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Vowing To Avoid Rifts, Shamir Takes The Helm

by Curtis Wilkie

JERUSALEM — Yitzhak Shamir took over as prime minister of Israel, delivering a message to the Knesset in which he pledged that his government "will refrain from divisiveness and extremism."

Shamir said the National Unity Government, which he is scheduled to head for the next 25 months, would continue the peace initiatives of his predecessor, Shimon Peres.

According to the coalition agreement signed by the Likud Bloc led by Shamir and Peres' Labor Alignment, the two men exchanged positions half way through the 50-month term. Peres became foreign minister yesterday, but there was little significant change in the 25-member cabinet that has ruled Israel since the 1984 compromise.

At Shamir's insistence, Yitzhak Modai — who was forced out of the cabinet by Peres — returned as minister without portfolio. Shoshana Arbeli-Almozlino became the first woman minister since the late Golda Meir, taking over as minister of health to replace her labor colleague, Mordechai Gur, who refused to serve under Shamir. In another change unrelated to the coalition agreement, Zevulun Hammer will be the National Religious Party's minister of religious affairs, replacing Yosef Burg.

The Knesset, which is dominated by members of the Likud and labor movements, endorsed the cabinet submitted by Shamir, leaving only the formalities where Shamir was to present Israel's 22nd government to President Chaim Herzog.

Wide Margin

The vote in the Knesset was 82 in favor of the new government, with 17 opposed and three abstaining.

Although Shamir's political background is hard-line — he opposed the Camp David Accords and favors more Jewish settlements in occupied Arab territories — he was able to coexist for more than two years with Peres. Shamir promised to

strive for the goals set by the Government of National Unity to strengthen the economy and to improve relations with Arab nations.

With inflation rates cresting annually at 1,000 percent, the Coalition Government was formed out of desperation following an election in 1984 in which neither bloc could gain enough votes to form a parliamentary majority. The economy was a top priority, and the two-parties — which had battled each other throughout Israel's modern history — cooperated on an austerity program. The latest estimate by the Treasury predicts an inflation rate for 1986 of only 16 percent.

Shamir hailed the coalition's work in the economic sphere and said his government would be committed "to lowering inflation to the level that is accepted in well-run countries." He called for a "Zionist economy" where there would be enough jobs to "permit new immigrants to live and earn a living in this country," reversing a trend where many talented Israelis have been moving out of the Jewish state.

The economy Shamir said he envisioned would be based on Zionist values, "among them the supreme value of sentiment throughout Eretz Israel." His call for new settlements in the occupied territories, which he considers part of the biblical land of Israel raises the possibility of a conflict with Peres, who blocked the establishment of new settlements while he was prime minister.

But Shamir was conciliatory in his speech to the Knesset. He said Israel wanted peace with its Arab neighbors and would like to ensure "a life of dignity" for Arabs living in the occupied territories of the West Bank, which Shamir refers to as "Judea and Samaria," and the Gaza Strip. He said he hoped the Palestinians under occupation would eventually be able "to run their affairs by themselves," but he indicated that first they must break with the Palestine Liberation Organization and other resistance groups.

Father Edward Flannery: Bridging The Gap In Catholic/Jewish Relations

by David Pagliaro

Special To The Rhode Island Herald

If one were to look at the past accomplishments of a very special individual which include having spoken in well over three hundred synagogues or Jewish centers, the researching of Jewish history over a thirty year period and the writing of a book titled, *Anguish of the Jews*, it could be difficult not to think of this man as being possibly a rabbi or Jewish leader. The irony of it all is that the above are credited to one Catholic priest.

In fact since becoming involved with the Jewish religion approximately thirty years ago, Father Edward H. Flannery has received numerous distinguishing awards and citations both here and abroad for his work within the Jewish community. He is currently among only a handful of individuals across the country who are considered experts on Catholic/Jewish relations, and has visited Israel on six occasions. Father Flannery's forte being Jewish history.

