ago.

Cantor Freedman has taken music of Greenberg's from various sources,

arranged and edited it to create a complete Kabbalat Shabbat service.

On Shabbat morning, at 9:30 a.m., the first of three "Encore Shabbat" services will take place.

"Encore Shabbat" was begun last year as a vehicle for bringing back post B'nai B'not Mitzvah to help conduct worship services.

In this first "Encore Shabbat" service, the following young adults will participate: Amy Amols, Daniel Cohen, Matthew Cohn, Meredyth Jones, Elana Kirshenbaum, Evan Kirshenbaum, Loren Kirshenbaum, Sandra Prosnitz, Michael Sholes, Alan Silverman, Lee Vilker.

The other "Encore Shabbat" services have been scheduled for February 1 and March 8.

Catholic-Jewish Progress Goes On

The recently concluded synod of bishops has confirmed that the Roman Catholic Church will not halt the progress made during the Second Vatican Council, which changed the way the church regards itself and the world around it.

As a rabbi, I had been particularly concerned that the Vatican might be retreating from one of the historic achievements of Vatican II — "Nostra Aetate," which repudiated the ancient charge of deicide against the Jews, and thus created the basis for a new and positive relationship between Catholics and Jews.

My fears had been aroused by recent guidelines issued by the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, which appeared to introduce a note of religious triumphalism, suggesting that non-Christians are denied the means of salvation. The guidelines also gave scant attention to the Holocaust, and ignored the religious significance to Jews of the rebirth of the State of Israel.

It was gratifying, then, to read that the bishops had voiced confidence in the results of Vatican II and had voted to promote wider knowledge and understanding of its teachings.

The increasing number of Catholics and Jews who have begun the process of interfaith dialogue aimed at deepening our understanding of each other will take heart at the Pope's declaration. In these interfaith conversations, Jews and Catholics have been learning much about each other — and not holding back.

On the Jewish side, disappointment has been expressed that the Vatican has failed to establish diplomatic relations with Israel, whose security in peace and dignity is a central issue for Jews everywhere. Certainly the Pope cordially welcomes many Israeli dignitaries. But then the Vatican balances the ledger, as it were, by receiving and embracing Yasser Arafat, and this deeply aggrieves the Jewish community.

Catholics have grievances, too. Many are offended that Jews do not sufficiently support them on the issue of abortion. Generally speaking, Jews hold to the proposition that a woman has the right to terminate an unwanted pregnancy. It is not a right granted casually by Jewish tradition; reverence for life is central to Judaism, no less than to Christianity. So Judaism regrets abortion in many circumstances, but almost all Jewish groups support free choice.

Beyond these contemporary issues, there is a more fundamental difference that cannot be resolved, and that provides a theoretical limit to our dialogue: the role of Jesus.

He is, of course, the predominant figure in Christian religious thought: the son of God, the Savior and Messiah through whom a "new" revelation has been brought to humankind replacing the "old" revelation on Sinai.

Because this is so, and because it cannot be otherwise, Christianity assigns Judaism only an antecedent role and not a role of full religion equality. It respects Judaism as part of the religious history of Christianity, but it does not and cannot define the Christ event in terms other than that of Jewish displacement.

Jewish theology does not give Jesus any role. It sees Jesus, if at all, only as a teacher; as a rabbi and follower of the Pharisaic tradition, no more important to Judaism than Mohammed or Buddha is to Christianity.

While acknowledging that some of our differences are irreconcilable, there is no reason why the dialogue should not continue, if only to allay the suspicion that still prevail in both camps. More important, we ought to seek out areas for joint endeavor, working together on the many issues that evoke our common concern and require a united response. Jews can disagree with the Catholic bishops on abortion and with the Vatican on the Middle East but still work with them on racial equality, economic justice, world hunger and nuclear disarmament — issues on which the American Catholic Church has demonstrated courageous leadership.

Finally, Catholics and Jews can join in the struggle to counter the corrosive materialism of our time. Surely the spirit of the day is more responsive to religion's message than it was in the past. Increasing numbers of people are longing for something of enduring worth. Men and women everywhere are beginning to sense that the future of humankind cannot be entrusted to the mindscape of a scientific rationality — that, as the spirit within us withers, so does everything that we build around us.

The synod in Rome voiced this sentiment in eloquent terms, declaring: "Notwithstanding secularism, there are signs of a return to the sacred. There are signs of a new appreciation and thirst for the transcendental and divine."

It is here, then, that priests and rabbis can bestir their congregants to the task of repairing the world as they recapture their own faith. That is perhaps the best service that Catholics and Jews can render each other — and themselves.

Rabbi Schindler is President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

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Letters To The Editor

To The Editor:

I am writing to our local Jewish newspaper to ask some questions...

Rabbi Meir Kahane at the Holiday Inn on January 13 faced a small and varied audience. A group from the local orthodox community, in their characteristic garb. A former underground fighter who survived Nazi Germany. A few young people from a Haver. An artist widow who has lived with her 3 sons in Israel. A Sephardic Israeli. In short, I recognized many of my friends and cordial acquaintances, and moved around shaking hands. Also: a pair of Moslems. A quite strange self-proclaimed "German-American Gentile." Some of the so-called "peace" demonstrators (how did they acquire that label?). Who came and went, standing for a few moments uneasily listening at the rear of the room. Channels 6 and 12 worked from a corner in which empty chairs proclaimed the general boycott by the Providence Jewish community. Everybody represented something.

If only the Black community were as embarrassed by Farrakhan as the Jewish community appears to be about Kahane! Not that they are comparable figures. I am interested more in the audience than the speaker, more in those who did not come than in those who did. Those who attended are perhaps not satisfied with the questions and answers offered by established leaders. What did those who bought tickets come to hear? What did those who did not, seek to avoid hearing?

For the general interest of the Jewish reader, I might mention a few points I recall. "It is a pleasure to ride on an Arab bus, whether there is no threat, while the Jewish busses post warnings that packages may contain explosives: the Arabs have taught the Jews fear in their own home." Or the query, "What is Jewish about Israel? And what is Arab about it? What can the Arab feel about the Israeli National anthem, the Hatikvah?" Disconcerting considerations, addressed to a relatively humble, not a glittering gathering. Local Italians I know still praise Mussolini for "what he did for the poor Italians." They are wrong to say this, and I would not imitate their misguided chauvinism. I would not ask people to agree with Kahane. I would only like to believe that the motive in the snub rises from poised conviction, and not from insecurity, evasion and fear. When I read an editorial in the Journal, written by a local Jewish leader, labelling Kahane a Hitler, this is not a snub, this constitutes a public repudiation that is hysterical, exaggerated, and trivial. Why not also repudiate Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday is coming up soon on our national calendar? Lincoln proposed, as we know, the sending of Blacks back to Africa, but found it economically unfeasible. How many Presidents of the United States presided over the forced migration of Indians? I am a teacher and former liberal and skeptic, and would not defend these American evils. I would only ask, was Lincoln a Hitler? Hitler preached hatred and set in motion the murder of many millions. Kahane did not insult the Moslems and the German Christian in the audience. In fact, he congratulated the Christians — and the Israeli government — for their noble help in rescuing Falashas, and exonerated Pope Pius XII for his self-serving priorities. His attack was, at this speech, reserved for his own people. I only wish that Adolph Hitler had succeeded in getting the Jews out of Germany, and that there had been 22 Jewish nations to which they could have gone.

I am not a supporter of Meir Kahane. His supporters would be irritated and deeply disappointed by my shilly-shallying. But I am attracted to him precisely because those who find him so repellent come across as indifferent to the needs, experiences and feelings of those caring Jewish who attended his presentation.

Michael Fink

To The Editor:

As a survivor of Hurricane Kahane, I wish to make several observations and to offer a new idea for unity in our community. I believe that most of the confusion about Israel that appeared these last weeks finally was the product of gossip and power which run between and separate the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox ghettos of our community. This is where the debate should have been because Israel is the love of the Jews and the focus of our great religion.

Why did we show so much anger for each other while Kahane was here? Why did we divide our community and allow the anti-Semites to mock us? Did we fear our allies, did we try to appease our enemies? Was this the famous Jewish guilt that I have read about? Not at all, what Kahanism exposes is what happens to one body, in this case, the Jewish people, when it attempts to give three different answers to every problem at the same time.

This foolishness must end. Israel and all of the Jews need each other. I propose that JFRI put its best staff to the purpose of bringing together Reform, Conservative and Orthodox people to meet at each other's places of worship and community centers, in monthly announced forums.

In unity there is strength, I propose this "task force" be named "unity."

John S. Dering

To The Editor:

Can you imagine Israel without democracy?

Today, too many people are able to do just that — both in Israel and in Jewish communities in the diaspora.

Sadly, I must share with you the results of a recent Van Leer (Jerusalem) Institute survey: over 40% of Jewish high school students identify with Meir Kahane and his assertion that a Jewish state is incompatible with a democratic state and that all Arabs must be expelled from Israel.

In addition, news reports from the U.S. tell us that Meir Kahane receives 3/4 of his financial support from the North American Jewish community.

Fortunately, there is an alternative to this, Interns for Peace. We have a proven approach which effectively 'heals the wounds' of mistrust, fear and hatred which have created the medium for the alarming spread of Kahanism among Israeli Jewish youth.

After seven years in the field, Interns for Peace has proven that the best antidote to racism is to provide Israeli Jews and Israeli Arabs with positive action-oriented experiences which destroy the stereotypes leading to racial hatred.

The average Jewish and Arab Israeli child is so susceptible to stereotyping because he or she has never met a child from the "other sector."

Since the majority of Jews and Arabs of Israel live in separate communities and attend separate schools, person-to-person and community-to-community positive interaction is essential if Israeli Jews and Israeli Arabs are ever to really understand each other as human beings and fellow citizens.

We must do much more in order to wipe out the disease of Kahanism and to develop healthy majority-minority relations in Israel.

Rabbi Bruce M. Cohen
International Director IFP
270 W. 89th St.
New York, NY

To The Editor:

Mr. Robert Israel's front page article in the Herald of January 17, 1986, can be compared to the now famous television program of the late Edward R. Murrow about Senator Joe McCarthy.

Both the article and the broadcast showed clearly what phonies and dangerous people their subjects were and I can only hope that Mr. Israel's brilliant writing will contribute to the fall of Rabbi Kahane's popularity or what little of it remains with the public.

Messrs. Kahane and McCarthy both accused and/or accuse innocent people of bigotry, witness the rabbi's utterings

against Rabbi Gutterman, Mrs. Schwartz and Mr. Orodener.