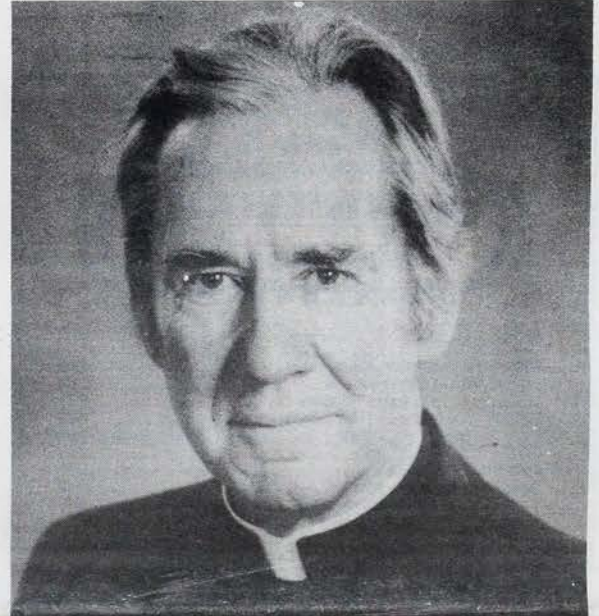
Celebrating his fiftieth year anniversary as a clergyman in the Catholic church next year, Father Flannery, 74, recently spoke about his appointed position as director of the newly created office for Catholic/Jewish relations for the Diocese of Providence and how he became involved with Judaism.

Father Flannery, a tall soft spoken man, credits his fledgling interest in the Jewish religion to Providence and to an episode which happened to him while working in New York City in 1965.

It was December he said, when he and two friends, a young Jewish couple soon to be married, were walking past the Grand Central building on 52nd Street, where a huge cross composed of lighted windows was being displayed for the Christmas holiday season. Upon seeing the cross Father Flannery said the young girl turned to him and said, "that cross makes me shudder." Asking her what she meant, she said, "It's like an evil presence." Knowing she was not anti-Christian, Father Flannery quickly realized that the girl was confiding in him and unburling herself, possibly for the first time, to a Christian, of a great deep feeling of fear and hatred she had held for Christianity.

Father Flannery said he had a notion of what she meant, knowing there existed a separation between Catholic and Jews, partially caused by anti-Semitic feeling on the one hand and feelings of resentment on the other. But what troubled him, was that "As a well educated Christian, I could not initially think of sufficient reason for the girl's negative response to a familiar and accepted symbol."

Thinking of how such a great "chasm" existed between the two religions, Father Flannery began to research Jewish history, where, "I found the full story, a tale of horror, which surprised and shocked me, he said."



This story that he was referring to was the historic account of how the Jews were murdered and persecuted in the name of the cross during the Christian crusades beginning in the twelfth century in Europe. As a person raised in the Christian culture, Father Flannery said he was never taught this part of history because Catholic historians omitted such image destroying facts. In his book, *Anguish of the Jews*, this missing information is referred to as "A page torn out," by Father Flannery.

Moved by this discovery, Father Flannery said he decided that the full story should be told, only this time, though, by a Christian.

Conveying his feelings and what he had learned to Monsignor John Oesterreicher, director of the Institute of Christian/Jewish Studies at Seton Hall University, New Jersey, Father Flannery was asked to write for its annual publication, *The Bridge*. The yearbook dealt with understanding Jewish/Catholic relations.

Accepting the offer, he secured a contract with the publishing company, MacMillan of New York and proceeded to write *Anguish of the Jews: Twenty three years of Antisemitism*, published in 1965. The book, now in its second printing, has won six awards and has been translated into three languages.

In that same year, the Vatican Council in Rome decided to create the first full-time office dedicated to Catholic/Jewish relations. Because of the publicity he was receiving from his new book and his notoriety as an expert on the subject matter, Father Flannery was asked to become the office's first executive secretary for Catholic/Jewish Relations of National Conference of Catholic Bishops, in Washington, D.C., in 1967. He held that position until 1976 when he became director for the Office of Continuing

Education of the Clergy in Providence, Rhode Island.