While I, a strong liberal, concede that Rabbi Kahane has a right to speak his opinion, I remember what it is to be discriminated against when I was a schoolboy in Nazi occupied Vienna. It started out with posters "Juden unerwünscht" or Jews not wanted in the windows of sidewalk cafes and we all know how it ended. Hitler, too, as well as Goebbels, his so-called intellectual, advocated to resettle German Jews in Poland, but, ended in the transportation of them in unheated and unlit cattle cars to the death camps of Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen.

So, bless you, Mr. Robert Israel, you have hopefully opened the eyes of many of your readers. The same goes for Mr. Orodener's editorial in the Providence Journal-Bulletin.

Hans L. Heimann

Letters Are Welcome

The Herald welcomes letters to the editor.

If you have a response to an editorial you have read here, or would like to express your opinion on any news or feature story published here, put it in writing. If there are issues you feel the Herald should know about, write to us. We want to hear from you.

Letters to the editor should be typed or printed legibly and addressed to Editor, Rhode Island Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940. Please include your address and telephone number for verification.

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Social Events

Support Groups Address Timely Issues

During the next several weeks Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island will sponsor support groups dealing with herpes, male sexuality, pre-menstrual syndrome, and endometriosis.

The Herpes Support Group, led by a Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island counselor, will meet for four sessions starting the week of January 27. Participants will have an opportunity to obtain accurate medical information, to share perspectives, and to learn new means of coping with the emotional and social stresses related to herpesvirus.

For Men Only: An Experiment in Communication, led by Rev. R.A. Dannenfelser, AASECT, will meet for ten sessions starting the week of February 6. The group will focus on self-acceptance, self-understanding, and friendship with men and women. Participants will practice specific communication skills while discussing a range of topics including development of sexual value systems, sexual orientation and decision-making, marriage, separation, divorce, family, religion, work and love.

The PMS Support Group, led by a Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island counselor, will meet for three sessions starting the week of February 17. Participants will learn more about pre-menstrual syndrome — how to recognize its symptoms, and how to find the best means of coping with the syndrome.

An Endometriosis Support Group, led by Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island's counseling and education staffs will meet for four sessions beginning the week of March 17. The first sessions will provide information and education on endometriosis in general, and the last sessions will focus on how to cope with the disease once it has been diagnosed.

The fee for group participation is \$5 per session. For more information on Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island support groups, and to obtain a registration form, call PPRI's Education Office at 421-9620 or 421-7836.

Communicating With Children

On January 26, at 7:30 p.m. the New England Chapter of P'tach will be celebrating its third anniversary with an open house. Featured guest speaker will be Dr. Robert Brooks, noted child psychologist. Dr. Brooks is the Director of Community Liaison and Outpatient Child Psychology and Psycho-education Services at the Hall Mercer Children's Center of McLean Hospital. He is on the faculty of Harvard Medical School and has a part-time private practice. Dr. Brooks also appears regularly on the Good Day and "New England Sunday" television shows on Channel 5. At the open house Dr. Brooks will speak on "Communication Within the Family." This important topic will be geared to a wide and varied audience and will deal with all types of interpersonal relationships.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Levine of Brookline have graciously opened their home for this exciting evening.

To make reservations call Greta Abelow at (617) 566-6961 or Sylvia Halbfinger at (617) 783-9442.

BJE News

The Bureau of Jewish Education is pleased to announce a number of course offerings in Hebrew language. Courses will be offered on all levels during both the daytime and evening hours. The courses will be taught either two or three hours weekly. Tuition ranges from \$35-\$45. For further information about the course schedule, contact Carol Ingall at the Bureau of Jewish Education, 331-0956. Classes begin the week of February 24.

Beginning Hebrew a.m.: Three hours weekly, Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning Monday, February 24, 10-11:30 a.m. Teacher: Fania Gross; Tuition \$45.

Beginning Hebrew p.m.: Two hours weekly, Thursdays, beginning February 27, 7-9 p.m. Teacher: Fania Gross; Tuition \$35.

Intermediate Hebrew a.m.: Three hours weekly, Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning February 25, 9-10:30 a.m. Teacher: Esther Elkin; Tuition \$45.

Intermediate Hebrew p.m.: Two hours weekly, Thursdays, beginning February 27, 7-9 p.m. Teacher: Esther Elkin; Tuition \$35.

Rhonda Luftman Engaged To Alan Altman

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Luftman announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Rhonda Ellen Luftman, to Alan A. Altman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Altman of New York City.

Miss Luftman is a graduate of McGill University, Montreal, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and received her Master of

Arts Degree from New York University.

Mr. Altman graduated from New York University with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree and is a candidate for an MBA Degree in the graduate school of Business Administration from New York University. A May wedding is planned.

Karen Landesberg Engaged To David Steinfeld

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin M. Landesberg of Medfield, Massachusetts (formerly of Cranston, Rhode Island), announce with pleasure the engagement of their daughter, Karen Beth Landesberg, of Dallas, Texas, to David Edward Steinfeld of Irving, Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Steinfeld of Overland, Kansas. She is the granddaughter of Harriet Landesberg and the late Leo Landesberg, and Samuel Silverman and the late Bessie Silverman.

The bride-to-be graduated from Medfield High School and received her bachelor of science degree in Information and Computer Science from the Georgia Institute of Technology. The groom-to-be graduated from Shawnee Mission South High School and received his bachelor of science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The wedding date has been set for April 20, 1986.

Noted Author Speaks On Families

Francine Klagsbrun, noted author and lecturer, will address the 14th Annual Conference of the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 13.

The Association, with a membership of over 120 agencies serving Jewish families, children and senior citizens in the United States and Canada, represents the Jewish social service network in a variety of arenas, including being a corporate sponsor of the Council on accreditation for Services to Families and Children.

Ms. Klagsbrun's latest book is *Married People: Staying Together in the Age of Divorce* which focuses on lasting marriages and the factors that help them last. "Our agencies help people in times of trouble," Marc Salisch of Albany, N.Y., Conference Program Chair, noted, "The opportunity to focus on successful marriages will be most useful to our lay and professional leaders on the develop programs to serve Jewish families in the future."

For more information call (212) 608-6660.

Debra Gutter Appointed

B'nai B'rith is pleased to announce the appointment of Debra R. Gutter to the position of Associate Director for the New England Region.

Ms. Gutter was previously associated with Transitional Employment Enterprises, Inc. (TEE) of Boston as Resource Manager. She holds a Master's degree in Social Work from Michigan State University and has been involved with a number of Jewish community service organizations.

The New England Region of B'nai B'rith currently serves some 8,000 members in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Along with sponsoring the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO), B'nai B'rith also supports Hillel on college campuses as well as the Anti-Defamation League.

Ms. Gutter is a member of the National Association of Social Workers. She was Vice-Chairman of the Graduate Student Advisory Committee at Michigan State as well as serving on the Council of Graduate Students. She is also a member of Phi Alpha, an honorary Graduate Study Society.

Jaffas Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. David Jaffa of Foster, Rhode Island are pleased to announce the birth of twin boys, Zachary Aaron and Matthew Norman on January 13, 1986.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and

Mrs. Norman Noon of Warwick, Rhode Island. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Jean Jaffa of Warwick, Rhode Island and the late Aaron Jaffa.

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Dr. Deutsch Speaks To Miriam Women

A touch of spring flowers and an appetizing brunch table and who can resist the next Miriam Hospital Women's Association Paid Up Membership Meeting and Petite Luncheon, Monday, February 3, at 12 noon. Members will come away with knowledge concerning back pain, its causes, prevention and therapy. Claudia Deutsch will conduct the meeting in Sopkin Auditorium, The Miriam Hospital. Stephan Deutsch, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon at the Miriam will be guest speaker. Dr. Deutsch is also a clinical assistant professor of orthopedics at Brown University. He is currently on the staff of Rhode Island Hospital and Women & Infants Hospital. Dr. Deutsch's topic will be, "Back Up! On the Road to Healthy Back Management."

Doris McGarry and Ellen Geltzer organized this stimulating program. The delicious luncheon will be planned by Harriet Horvitz, Miriam Rutman and Terri L. Smith, R.D. of The Miriam Hospital's Dietary Department. Flowers and decorations will be arranged by Lillian Zarum and Sylvia Kenner. Public relations co-chairmen for this event were Patricia G. Cohen and Patricia A. Hairabet. Reservations for this afternoon may be made by calling the Women's Association's office at 274-3700, ext. 2520.

Cong. Ohawe Sholam

Dr. Barrie Weisman and his wife, Annette, are sponsoring a Kiddush in honor of their daughter, Lisa's return from Israel, immediately after Sabbath services which begin at 9 a.m. Friday evening services begin at 4:40 p.m. Saturday afternoon Rabbi Jacobs will give a class on the portion of the week at 3:45 p.m. Mincha is at 4:30 p.m.

The Adult education schedule is as follows:

Monday - 8 p.m. — Torah Class — An analysis of selections of the Torah and their relevance to modern times.

Wednesday - 8 p.m. Talmud Class. Celebrate Super Sunday with a pre-game Glatt kosher spaghetti and meatball dinner sponsored by our Men's Club at 6 p.m. January 26 a TV will be available to watch pregame ceremonies and cheer the Patriots on to victory. Bring your whole family to the dinner (\$6.00 adult, \$3.00 child). For information call 723-2669.

Other upcoming events include a junior N.C.S.Y. Shabbaton to be held February 7-February 8. For all pre-teens between the ages of (10-13). If you would like to attend this extravaganza call Rabbi Jacobs at 724-3552.

Daily services are as follows:

Sunday - 8 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 6:50 a.m.
Monday and Thursday - 6:40 a.m.
Evenings - 4:45 p.m. daily.

Singles Events At JCC

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.

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

Roberta Wilfand Appointed Chairperson

Roberta Wilfand, Warwick, R.I., was recently appointed National Fund-raising Chairperson for 1986 for the National Down Syndrome Congress in Anaheim, California, in December. She attended the 13th Annual National Convention with her husband, Wayne, and their two oldest children, Michael and Shana.

Mrs. Wilfand is also on the National Board of Directors for her second year. Locally, she is the president of the Down Syndrome Society of Rhode Island.

Black/Jewish Forum Meeting At Brown

The Black and Jewish communities of Rhode Island take another step toward further consolidating their mutual interests and common bonds at a symposium scheduled for Sunday, February 9, in Brown University's Andrews Dining Hall, located at 211 Bowen St., Providence.

The program, sponsored by the Black/Jewish Forum of Rhode Island, will last from 4 to 8 p.m. and will feature two prominent speakers each presenting views of the respective communities on the topic "Conflicts and Common Grounds in Black/Jewish Relations."

William Tatum, chairman of the board and editor-in-chief of the nationally known *New York Amsterdam News*, will speak for the Blacks. Presenting Jewish points of view will be Lawrence Rubin, who is the director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia.

Dinner and a frank exchange of views will follow the speaking programs. Reservations for the dinner may be made through the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and checks for \$15 should be made payable to "JFRI-Black/Jewish Forum." The Federation's address is 130 Sessions St., Providence, R.I. 02906, and the telephone number is 421-4111.

The steering committee of the Black/Jewish Forum of Rhode Island, which is planning details of the event, includes Frederick C. Williamson, chairman; Gene Booth, B. Jae Clanton, Elliot Cohan, Rabbi Wayne M. Franklin, Rhett Jones, Lee Krasner, Beverly Ledbetter, Rita Michaelson, Norman G. Orodener, Charlotte I. Penn, Norman D. Tilles, Michael VanLeesten, Thomas P. Whitten, and the Rev. Virgil Wood.



Annual Summer Camp Fair

Even though temperatures are frigid, it is time to think about the summer and our children's camp activities. What better way to do so then by attending the Providence Chapter of Women's American ORT second annual summer camp fair on Sunday, February 2, 1986 at the Providence Marriott Inn from 12 to 5 p.m. Assorted camps will be represented. There will be sport camps, art camps, computer camps and all around camps. Representatives from day and overnight camps will be present to answer any questions you might have.

Funds raised from this camp fair will help support ORT's non-profit international network of 800 vocational-technical schools throughout the world.

Tu B'Shvat Brochure For Deaf

"Our Way" the program for Jewish deaf sponsored by the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY), is distributing directions for "signing" and saying the blessings said when eating fruit, to Jewish deaf youth and adults in preparation for Tu B'Shvat which is celebrated on the Shabbos of January 25. The brochure also includes customs of Tu B'Shvat and stories from the Talmud.

The publication is part of "Our Way"'s Mitzvah series of prayers and blessings in sign language for various holidays and occasions. Other "Our Way" projects include Jewish Tele Story, a dial-a-story service for those with TTY/TDD phones (212) 947-5953, and "Our Way" Magazine packed with stories and information about Jewish life.

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by Dorothea Snyder



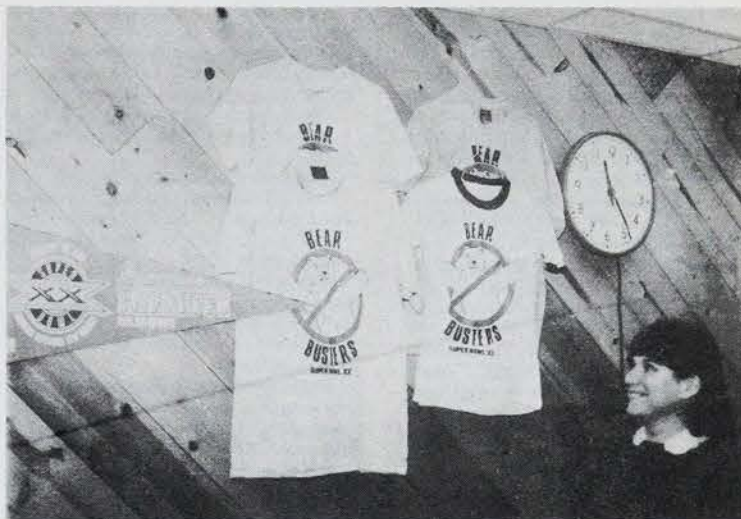
ROSALIE GILSTEIN, cosmetologist

"Although I'm not a football fan, I'm really so enthused. I can't wait until the game is on. As a matter of fact, I'm getting to know all the football players by name surprisingly enough. When people ask me about the football game, I say just don't bet on anybody but the Patriots cause that's who my team is. As far as the image the Patriots have created for themselves, I think that people have never talked about football as much as they are now. I think this has done something for the image of New England. We have won so far, and hopefully winning next Sunday will put us over the top. I can't wait. I really can't. I'm betting five dollars with my husband that we win. He thinks the Bears are going to win and that nobody's going to beat 'The Refrigerator.' I disagree. I tell him we have some 'Refrigerators' right on our own team. Hooray for New England!"



Drawings by Karen Labush

Super-Bowled Over!



JOAN O'KEEFE looks at Super Bowl paraphernalia tacked to the wall of her East Side Kitchen restaurant. She says, "Even though I'm not into football, it's great that the Patriots won the American Football Conference Playoffs. I'll be home Sunday watching the Super Bowl with my husband and son." (Photos by Dorothea Snyder)



MAL PAYNOR, retired industrial designer

"Being a football fan and an athletic fan in all fields, I know the Patriots are bound to leave quite an image because people love to have a winner. And this is the first time in 30 or 40 years that we have a champion within the vicinity of Rhode Island. Naturally, people are enthused and all excited. They're even spending their social security checks. They're cashing them in to go to New Orleans. Everybody loves a champion!"



HILLARY KAPLAN, junior, St. Dunstan's

"I'm happy about the Patriots going to the Super Bowl. They've had seasons and have always lost. It's the first season they have really pulled it out and won. I think they're going to win. Since they're going in as the underdog, I think the crowd might be with them more. As far as New England's image is enhanced, I think we'll be more respected with a good football team. Some stars are known for having a good football team. New England might be known for their good Patriots team instead of the image they always have of being a losing team."

NCJW Examine Right To Choose On 13th Anniversary

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been a consistent effort to limit, infringe or discourage the exercise of those rights. This is really a short duration since abortions have been accessible, making this a really tenuous situation in our country. Before 1973, abortion was prohibited by the criminal laws of homicide and any participant including the doctor could be penalized.

"I recall during the 60's when a lot of women had been using the drug thalidomide and were producing very seriously deformed babies; no arms, no legs, with fins, etc. About this time a woman named Sherry Finkelstein sued to get an abortion because she had been taking thalidomide. She lost and had to travel to Sweden to get an abortion.

"Since the decision in 1973, women were guaranteed the right to a safe and legal abortion, but no one takes it for granted. The powers that be do everything they can to make abortions unavailable. Girls who are under 18 years old and have needed to seek abortions do not view it as a right. In Rhode Island like many states they must have either one or more parents consent or they have to go to family court. Fortunately they have had the assistance of Planned Parenthood and very sympathetic guardians ad litem to help them through that process. This is a very frightening process with a lot of uncertainty for the girls," Labinger told the group.

"Most of the attacks on the right to choose have been struck down by the courts except for the issue of governmental funding. For the most part governmental restrictions on the use of funds to

subsidize abortions have been upheld mostly in Medicaid and other medical assistance programs where the woman has already established a need.

"In fact the Supreme Court in upholding these limitations, upheld them even in the face of an overwhelming factual record that the women who needed them had very serious health problems which mandated an abortion because the pregnancy was a threat to their lives. The Supreme Court in so many words said, 'So, what?' Essentially this reverses the situation prior to Roe vs. Wade," according to Labinger. "When the rich members of society can get, if not a legal at least a relatively safe abortion, or leave the country and the poor members of society are still consigned to back alleys and suspect procedures we cannot and will not rest quietly.

Barbara Coen, president of the Rhode Island Chapter of NCJW, reflected on her recent trip to Washington. "A lot of anti-choice measures are being added on to good legislation. Our leaders are having to make difficult decisions in regards to many bills. I realized how tenuous the situation has become," she said. "And then after watching the news and seeing these marchers in Washington I understood how frail our position to retain these rights actually is. Suddenly I could imagine this decision being reversed and I could see myself marching through the Washington streets to win our right back. We can't be silent anymore."

And then the women rose to leave to go out into the darkness of the night. The air had a new chill to it that they hadn't noticed before.

Na'Amat Opens Legal Aid Center In Israel

When the Status of Women Department of Na'amat in Israel recently opened four new legal aid bureaus for women, at the beginning, 70 percent of the callers who jammed the lines daily were men. They were the husbands or the male friends of women who wanted to know: Can a woman be fired from her permanent job because she is pregnant? Can her employer refuse to take her back at the end of her maternity leave?

Many women are not aware that the answer to both questions is "no," says Haviva Avi-Gai, legal advisor to Na'amat, and head of its Department of the Status of Women. "Not only are women unaware of their rights in the workplace, they are often too frightened to even phone and find out," she continues. "As a rule, Israeli women aren't fighters. They just wait and worry that soon they will be out of work."

Economic uncertainty and unemployment obviously affects all sectors of society. But women, in times of continued cutbacks, are often the first to be fired. Avi-Gai explains that this is sometimes due to laws that were initially passed to protect working women, and which have now boomeranged in their faces.

For example, women are allowed up to six days leave a year to care for a sick child, and three months maternity leave. So employers prefer men, who will always be at work, leaving their wives at home, to

care for the baby. Na'amat believes that the laws should be changed, to grant equal privileges to parents of both sexes, so that a couple can decide for themselves who will take time off to look after the children. This would prevent job discrimination and, at the same time, encourage the sharing of duties at home — another principle of Na'amat.

There are other laws in Israel which today pose problems for women instead of protecting them, continues Avi-Gai. In 1954, for example, women were forbidden to work a third shift — i.e., at night. In the Fifties when Israel was flooded with immigrants from North Africa and the Arab countries, this law helped to keep women home at night. Husbands could not then complain that their wives were out when they shouldn't be, doing what they shouldn't be doing, and using work as an excuse. But 30 years have passed, and these ideas are largely outdated.

Yet the law remains. No woman may work at night without special permission from the Ministry of Labour. A woman, applying for work in a hospital, a hotel, or any job that entails shifts, is at a definite disadvantage. Na'amat hopes to see this law rescinded.

In the meantime, women must make the existing laws work for them. The Status of Women Division is there to help. In 1967 Avi-Gai set up a system of legal aid bureaus for thousands of

bereaved widows and families. When, for example, a fallen soldier has left no will, or uncertainty exists about the adoption procedure for his children, widows can turn for free advice on these matters to Na'amat.

Avi-Gai soon discovered that the need for guidance has been greater than anticipated. In 1970 she expanded her legal bureaus to provide advice to women on all personal matters, free of charge. Israeli women now had a place to take their queries on marriage, divorce, custody of children and related personal problems.