In 1985, at the age of 74, Father Flannery was again sought for his in-depth knowledge and was appointed director of the first full-time office for Catholic/Jewish Relations by the Most Reverend Louis E. Gelineau, for the Diocese of Providence. Already involved within the community, Father Flannery co-founded the Priest-Rabbi Dialogue Luncheons of R.I. in 1982.

When asked what he thought the newly created office will accomplish, Father Flannery responded, "That depends on two things, me and my clients," referring to Catholic and Jews. Over the years, he said he has found a great earnestness and reciprocity among the Jewish religious leaders in trying to open up a dialogue with Catholics.

Rather than putting forth one concerted effort by the Jews, Father Flannery said he has witnessed separate initiatives by different factions of the Jewish religion, adding that sometimes they even compete with one another in trying to communicate with the Catholic clergy.

Concerning Catholics, Father Flannery said the level of dialogue between the two religions will also depend upon how receptive the Diocese of Providence will be, its priests and fellow Christians. If the interaction between the two religions follows past experiences, he expects to find an "indifference" in the Catholic clergy. An indifference, he said, created by our own Christianity theology. Up until 1965, most documents and attitudes held by the Catholic Church have been hostile towards Judaism. But he said, during the last twenty years the Catholic Church has made great strides towards fostering stronger relations, citing the creation of the full-time office in

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Sculptor Chaim Stephenson stands before his powerful masterpiece, "Samson at the Pillars." (photo by Sal Guglielmino) Story on page 13.

Local News

Jewish War Veterans Post 23

All members, spouses and Auxiliary of the Jewish War Post No. 23 are cordially invited to listen to Richard Shein, chairman of the Editorial Board of the *Federation Voice* on Wednesday, November 19, at Eileen Darlings, Seekonk, Mass., at 7 p.m. Mr. Shein, inveterate traveler, will share his experiences and impressions of South Africa. His subject matter is topical and timely — *South Africa from the Jewish Perspective*.

This is your last opportunity in 1986 to renew your comradeship with your fellow veterans of Post No. 23. Everyone who plans to learn first hand, more about the Jewish communal conditions in South Africa, must make their reservations no later than Friday, November 14. Please telephone Hyman Goldman, vice commander, for additional information and to confirm your intentions. Telephone 467-8292.

Cong. Ohawe Sholam

Congregation Ohawe Sholam will conclude the holiday season with services and activities for Sh'mini atseret and Simchat Torah. Friday night services will be at 5:40 p.m. Saturday morning there will be services at 9 a.m. with Yiskor at 11 a.m. At 5 p.m. Rabbi Jacobs will give a class on the megillah "Kohelet." Mincha services will be at 5:40 p.m. followed by Se'udah Shlishit the third sabbath meal. Ma'ariv services, with its accompanying procession of the Torahs (Hakafot), will take place at 6:30 p.m. There will be singing, dancing and refreshments. Sunday, Simchat Torah morning, services will be called up to the Torah. A Kiddush will follow. Mincha is at 4:40 p.m. Yom-Tov will conclude at 5:35 p.m.

During the following week the daily schedule of services is as follows — Mornings — Monday and Thursday 6:45 a.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday — 6:50 a.m.

Sinai Political Breakfast Series

Temple Sinai is having their third political breakfast on October 26. Governor DiPrete and Cranston Mayor Michael Traficante will be the speakers. There will be a question and answer period. We hope that all who are interested will join us at 9 a.m. for breakfast — 10 a.m. for the speaking program concluding at 11 a.m.

Emanu-El Announces Simchat Torah Honorees

Three distinguished members of Temple Emanu-El and the Rhode Island community will be honored at Simchat Torah services on Sunday, October 26 at 9:30 a.m. at the Temple.