Until this summer, the problems the women presented were largely personal, says Avi-Gai. About 60 percent of the questions revolved around personal law. Twenty-five percent were labour oriented. But in August, as economic measures started to show their effect, women became more concerned about their work. Soon the majority of questions were related to labour.

"It seemed as if almost every woman felt threatened about losing her job," says

Avi-Gai, "and we decided that we must give answers to this very pressing problem."

New legal aid bureaus were opened in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Beersheba and Haifa. For two days a week lawyers who are experts in the labour field offer free advice to women about their rights in the marketplace.

"Information is also a type of strength," says Avi-Gai. Na'amat, which aims to achieve equality between the sexes, and works towards a more just and equal society, will continue to provide that information.

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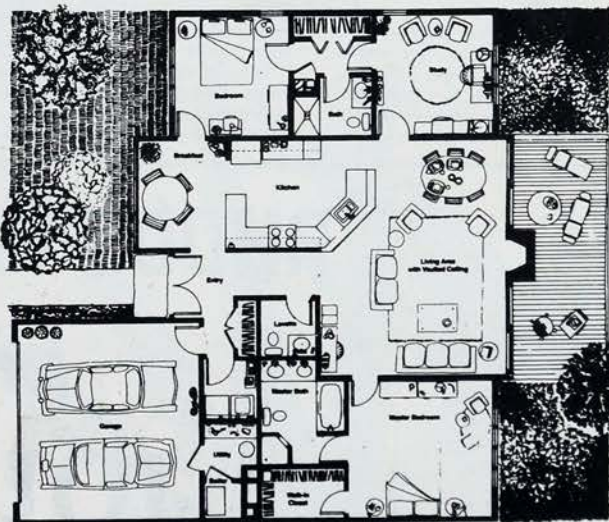
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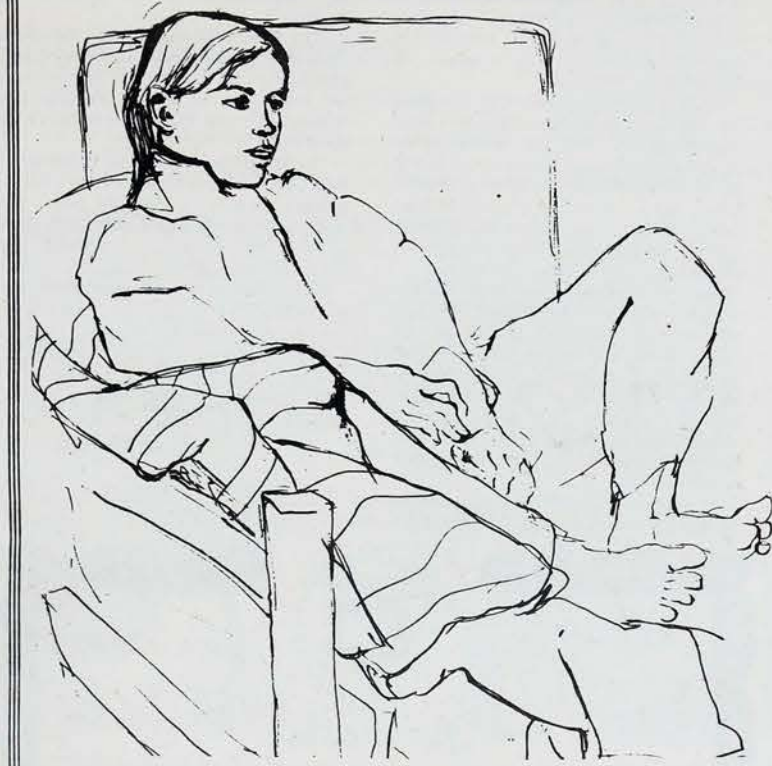
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Little Romances



by Lilah Tov

Being a single woman in Israel puts one in a very special category. Israel is very family oriented. Almost everyone twenty-five and over is married. At the time I was there, the divorce rate was very low. There are very few eligible men in the age category of thirty to fifty; Israelis or American Olim. Therefore, if any of my friends ever had a date, a detailed account of this rare event would be the topic of our conversation. Two dates was regarded as an enduring relationship and required much analysis. We would laugh and cry over our adventures because Israel seems to uncover a bizarreness in people I had never experienced in the States. We met men from many walks of life, including a fair supply of spies, secret police, surgeons without hospitals, professors without universities, millionaires enrolled in Yeshwas and even an Olympic champion hammer thrower.

Jerusalem boasted a club for singles in Talprot. Americans were its main patrons. My girlfriend, Marti, found herself seated next to a corpulent, curly haired, sweaty-faced young man whose attire compelled attention. Besides sporting a suit and tie, his neck was swathed in gold chains, while his hands were laden with a ring on each finger.

"See this?" he inquired of Marti while flashing his hand under her nose. "These are diamonds. I'm very rich. Do you want a ride home?" Driving home in his car, the wealthy impressario asked Marti whether she believed true love could be experienced and expressed on a first meeting. "No," said Marti. Abruptly the car pulled to the curb side. "Get out," said the fine gentlemen. Fortunately, he had stopped next to a number four bus station, which went directly to French Hill. Marti didn't mind a bit.

Stella had met a sheep rancher on a Moshav in Afula. Since Stella was an accomplished weaver, he would bring her bags and bags of marino sheep wool. He used to bring her almond blossoms, and later green almonds from the Moshav. When his two young girls caught lice, Stella picked over every strand of hair with a fine tooth comb. Often her visits at the ranch turned into night vigils of bottle feeding lambs rejected by their mothers. Because displays of jealousy by his two daughters prevented a blossoming of that relationship, Stella returned back among the fold with us in Jerusalem.

Occasionally, however, there would be a happy ending. Our friend, Tami, was suffering from swollen sinuses and a running nose. "No way will I leave the

Moshav and travel to Jerusalem." She was adamant. Tami, who served as secretary on a Moshav between Jericho and Beit Shahn, was usually ready for an adventure at a moment's notice. This time she had to be persuaded. "You have a lot in common. He's artistic, too. You should hear this American play his guitar. He can sing Cat Stevens." Larry, a friend from the States was once again visiting Jerusalem. As usual he had brought a whole smoked salmon for Ilahna, a book on Valasquez for me, and the latest craft journals for Stella. When Larry exclaimed in heart rending tones that he really did want to settle down in Israel, Ilahna remembered Tami.

A person of diverse occupations, Larry had gained employment as a teacher of music, a construction worker, a gun toting sheriff and finally a funeral director for whom no undertaking was too difficult. Larry had also worked a lot with the youth of his community. He loved children and children loved him. Even so, Larry was a little hesitant about meeting a woman with two small children. Surprisingly, this objection was easily overcome. Usually Larry is quite stubborn in his opinions.

On a cool, clear evening, star brilliant and breezy, Larry and Tami met on the

always crowded Ben Yehudah Street. Hepners, an American style delicatessen which serves the best hamburgers in Jerusalem, provided an unpretentious, low-key atmosphere. Dining outside on those tiny round white iron tables, Larry discovered he liked the gentle, forthright manner of this Sabra girl. Her thick blond hair, cropped short; her eyes, green and serene; her highly curved nose; and kind smile melted that bachelor heart. Not being a person who rushes matters, Larry waited till their second meeting to propose.

When Larry had to leave Israel in order to settle his affairs in the States, he seemed a bit flustered. We wanted to drive him to the bus station, but he said he needed time to think. He took his baggage and departed. His journey proved to be uneasy. Sunk in contemplation, Larry missed the proper bus station. After he boarded another bus, he discovered it was traveling away from the airport. He ended up in Ashkelon with forty-five minutes between himself and the departure of his plane. Now settled in the Moshav, he and Tami still laugh when they recall how he almost missed his flight to America.

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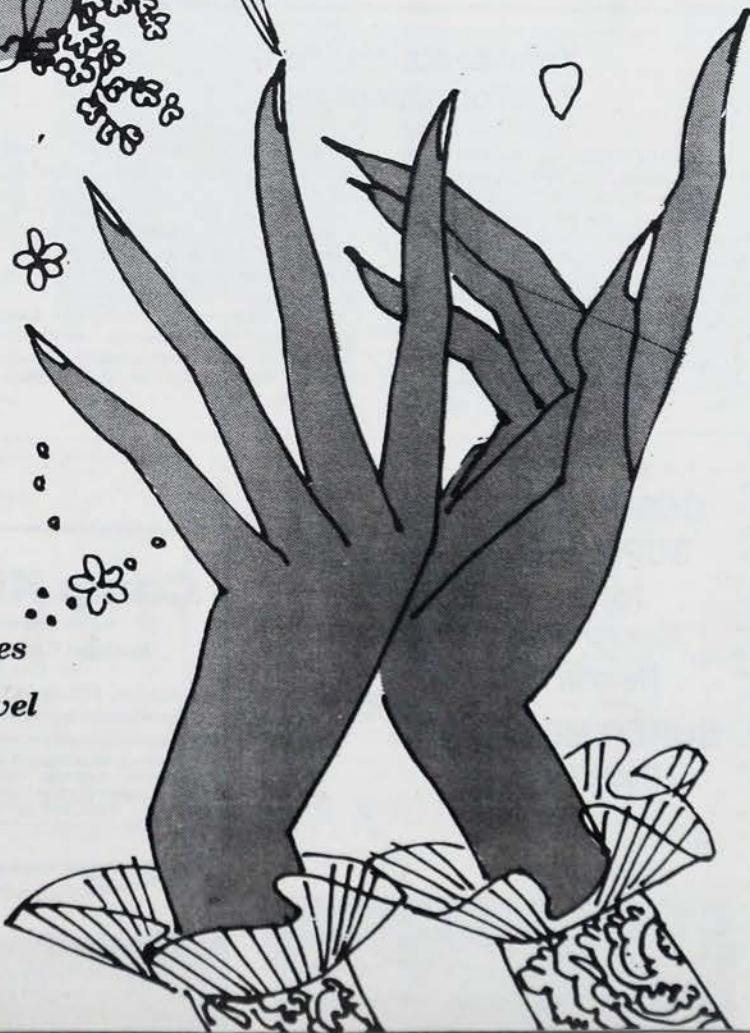
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Where To Rent What



by Michael Lefkin

What possesses a nice Jewish boy, from a nice middle class family, to leave his nice comfortable home in New England, and join the Israeli Army? If you know the answer, please contact my mother!

I joined the Israeli Army in September, 1980. Upon graduating from college, I left my family and friends, hopped on a plane to Israel, became an Israeli citizen at Ben Gurion airport and six hours later, enlisted in the Israeli Army.

My mother knew not what motivated me to do such a thing, and truthfully, neither do I. I came from a normal Jewish family from West Hartford, Connecticut, which, like so many Jewish families, has a sentimental-spiritual attachment to the state of Israel — no more, no less! Did I receive my passion for Zionism through my Jewish education? Hardly! My four years of Hebrew school, leading to my Bar Mitzvah, seemed to me then as a punishment I had to serve because my parents were Jewish. Or, perhaps like Herzl, I witnessed anti-Semitism and made the realization that one could live free of it, only in a Jewish state. Again, this did not apply to me.

The only anti-Semitism I might have experienced would be an occasional ignorant question like, "Do Jews celebrate Thanksgiving too?"

At any rate, I only know that yes, in fact, I was obsessed about wanting to fight for Israel. At the age of twelve, I told my parents that one day I could become an Israeli soldier. I'm sure, initially, my parents assumed it was a simple, temporary phase I was going through, not unlike other children wanting to become firemen or policemen.

As my high school graduation approached, this obsession of mine grew stronger. The agreement reached between my parents and I was simple and fair. I was to "graduate college and then go and save the world if you want to." My post-graduate intentions were hardly discussed in the next four years. I'm sure that my parents thought and hoped that a combination of maturity and education during my college years would quell my plans.

On the contrary, the day came when the dreaded words were said, "Mom and Dad, I'm going to Israel to join the army." With that, my parents' fears and my dreams began. My mother, like only a Jewish mother could, made only one remark to fill a son's guilt quota for a life time. "Good, now I won't be able to breathe for two years."

Life In The Israeli Army



I arrived at Ben Gurion on September 8, 1980. On September 9, I found my way to the induction center. At this point, my Hebrew vocabulary was scarce. I knew three words: Hello (shalom), Goodbye (shalom), and Peace (shalom).

After another two hours, I finally received the name of the officer who was in charge of enlistments. My getting into his office could only be compared to "Raid on Entebbe." A screaming matter ensued as my final request was presented over his shouts ordering me out of his office. Realizing that I was not about to leave, he was now willing to talk, but not listen. He rambled on about the "chutzpah" that I had barging into a General's office. (How was I to know he was a general? He looked like one of my favorite uncles. And how did I know he could arrest me on the spot if he so desired?)

After the 15 minute lecture came the drilling: "How long have you been in the country?"

I looked at my watch and said, "16 hours."

"Sixteen hours," he scoffed. "You don't know the country, you don't know the people, you don't even know the language! Live here a couple years, learn the

language, travel the country meet the people, and then, and only then, if you're still interested, come back and see me!"

That was it, his final argument. It was all over. My hopes had vanished. How could he turn me down just like that, I wondered. *How could a country with such a need for able bodied soldiers turn me down!* They couldn't! My mind came alive. I reached into my pocket and pulled out \$1,000 in travelers checks.

"Is that enough?" I asked.

"Enough for what?" he replied.

"Enough to buy a one way ticket back to New York, because if you don't let me join the army now, I'm going to walk out there and I'm going straight back to Ben Gurion!"

"Now hold on, John Wayne, don't be so dramatic. Sit down, let's talk."

Ten minutes later, all my papers were signed. I was in the Israeli Army at last.

How does a non-Hebrew speaking person survive in basic training in the Israeli Army? Easy. You find a batch of green bodies and stay in the middle. Aside from the language barrier, basic training in a combat unit of the Israeli Defense Forces was as typical and routine as all

Israelis face.

I was treated no differently than any other soldier in the army. No better, no worse. At first, there was two schools of thought about me. I'd say that half had the "Col Ha Cvod" attitude, in other words, wishing you well, while the other half had the "Ahta meshugha" attitude, or, you're crazy. These two schools of thought at first kept me a slight distance from my peers, but in time they saw that I ate what they all ate, sweated like they sweated, reacted as obnoxious and as confident as they reacted and hated/loved the experience that we were all going through.

After basic training, my regular tour of duty also became quite typical — Lebanon, Golan Heights, West Bank and so on. We did all the ho-hum things that make the headlines on the front pages of the daily newspapers and fillers on the back pages of the Israeli newspapers.

In May, 1982 the odyssey ended. The emotional high, the sense of accomplishment and the pride I felt that day in May has never left me. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't reflect back with pride on those years spent in the army.

I returned home asking myself, Where do I go from here. I have just reached the zenith of my life. What new challenges could I now strive for that could possibly equal the experiences of my last two years? After a few months of soul searching and overall adjusting, I realized life must continue after the Israeli army.

I then started to "normalize" my life and did what most people do directly after college — I went to work. Work brought me to Rhode Island. Three years in the corporate world still didn't satisfy me. There has to be more, I wondered.

My honeymoon brought me back to Israel this past August. My wife (her first time in Israel), kept commenting on how tanned and healthy everybody looked. Probably more than anything else, her strongest impression of Israel was healthiness, energy, vivaciousness and strength of its people. That was it! My new dream. Bring a little Israel back to Rhode Island! We bought Safer Tans and Northeast Home Fitness in Warwick. I truly understand the rewards of a person looking and feeling good. The rewards that one receives through the discipline of exercise will transcend into all aspects of life.

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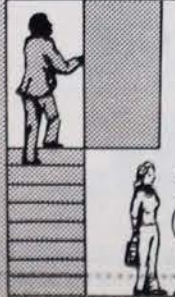
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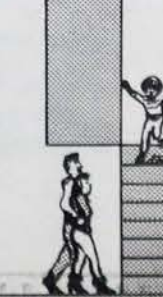
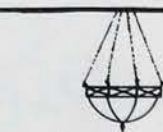


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Art History Lecture Series

The Education Department of the museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design continues its Art History Lecture Series with four course offerings beginning on January 29. Lecture Series are open by subscription only.

Modern Art in America: From the Eight to the Eighties, a survey of modern American masters from the beginning of the century to the post-modern eighties, will be offered by Janice Leoshko on 10 Wednesdays from February 12-April 23, 2-3:30 p.m., \$55 — Museum Members, \$75 Non-Members. In the second semester of **Pyramids to Pop: The History of World Art**, Janice Leoshko will present weekly slide lectures on great masterpieces of painting, sculpture, architecture, graphics, and decorative arts from the Renaissance to the 1980's. This non-credit subscription lecture course will be held on 12 Wednesdays from January 29-April 23, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon, \$60 — Museum Members, \$75 — Non-Members.

Carved in Stone: Traditions in Sculpture, a mini-series in European and Asian sculpture during major historical epochs, including ancient Egypt and Greece, the Middle Ages, and nineteenth century France, will be held on four Fridays from February 7-February 28, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon, \$25 — Museum Members, \$40 — Non-Members. **The History of Print: Media, Motivation, and Method**, for which enrollment is limited to 15, will be held on five Fridays from March 7-April 11, 10:30 a.m.-12 Noon, \$30 — Museum Members, \$50 — Non-Members.

Those interested may call the Museum's Education Department at (401) 331-3511, extension 349 for further information.

Cooking And Craft Courses

The Mothers' Association of Lincoln School, 301 Butler Avenue, Providence, announces two cooking classes and a craft class open to the public.

On Tuesday, January 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sarah Carlson, chef and baker at Gallimaufry Catering, will lead a class in Bread Making: basic techniques, sculpture breads (her specialty) and savory stuffed breads. Recipes and tastings are included in the \$20 fee. The class will be held at the school's Faxon Farm, 160 Danforth Street, Rehoboth, Massachusetts.

The second class, **Presentations and Garnishes** taught by Michael Moskwa of Michael's Catering, will reveal styling secrets and tricks of the trade which make food presentation an art. The demonstration will be held in the school's Levinger Dining Room on Tuesday, February 4, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fee \$20.

On Saturday, March 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lincoln parent and Rhode Island School of Design teacher Laura Raff will offer a class in Basket Weaving. For \$25 plus \$10 for materials, class members will produce a finished picnic basket measuring 8 1/2" x 13" x 5" high with a handmade oak handle. Space is limited to 20; February 14 is the deadline for registration. The class will be located in the Lincoln Lower School's Art Room.

For further information or registration contact Elaine Carr, (401) 331-9696, ext. 125. Checks for registration can be mailed to the school; they should be made out to the Lincoln School Mothers' Association.

World Class Engagements At Wang

The Boston Phoenix, the Wang Center for the Performing Arts, and the Wang Celebrity Series will offer a dance subscription series featuring three world-renowned dance companies during the 1985-86 season. All performances will take place at the Wang Center for the Performing Arts.

The series will open with four performances of Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, January 30 through February 2. Peter Wright's spectacular new production of Tchaikovsky's romantic classic, "Sleeping Beauty," will be danced at all performances. On its first American tour, the Central Ballet of China will make its Boston debut February 27 through March 2. The national ballet of the People's Republic of China, the company will draw upon its repertory which features traditional classics as well as Chinese ballets which reflect the country's heritage and folklore. The universally popular Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater returns for its annual week-long engagement, giving seven performances April 8 through 13.

Subscribers to the series will save 25% off regular prices, and receive priority seating. For a detailed brochure, call or write the offices of the Wang Celebrity Series, 31 St. James Avenue, Boston, MA 02116, (617) 482-2595.

Moliere's Comic Play At PC

Laughter is in store for those attending the second production of the Blackfriars Theatre 1985-86 Season. Beginning January 31, *The Imaginary Invalid* will delight and amuse its audience with the farcical antics of a hypochondriac and his family.

Written by Moliere over three hundred years ago, the play centers around Argan, a self-proclaimed invalid. In his desire to reduce the medical bills caused by his supposed sickness, Argan arranges to marry his eldest daughter, Angelique, to the ninny son of the prominent Doctor Diafoirus. Angelique, on the other hand, is deeply in love with Cleante, and hopes to marry him. At the same time, Argan's wife, conniving Beline, is scheming with her lawyer to swindle Argan's riches away from him. All this is overseen by the impertinent maid, Toinette, who tries to open the hypochondriac's eyes to the reality of his situation. In the end, all is set right when Argan's sensible brother, Beralde, appears to bring the play to its hilarious conclusion.

The Imaginary Invalid has continued to delight audiences through the years, as fresh and lively as it was at the beginning. The last of Moliere's 27 plays, it is significantly concerned with a man who believes himself to be in bad health, for Moliere was ill at the time he was writing the play. However, this illness turned out to be very real for, during the fourth performance of the play in which Moliere portrayed Argan, he was seized with a convulsion and died a few hours later.