Alex Rumlper will be called to the Torah as Hatan Torah (the Bridegroom of the Torah). Celebrating his 90th birthday this year, Mr. Rumlper is still active in many community affairs. He has served as President of Camp JORI, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Miriam Hospital, and as Honorary President of Temple Emanu-El. He has also been involved in United Way, the Pawtucket Boys' Club and Camp Yawgoog. Throughout his endeavors, he has demonstrated a full commitment to Jewish and community causes.

The honor of Kallat Bereshit (the Bride of the Beginning of the Torah) will be bestowed upon Lea Eliash, a devoted teacher for over thirty years. Mrs. Eliash has taught not only at Temple Emanu-El but at Ahavat Shalom in Pawtucket and the Providence

Hebrew Day School. She has also instructed adults at the Bureau of Jewish Education. She has indeed broadened the horizons of her students with her own wisdom of a lifetime love of Torah and learning.

Dr. Richard Kumins, Hatan Mafir (the Bridegroom of the Fulfillment) is a tireless worker on behalf of Temple Emanu-El. After serving in every office and on numerous committees of the Men's Club, he was elected to the presidency in 1979. He again resumed this position during the past year and has continued to devote many, many hours of service to the Temple. He was elected into the elite "Man of Emanu-El" Club for his labors on behalf of the Men's Club and the Temple. He is active in many community organizations and is president of the Rhode Island Podiatric Medical Society.

The public is invited to join the members of Temple Emanu-El as they honor these three outstanding individuals. A kiddish luncheon will follow the services.

Federation Women's Division Prepares For Day One

"Day ONE," Women's Division ambitious one-day Telethon, is set for Sunday, November 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. It will be held in the Federation Board Room, which will be transformed into a party-like setting to create a festive atmosphere. Refreshments and luncheon will be offered. To further the sense of excitement, there will be visits from local celebrities, an hourly posting of the latest results, special on-the-spot fun rewards for soliciting exceptional gifts, packets of favors for workers and the like.

About 170 volunteers are expected to be involved in soliciting approximately 3,500 women statewide except for the Newport area. New gifts will be sought, and calls will cover all cards indicating a 1986 gift of up to \$299. The goal is a 20% increase over last year.

"Day ONE" was initiated during the 1986 campaign and will be repeated as closely as possible because of its outstanding and unexpected success. Last year a 20% card-for-card increase was realized, netting \$91,000 and doubling the 10% goal which had been set. There were 258 new gifts, a record number, resulting in \$24,200 in pledges.

Women's Division Vice President, Rosalind Bolusky, "Day ONE" Chairman for the second time, said that the original "Day ONE" was "so exciting and exhilarating" that her entire team of Chairmen had volunteered to assume their positions again. Also, the format of the telethon will remain the same.

The day will be split up into five two-hour calling sessions, each preceded by one-half hour of worker orientation. Included will

be a special segment for Career Women's Affiliate and Young women's Division. Each session will utilize 20 workers — 15 solicitors and 5 administrators. Chairman Bolusky explained, "Experience shows that 20 calls can be made by each solicitor per hour, amounting to 300 calls per hour for a team of 15 workers."

In order to solicit women who cannot be reached on "Day ONE," there will be two follow-up sessions — one on Monday, November 3, and another on Wednesday, November 5, each running from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Chairman Bolusky emphasized that the name, "Day ONE," has special significance beyond the obvious fact that it is an important, one-day effort. Actually, ONE is an acronym for the words, "Obligation Never Ends." It is meant as a reminder of our responsibility as Jews, one to another, echoing the UJA motto, "One People, One Destiny."

Assisting "Day ONE" Chairman Rosalind Bolusky are the following chairmen: Beatrice Fishbein, Glenda Labush, and Barbara Rosen, worker recruitment; Ida Barmak, Barbara Greenberg and Gloria Stern, administration; Patricia Cohen, worker orientation; Joyce Starr, lunch and refreshments; Dee Witman, guest appearances; Marlene Greene, Southern Area; Faye Mandell, Career Women's Affiliate; Susan Odessa and Dee Witman, Young Women's Division; and Grace Alpert, publicity. Elaine Odessa, Women's Division Campaign Chairman, and Sharon Rosenfeld, Director of Women's Division, are ex-officio members of the Committee.