Guest director Michael Grando creates a lively evening of entertaining comedy and burlesque with this play. Grando is a celebrated Mime, having performed world-wide including stage and television, and is a student of the famous Marcel Marceau. Set designer and technical director for this production is Bill Jacobson. Costumes are designed by David Cabral.

Reservations for *The Imaginary Invalid* may be made by calling the Blackfriars Box Office at 865-2218.

Performances will be presented Friday through Sunday, January 31-February 2, 7-9 p.m. Curtain time is at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Ticket prices are \$4.00 regular admission and \$2.00 students/senior citizens.

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-Linhares, George Costa, Rosamond Elliott, Dorothy Goodwin McGee, Janet Judge, 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.

Hebrew Poetry

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.

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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Philharmonic Hungarica At Zeiterion

Philharmonia Hungarica will perform at the Zeiterion Theatre in downtown New Bedford on Wednesday, January 29 at 8 p.m. as part of the AT&T Greater New Bedford Concert Series. Trumpet virtuoso Maestro Andre Bernard will conduct and perform as featured soloist for the Orchestra's U.S. tour. Tickets, on sale at the Box Office, are priced at \$18, \$16 and \$14 and may be ordered by calling (617) 994-2900.

The Orchestra's Zeiterion Theatre concert precedes by one day a performance at Carnegie Hall. Their program will feature "Concerto in Eb major for Trumpet and Orchestra, H. Vile" by Franz Hayden; "Firebird: Suite" by Igor Stravinsky and "Symphony No. 9 in C major, D 944" ("The Great") by Franz Schubert.

The history of Philharmonia Hungarica is a dramatic one, actually beginning a few months before the founding of the Orchestra. In the fall of 1956, the citizens of Hungary began a revolution against the oppression of its people by a political regime. The failure of the people to overcome their domination resulted in the intervention of the Soviet Union forcing the Hungarian people to bow to a new Totalitarian power. During these political revolts, hundreds of thousands of refugees fled "... a sea of blood and tears from the sinking home of Hungary. In this huge maelstrom of refugees were musicians who, with their instruments as their only possessions, broke out into the free world."

Together, the musicians performed their first concert as Philharmonia Hungarica on May 28, 1957, in Vienna before a capacity crowd. More than 100 critics from around the world attended and the result was the birth of the Orchestra's reputation as "One of the best in the world."

Conductor and soloist for the 1985/86 tour, Maestro Andre Bernard, is acclaimed as one of the foremost trumpeters performing today. Bernard's versatility on the trumpet is marked by his using the valveless clarino trumpets of the 17th and 18th century to the contemporary.

He is considered the master of the high-pitched neo-Baroque D-trumpet. As Principal Conductor of the New Symphony Orchestra of London, Maestro Bernard recorded Beethoven's Seventh Symphony and Mozart Symphonies Nos. 39 and 41 "Jupiter" with the Orchestra.

Eagle Opening At Sarah Doyle

An installation in wood and metal by Deborah Eagle will be on display at Sarah Doyle Gallery through February 15. The opening reception will be on Saturday January 25 from 3 to 5 p.m. and is open to the public.

Spring Culinary Courses At RISD

A mouthwatering selection of spring Culinary courses and special events beginning February 17 is being offered by Rhode Island School of Design's Office of Continuing Education. Call Continuing Education at (401) 331-3511, extension 282 to register for courses on topics ranging from fabulous full meals to vibrant vegetarian dishes, to perfect pies.

The following are still available for registration: *Basic Cooking* — Learn to prepare full meals from start to finish, including entrees, soups, sauces, vegetables, and garnishes, Mondays, February 17-March 24, 7-10 p.m. \$155; *Vegetarian Gourmet* — Learn to cook and serve nutritious meatless dishes using vegetables, cheese, and pasta in imaginative meals, Tuesdays, February 18-March 25, 7-10 p.m., \$175; *American Pies* — Participate in pie making from rolling the dough to preparing the filling. Learn to flute edges or make a lattice crust, Wednesdays, February 18-March 26, 7-10 p.m., \$155; *Cook's Tour for Catering and Party Planning* — A cooking adventure for beginning and intermediate cooks and food connoisseurs who wish to explore a variety of culinary possibilities: elegant hors d'oeuvres; gourmet desserts; Italian, French, and German cuisines; Thursdays, February 10-March 27, 7-10 p.m. \$225; *60 Minute Gourmet* — Learn to prepare a complete and delicious dinner in one hour, Tuesdays, April 15-May 20, 7-10 p.m., \$160; *International Cuisine* — Enjoy a culinary adventure in learning to prepare traditional dishes from around the world, Thursdays, April 17-May 22, 7-10 p.m., \$175; *Culinary Arts Apprenticeship Program* — RISD offers a two-year apprenticeship program designed especially for people looking for hands-on individualized training in the Culinary Arts. For more information and a free brochure, call the Continuing Education office.

The following Culinary Arts Special Events will be offered this spring: *Exotic Hors D'oeuvres* will provide participants with demonstrations on the creation of a variety of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, Wednesday, April 9, 7-10 p.m., \$21; *Garnishes Galore*, a one-evening culinary event, will offer quick, easy ways to slice, carve, and cut vegetables and fruits into flowers, and other shapes that will complement any dish, Wednesday, April 23, 7-10 p.m. \$21; *Bordeaux Wines* will allow participants to sample and compare wines produced in the different districts of Bordeaux, France, Wednesday, March 12, 8:30-10:30 p.m., \$27; and *Beers of the World* will offer tastings and discussion of the differences between a lager, a pilsner, and an ale, and many other varieties of traditional beers, Thursday, February 27, 8-10:30 p.m., \$27.

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January Winter Weekend Series

The January Winter Weekend Series continues at the Children's Museum in Dartmouth with classes, lectures and workshops for the entire family in addition to the permanent and visiting exhibits offered at the Museum.

"Yarn Painting" and "Noisemakers" are the two classes offered this Saturday, January 25. Advance registration is required for classes which are \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members. Supplies and materials will be provided by the Museum.

"Yarn Painting" to be held from 10-11, will enable children to create unusual paintings with a variety of beautifully colored yarns. Children will focus on color and texture as they translate the material into their own art forms. "Noisemakers" to be held from 1:30 to 2:30 in the afternoon, will give children ages 4-6 the chance to actually create loud noises when they make their own rattles, grogers, maracas and other creative sound objects.

In conjunction with the "Pets Are Wonderful Exhibit," visitors to the Museum will have the opportunity to meet with David Medeiros, Executive Director of the Animal Rescue League of New Bedford. Mr. Medeiros will be at the Museum at 3 in the afternoon to discuss the services that the Animal League provides the community. He will talk about pet ownership and the responsibilities involved in finding pets a good home.

On Sunday, January 26, Museum visitors will have the opportunity to learn the "Art of Macrame" with Sandy Frias. The art of knot making and creating objects with rope and a few simple knots will be revealed to Museum visitors who will have the opportunity to try to create their own knotted designs. This program is free to Museum visitors and is included with Museum admission.

The Children's Museum is located at 276 Gulf Road in South Dartmouth. Admission is \$1 for children and seniors, and \$1.50 for adults. The Children's Museum is open from 10-5 Tuesday-Saturday and on Sunday from 1-5. For additional information call the Museum at (617) 993-3361.

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

Kinnell To Judge Poetry Contest

The Pawtucket Arts Council is sponsoring its Third Annual Poetry Competition, open to all poets. Pulitzer Prize winning poet Galway Kinnell, who spent his boyhood in Pawtucket, is the Honorary Chairperson of the competition for the second consecutive year. A first prize of \$150, a \$100 second prize, and a \$75 third prize will be awarded.

All poems must be submitted in English, be the author's original, unpublished work, and may be written in any style on any subject. Poems must be typed double-spaced and be no longer than two (2) typewritten pages (8½" x 11") in length. Each poet is allowed one (1) entry, which must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, February 19, 1986. The poet's name, address, phone number and poem title must be sent with the poem on a separate piece of paper, and *not appear* (except title) on the same page(s) as the poem submitted. Each entry must be accompanied by one dollar (\$1) administrative fee.

Judges for this year's competition will be three prominent local poets: James Schevill, retired professor of English at Brown University; Jane Lunin Perel, associate professor of English at Providence College; and Laurence J. Sasso, Jr., former poetry editor of the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*.

All entries must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, February 19, 1986 and sent to: Pawtucket Arts Council, Poetry Competition, 474 Broadway, Pawtucket, R.I. 02860.

Mr. Kinnell will attend the Arts Council's Poetry Competition Award Ceremony, and will present awards to the winners of the competition. During the evening ceremony, the winners will read their winning poems and Mr. Kinnell will join them in reading several of his own poems. A reception and sale and signing of Kinnell's books will immediately follow the poetry reading. The award ceremony will be held on Friday, April 4, 1986, 7:30 p.m., at the Pawtucket Public Library, 13 Summer St.

For more details concerning the Arts Council's Competition, call 725-1151.

speak on "Central Park: Landscape Restoration in an Urban Environment." Thalassa Cruso, well known author, lecturer, and television personality, will discuss "The Plight 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.



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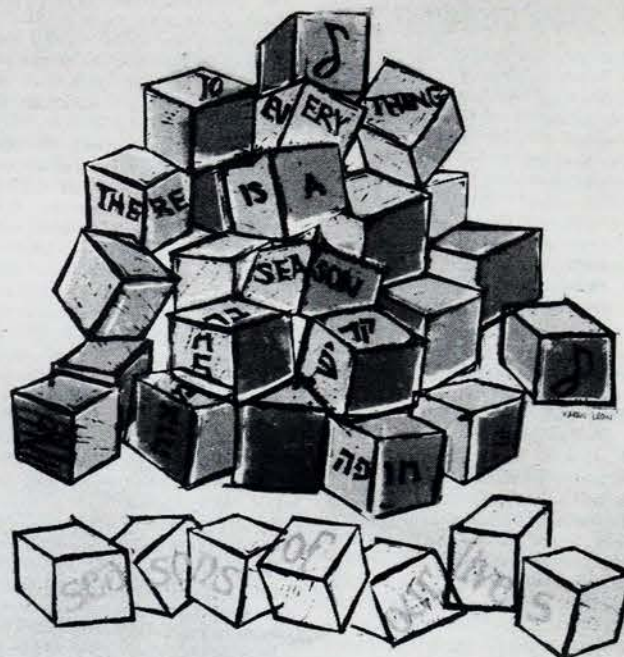


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News From Solomon Schechter School

Children, and parents alike, have been up to good things at Solomon Schechter:

- *Chaver Tov, Chaverah Tovah* (Good Friends) is a new program instituted by the second grade and run by the students themselves. Each student shares an experience with the class or teaches something special to the other students. It's exciting to see students sharing, explaining and reaching out — in Hebrew!

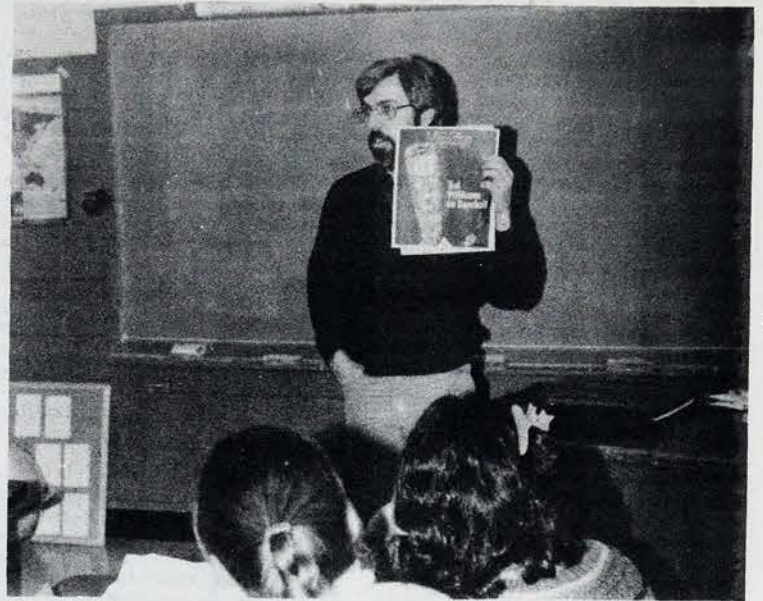
- Hebrew lunch, during which time only Hebrew is spoken, is a favorite time for fifth graders. Students confess that they really enjoy the experience and are impressed with their own conversational skills.

- After a successful and exciting trip to Plimoth Plantations and the Mayflower, fifth graders studied the history of old Providence through copies of original maps. Who knew that Wickenden and

Smith Streets were named after early settlers?

- Plan your next vacation with the fourth grade. Students are taking an "up close and personal" look at Rhode Island through the use of a road map. Any ideas for a ski weekend, kids?

- If you felt the need to beat the winter doldrums this past Saturday night, the place to be was Rhode Island Tennis Club with parents and friends of Solomon Schechter. Over 80 tennis enthusiasts participated in this fund-raiser, and winners and losers alike expressed the hope that this could become an annual event. Non-tennis buffs could be seen socializing, cheering on their favorites, and feasting on a delicious buffet prepared by Solomon Schechter parents. Gerri Schiffman was the evening's organizer — Great job, Gerri!!



Seventh graders at the Solomon Schechter Day School were treated to a very special visitor, as part of their career-development mini-course.

Bob Selby, chief illustrator for the *Providence Journal*, shared his artwork which is frequently found on the covers of the Sunday Magazine section. He showed the students many past issues, and even some

sneak previews of what is to come.

"Why don't you become an illustrator for *Time Magazine*?", asked one intrigued student. "Because they commission four cover designs per week, and then only select one," reports Selby, "and besides then I'd have to live in New York." We're glad you chose Providence, Mr. Selby!

Harvard Leads Archaeology Tour

The Harvard Semitic Museum will conduct a repeat of its sell-out tour of last fall: "Exploring the Archaeology of Israel." The spring tour, scheduled for May 14-May 29, 1986, is designed as archaeology for nonarchaeologists for either first-timers or repeat travelers to Israel. Assistant Curator Nitza Rosovsky, author of the guidebook *Jerusalemwalks*, will lead the tour. Several Israeli archaeologists and curators will join the group as guides or guest lecturers and take the participants through museums and to archaeological sites which they have excavated.

The itinerary spans over 4000 years of history and includes well-known sites such as Masada, Megiddo, Jericho and Caesarea. One week will be spent exploring Jerusalem: The City of David,

the Temple Mount, The Cardo, Via Dolorosa. There will also be trips to many out-of-the-way places, such as the Crusaders' fort at Belvoir, an early Islamic palace, a desert monastery, Gamla and other ancient synagogues in the Galilee. There'll also be time to relax, shop, even swim.

Tour costs based on double occupancy are \$1,999 per person, of which \$250 is a tax-deductible contribution to the museum. A single supplement is an additional \$250. The price includes airfare, hotels, breakfasts and dinners, entrance fees and ground transportation, and a farewell dinner. For reservations write: Tours/Harvard Semitic Museum, 6 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138, or call the museum at (617) 495-3123 for further information.



Susan Lena, fourth grade teacher and computer specialist at the Solomon Schechter Day School, has just been awarded an Encouragement Fund Grant from the *Providence Journal* Company.

The Encouragement Fund Grant Program was set up in 1984 "to provide grants to teachers who propose programs that encourage excellence in education at the classroom level."

Mrs. Lena's winning project is a shoebox math center, a creative learning center which will provide hands-on materials for

math enrichment. The math center will present students with a wide variety of resources and activities such as cuisenaire rods, tangrams, attribute blocks and symmetry problems.

Students will use the math center individually for enrichment, reinforcement of skills, and problem-solving activities.

The students, parents, faculty, administrative staff and board members of the Solomon Schechter Day School congratulate Susan Lena on her fine work.

Amit Women Shabbat

NEW YORK, N.Y. — A special "AMIT Women Shabbat" will be celebrated in synagogues across the country on Shabbat Shirah, January 25, to launch AMIT Women's 1986 Membership Campaign, it was announced here by AMIT President Frieda C. Kufeld.

The celebration will include sermons by rabbis and "Oneg Shabbat" gatherings focusing on the child care and social welfare services provided by AMIT Women's network of 24 projects in Israel, as well as its active role in Jewish communal life in the United States.

"We felt it appropriate to launch the membership campaign for this nation's major religious women's Zionist organization on Shabbat Shirah because of the focus in the Torah and Haftarah readings on women's initiative," Mrs.

Kufeld said. "The Son of Miriam, Moses sister, and Deborah, the prophetess, are highlights of these readings. In their tradition, AMIT Women has, since its inception, assumed a leadership role in providing for the needs of Israel's future citizens and in combating anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. Our aim is to help Israel flourish and grow, which makes this Shabbat Shirah particularly appropriate to AMIT Women."

Communities in 37 states and the District of Columbia will be participating in the Shabbat Shirah/AMIT Shabbat, according to Francine Lashinsky of Holliswood, N.Y., and Mildred Lieberman of Rego Park, N.Y., AMIT Women National Membership Chairwomen. The membership Drive is headed by these two AMIT leaders.

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Obituaries

MILTON BLIEDEN

PROVIDENCE — Milton Blieden, 72, of 45 North Ave., a general partner in the Wampanoag Mall, East Providence, since 1969, died Wednesday, January 15, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Rose (Chudnovsky) Blieden.

Born in Mississippi, he was a son of the late Hyman and Esther (Kaufman) Blieden.

From 1937 to 1955, Mr. Blieden owned the Smart Shop in West Warwick, and then, until 1969, he was a partner in Warwick Shoppers World. He was a 1937 graduate of Providence College, and a member of the Redwood Lodge of Masons.

He leaves two sons, Peter Blieden of Providence and Howard Blieden of Los Angeles; two brothers, Stanley Blieden of West Warwick, Dr. Robert Blieden of Phoenix, Ariz., and a grandson.

A funeral service was held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Mount Nebo Cemetery, Taunton.

NORMAN RICKER

PROVIDENCE — Norman Ricker, 57, of 138 Sixth St., a self-employed sales representative, died Thursday, January 16 at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Vienna, Austria, he lived in Providence since 1948. He previously lived in England.

Mr. Ricker was a sales representative for the New England Envelope Co., Worcester, for 26 years, until 1984. He was a member of Temple Beth-El and the Providence Camera Club. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

He leaves his step-parents, Mrs. Erna Oppenheim of Providence and Fred F. Oppenheim of Westmoreland, N.H.; a step-sister, Mrs. Ellen Powers of Framingham, Mass., and a stepbrother, Robert Oppenheim of Milton, Mass.

A funeral service was held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery.

SYLVIA LACK

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass. — Sylvia Beth (Goldman) Lack, 74, died Saturday, January 18, after a lengthy illness. She was the widow of Israel H. Lack.

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, Mrs. Lack resided in Massachusetts for many years. Mrs. Lack was a retired bookkeeper. She worked for Mass. Industrial Supplies in Chelsea for more than 20 years. She leaves a son, Sanford Lack of Swampscott, Massachusetts; a sister, Beatrice Feldman of Warwick; and two grandchildren, Deborah and David Lack.

Services were held Monday, January 20, at Stanelsky Hymanson Memorial Chapel in Salem, Massachusetts, followed by burial in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick, Rhode Island.

THEODORE KRAMER

PROVIDENCE — A private funeral service will be held for Theodore Kramer, 79, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., who died Sunday, January 19, 1986, at the home. He was the husband of Maude (Bleck) Kramer.

Born in Minnesota, a son of the late Ralph and Golda Kramer, he came to Providence 4½ years ago.

Mr. Kramer was a lawyer in Milwaukee, Wis., until retiring in 1978.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Penny Faich of West Newton, Mass.

GERTRUDE LIPSKY

PROVIDENCE — Gertrude Lipsky, 91, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., an employee of the Regal Mfg. Co. for 20 years before retiring 25 years ago, died Sunday, January 19, 1986, at the home. She was the widow of Harry Lipsky.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Samuel and Ida Tesler, she lived in Providence most of her life.

She leaves a daughter, Ruth Jacobson of Providence; a son, Joseph Linden of Cincinnati, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Sylvia Reisman of Milton, Mass., and Mrs. Mae Madden of Arlington, Mass.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

Human Service Workshops At RIC

The Rhode Island College School of Social Work and the RIC School of Continuing Education and Community Service have announced that 24 workshops for human service professionals and paraprofessionals will be offered through the college during the spring semester.

Set to run at various intervals from February 24 to May 9 most of the workshops will be for three to six hours each.

Among the topics which will be treated are: treatment of alcoholism, working with older adults, family therapy, treatment of sexual abuse, using computers in human services, agoraphobia, group psychotherapy, and working with adolescents.