B'nai B'rith Goes Co-Ed

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Temple Emanu-El Honors The Perlman



Temple Emanu-El will be honoring its hazzan of 22 years, Cantor Ivan E. Perlman, and his wife, Muriel, at two events.

On Friday evening, November 7 at 8:10 p.m., the congregation and the community will have the opportunity to hear Cantor Perlman chant some of the congregation's favorite liturgical melodies at the late Sabbath eve service, to be held in the Main Synagogue. A reception in honor of Cantor and Mrs. Perlman will follow.

On Sunday afternoon, November 9 at 2 p.m., the Eighth Annual Benton A. Odessa Memorial Concert will take place at the Temple. The concert will feature Cantor Perlman and his four sons, Emanuel, Eli, Richard and Josh, in a presentation of Hebrew, Yiddish, liturgical and American music. There will be solos by Cantor Perlman as well as duets with his sons. They will also perform as a quintet. A wine and hors d'oeuvre reception in honor of the Perlman family will follow the concert.

Cantor Ivan E. Perlman was born in New York, where he received much of his early education. He attended the High School of Music and Art in New York City and the New York Conservatory of Music. He also attended the Seminary School of Jewish Studies as well as the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Cantors Summer Institute of the Seminary. He studied voice with Robert Coleman, Jeanette Caseaux Fischl and Frederick Jagel.

During World War II, Cantor Perlman served in the United States Marine Corps and one of his many awards is the Bronze Star Medal for Heroism at Iwo Jima.

Before coming to Providence 22 years ago, Cantor Perlman served as hazzan in New Jersey, Oklahoma and Iowa.

Cantor Perlman has been very

active in the Rhode Island community as well as performing his duties as Temple Emanu-El's hazzan. He is a voice teacher, a mohel and a chaplain to the Rhode Island chapter of the Jewish War Veterans of America. He has served on the Advisory Committee of the Rhode Island Child Welfare Center, is a former board member of the Meeting Street School, is a founder and former chairman of the Friends of the Rhode Island School for the Deaf — for which he gave many concerts — and a former co-chairman of the Professions Section and chairman of the Clergy Division of the United Way.

On May 12, 1981, Cantor Perlman was elected vice-president of the Cantor's Assembly, the world's largest body of hazzanim. In May of 1983, he was elected President of the organization.

Cantor Perlman has recorded two albums — Liturgical Moods and Generations One-Father and Son.

Cantor and Mrs. Perlman will be leaving the Rhode Island community and moving to Boca Raton, Fla. The public is invited to pay tribute to them on November 7 and 9 and wish them well in their future endeavors.

The committee for the events include the Honorary Committee: Mr. and Mrs. Herman J. Aisenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Max Alperin, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Rumpel, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dubinsky, Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Weil, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob N. Temkin, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Fishbein, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Robbins. The committee also includes Mrs. Samuel Bresnick, Mrs. Mervin Bolusky, Dr. Richard Kumins, Mrs. Richard Kumins, Mrs. Mayer Levitt, Mrs. Paul Litwin, Mrs. Benton Odessa, Mrs. Gerald Winograd and the Temple Emanu-El Garden Club.

Macktez Appointed Chairman Of B'nai B'rith Tours

Lester A. Macktez of Boynton Beach, Fla., and Providence, R.I., has been appointed chairman of B'nai B'rith International's Tours Committee by Seymour D. Reich, the Jewish service organization's new president. He had headed the committee previously from 1974 to 1980. He is a professional travel consultant.

A member of B'nai B'rith since he was a teenage activist in B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, Macktez has been a national leader for many years, and

currently serves as an International Vice President.

Prior to his recent appointment, Macktez served the last three years as head of B'nai B'rith's Program Committee. Structurally altered by then-President Gerald Kraft, the committee works closely with the Commission on Continuing Jewish Education and the Community Volunteer Services and Israel Commission.