All courses will be taught at RIC. Continuing education units will be offered.

Registration can be completed by mail. Deadlines are February 17 for offerings held February 24 through March 31 and March 28 for offerings held between April 1 and May 9.

For more information contact Cheryl Livneh at 456-8629.

Palestinian Biographical Dictionary

JERUSALEM, — A biographical dictionary of Palestinian political figures — the first comprehensive study of Palestinian political history to be compiled anywhere — is now being prepared for publication at the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Publication is anticipated in two years' time.

The purpose of the compilers of the dictionary, headed by principal investigator Prof. Moshe Ma'oz and coordinator Dr. Alexander Bligh, is to create a work which will include all important Palestinian political figures from the 1880s up to the contemporary period.

The dictionary will cover a total of about 250 biographies from the total of about 500 biographies now contained within the Truman Institute data base on Palestinians. Source material for the entries comes from archives in Israel and Britain, journalistic and academic sources in Arabic, Hebrew, English and French, as well as interviews with prominent figures. The Hebrew University's extensive collection of Arabic publications has served as a singularly important source of material.

The study of Palestine and Palestinian Arabs has, over the past two decades, come to constitute a major sub-field within Middle Eastern studies, and while scholars in the past have written on various aspects and periods in Palestinian history, no one as yet has tied all of these elements together in a comprehensive work giving an overview of Palestinian political history.

No clear picture of the current state of Palestinian politics can be understood, say the biographical dictionary directors, without a detailed examination of such principal figures as Yasir Arafat, George Habash, Abu Musa, Isam Sartawi and the spectrum of ideologies which they represent. The biographical dictionary thus will provide an important new tool enabling scholars and government decision makers to review long-term trends in Palestinian political history and gain concise descriptions of events and ideas in that history from the perspective of their protagonists.

The dictionary will contain vital information pertaining to each person listed, such as family background, education, professional and political accomplishments. The text includes treatments of major events and trends in Palestinian political history insofar as they relate to the subject's life.

The biographical dictionary, being compiled by Jewish and Arab researchers at the Truman Institute, reflects the goal of the institute to promote peace through knowledge.

NCJW Calls For Protection Of Human Needs

NEW YORK, N.Y., — The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), assembled in New York City, January 13 and 14, 1986, expressed concern that steps taken to reduce the national budget deficit are at the expense of basic human needs of many Americans.

The Committee noted, "Since 1981, cuts in essential programs, such as AFDC and food stamps, have resulted in levels of poverty not seen for twenty years. Increasing numbers of women and children are living in poverty and children alone make up over 50 percent of the total poverty population. Withdrawal of basic services has affected children in alarming ways, such as increasing infant mortality."

The Committee pointed out that while it recognizes that the current effort to balance the federal budget within five years is an attempt to spread the burden of cuts across all federal programs, it finds that the burden will fall disproportionately on the most needy.

In its statement, the Committee said, "Should the automatic cuts of the Balanced Budget Act operate unchecked, the discretionary budget for all non-defense programs will be only about one-third its present level by 1991. These are the same critical programs that have already suffered five years of spending reductions. NCJW believes that budget ceilings must not be set at the expense of the health and welfare of our citizens."

Established in 1893, the National Council of Jewish Women is the oldest Jewish women's volunteer organization in America. NCJW's more than 100,000 members in 200 Sections nationwide are active in the organization's priority areas of women's issues, Jewish life, aging, children and youth, Israel and Constitutional rights.

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.

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Cancer Trend Studies Provide Significant Data

Epidemiological studies of cancer trends in Israel's Negev, undertaken with the support of the Israel Cancer Research Fund, could provide scientists with significant new data on the cause of various forms of cancer, according to Dr. Daniel G. Miller, founder and president-emeritus of the ICRF.

The studies are being conducted by Dr. Drora Fraser, an ICRF-funded Fellow, at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, where Dr. Miller recently reviewed newly-compiled information on the incidence of cancer among the area's residents. "If fully developed, these studies could place Israel in the forefront of epidemiological cancer research," Dr. Miller declared.

Cancer In Women

Phase I of the study involves generating and interpreting data about the occurrence and clinical characteristics of cancer in various groups and the identification of high-risk groups in the local population. The study covers the major Negev cities of Beer Sheva, Ashkelon and Ashdod and the towns and rural settlements as far south as Eilat. Dr. Fraser is using the data collected to analyze cancer incidence by country of origin and year of immigration in an effort to see if there is any correlation between cancer incidence and length of residence in Israel.

In cooperation with the Ministry of Health, the ICRF-funded researcher has initiated a case-control study of cervical cancer in the Negev to investigate how behavior and diet affect the development of this type of cancer in Jewish women. She is also studying the risk factors for breast cancer among women in the Negev.

Part II of Dr. Fraser's study — not yet implemented due to lack of funds — will include the development of a local cancer registry to compile data about the occupations and dietary habits of all cancer victims, as well as the clinical and pathological data of these patients.

Worldwide Implications

"Such a project would have important implications for medicine worldwide," said Dr. Miller, who founded the ICRF in 1976 to support cancer studies by Israeli physicians and scientific researchers. In the last nine years ICRF has allocated almost \$3 million in annual stipends to support cancer research in Israel.

Dr. Miller, who heads the Strang Clinic-Preventive Medicine Institute, retired as ICRF president last year. He was succeeded by Dr. Yashar Hirshaut of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Calling Dr. Fraser "one of a new breed of Israeli scientists," Dr. Miller said:

"Dr. Fraser has a remarkable opportunity to study the people in the Negev because they seldom move and therefore use the same hospitals and medical facilities for many years. But," Dr. Miller added, "it's not enough simply to look at records. Interviewers are needed to visit patients and perform detailed studies in their homes. Computers are needed to store the volumes of data. So far, however, funds for necessary personnel and equipment simply are not available." He continued:

"What a boon it would be for medical science to study and compare the habits of, for example, Jews from Yemen and Ethiopia with their fellow-Jews from America and Western Europe in the 'natural laboratory' that is Israel.

"With sufficient funding our researchers could gather data on such pertinent factors as diet, smoking, occupation, sexual behavior and personal hygiene and their impact on the development of various types of cancer."

In 1980, Dr. Miller noted, Dr. Harry Suprun, then an ICRF-funded Fellow at Nahariya Government Hospital of the Western Galilee, conducted a pioneering study to compare the incidence of cancer of the cervix among Jewish and Moslem women. That study confirmed that an increase in sex partners leads to greater risk of contracting cervical cancer, Dr. Miller said. He observed:

"Israeli society is particularly advantageous for cancer research. Jews from all over the world have come to Israel, bringing with them their distinctive cultures, habits and behavioral patterns. Thus in Israel doctors can study the impact of genetic, ethnic, cultural and psychological influences on the development of cancer more readily than in many other countries of the world.

"Moreover, the close-knit structure of the kibbutz offers still further opportunities to study the effect of environmental factors on the development of the disease.

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NCJW Speaks For The Homeless

New York, N.Y. — The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), assembled in New York City, January 13 and 14, 1986, has called on federal, state and municipal governments, charitable agencies and volunteer organizations to increase activities designed to alleviate the growing problems of homelessness.

In its statement, the Committee said, "The number of homeless is reaching crisis levels. Localities report an increased number of homeless, including a high propor-

tion of families with children. For example, in New York City 220,000 homeless seek shelter on an average night, of whom over half are parents and children. This number of homeless families is projected to double in 1986. This epidemic is no longer confined to major cities as more and more suburban areas face the tragedy of homelessness. The hard-core unemployed, the elderly, children and working poor have joined the ranks of the homeless along with the deinstitutionalized psychiatric population.

AIDS Vaccine

JERUSALEM — A vaccine against the dreaded AIDS virus could be developed within five years, the man who discovered the AIDS virus in the U.S. said at a lecture at the Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School.

Dr. Robert C. Gallo, chief of the laboratory of human tumor cell biology at the National Cancer Institute of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, also said that within one year he expected small advances to be made in treatment of the disease, advances in which he hopes to have a part.

Dr. Gallo, 48, of Bethesda, Md., was in Jerusalem to receive the 1985 Rabbi Shai Shacknai Memorial Prize and to deliver the Shacknai Memorial Lectures, both of which are administered by the Lautenberg Center for General and Tumor Immunology of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School. He was selected for the honor for his contributions to the field of immunology, which include the discovery of the first known human cancer virus (a leukemia virus) and the AIDS virus.

The Shacknai Prize is considered one of the top awards in its field and has been given in the past to three men who later won the Nobel Prize.

In other comments on AIDS at his lectures, Dr. Gallo expressed surprise that an AIDS test was not mandatory in Israel for blood donors, in order to check the spread of the disease, which can be transmitted through blood, serum or semen. He said he believes it also can be transmitted through saliva, but only with great difficulty, and that kissing therefore is not particularly dangerous, unless it is very heavy and conducted over a long period of time.

The medical researcher was highly critical of those in the medical profession who do not want to become involved with AIDS victims because of a fear of infection. He compared them to soldiers who will not go into battle or firemen who refuse to fight a raging blaze.

The Shacknai Prize and Lectureship were established by U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg of Montclair, N.J., in memory of Shai Shacknai, a Jerusalem-born rabbi who served as spiritual leader of the Jewish community of Wayne, N.J., and who died of cancer at the age of 38.

Senator Lautenberg traces the origin of his deep involvement in public and Jewish causes to his close friendship with Rabbi Shacknai. The senator has served as general chairman and president of the

American Friends of the Hebrew University, and as an active member of the Boards of Governors of the Hebrew University and the Jewish Agency.

Senator Lautenberg provided a major impetus to the development of immunological science at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School by facilitating the creation of the Department of Immunology. In 1971, the department was formally named the Lautenberg Center for General and Tumor Immunology.

Gallo Winner of Numerous Awards

Dr. Gallo was born in Waterbury, Conn., and was educated at Providence College and Jefferson Medical College, from which he holds the M.D. degree. He has been associated with the National Cancer Institute since 1965.

Among the numerous awards and honors Dr. Gallo has won in addition to the Shacknai Prize are the Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award, the

American Cancer Society's Medal of Honor, the General Motors Charles S. Mott Prize and the Armand Hammer Prize for Cancer Research. He has been awarded honorary doctor of science degrees by Providence College and the University of Rochester.

In addition, he holds many honorary lectureships and professorships and serves on the editorial boards of leading journals in his field. He is an active member of numerous American and international scientific advisory boards and professional bodies.



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