In addition to heading commissions, Macktez has been a member of B'nai B'rith's Board of Governors, its top policy-making

body, for years and has been a delegate to B'nai B'rith's last dozen international conventions.

He is a member of the National Commission of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, past vice chairman of the B'nai B'rith Youth Commission and past president of District One, the organization's largest in membership. The district is composed of New England and New York.

Like many of his colleagues, Macktez is also active in other communal programs. He is a corporator (similar to a member of the Board of Directors) of the Woonsocket (Rhode Island) Hospital and the Woonsocket Savings and Trust Company. He is also a past commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Rhode Island, a former member of the Executive Board of the R.I. Jewish Federation and the Executive Committee of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Because of his outstanding achievement in helping to sell Israel Bonds, he was presented with the Ben-Gurion Award by the Israel Bonds Organization.

JFS Offers Stress Management

Jewish Family Service will be offering a one-session Family Life Education workshop, "Learning to Manage Stress: An Introduction," to be held on Thursday evening, November 6 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman St. in Providence. The session will be led by Katherine Haspel, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist in private practice

and Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Rhode Island, and Ivy Marwil, Clinical Director of JFS. The fee for the session is \$10.

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From the Editor

by Robert Israel



5746: The Year In Review

(Part Three of a Three-Part Report)

Reporting on the Holocaust, and the on-going events that occur in this state and in the world relating to the Holocaust, has been a news feature of this newspaper for quite some time. Searching the *Herald* files from the 1940's, however, reveals that not much about the Holocaust was reported while it was happening, although there were reports in the mainstream American press and through the services of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. David Wyman in his book "The Abandonment of the Jews," chronicles the coverage of the Holocaust in the media during this time. Except for occasional references, the American public was kept in the dark, although Wyman chronicles that Franklin Roosevelt knew of the concentration camps but did not direct the invading Army to bomb Auschwitz and the other camps.

All of this by way of background, because since then, the American press and the Anglo-Jewish press has been inundated (and rightfully so) with feature stories and news items about the Holocaust.

The year 5746 was no exception. In this community, there were many community-wide services during Yom Hashoah, Day of the Whirlwind, which is set aside on the Hebrew calendar to pay homage to the millions that were murdered during the Nazi Reich.

During Yom Hashoah in 5746 there were three different services the same week in Providence. Memorial services were conducted throughout the state in Warwick, Middletown, Cranston, Kingston, Woonsocket and in nearby New Bedford, Mass. Channel 36 showed a locally produced film about Rhode Island's Holocaust survivors, produced and directed by RISD professors Michael Fink and Peter O'Neill entitled "Here We Live Again." And at Brown University, German filmmaker Bengt von zur Muhlen showed a film about the liberation of Auschwitz. All of these events were reported in full in this newspaper during 5746 and coverage will continue in 5747.

The Yom Hashoah events and services were, by and large, interfaith events. This precedent of involving all faiths — initiated in this community by Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer who organized the first interfaith Yom Hashoah service in Middletown several years ago — has brought increased public awareness of the Holocaust to the general public. Cardinal Bernard F. Law later brought a group of Boston area residents to Auschwitz. With him were survivors of the camps and Leonard Zakim, executive director of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith. And this year, in addition to a screening at Temple Emanu-El of Claude Lanzmann's film "Shoah," plans continued to raise funds to build a Holocaust Memorial Museum on the grounds of the Jewish Community Center in Providence involving the Jewish and non-Jewish communities. Nationally, a Holocaust Memorial Museum is being built in Washington, D.C., designed by Providence native Maurice Finegold.

All of this activity so that human kind never forgets the atrocities that occurred during the Nazi Reich, and works untiringly to prevent any kind of holocaust, including the threat of a nuclear holocaust. As two Japanese visitors to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, declared on the anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki this past summer: "No more Hiroshimas and never again Auschwitz."

This theme of the danger of nuclear warfare was discussed by Elie Wiesel

who appeared before a capacity crowd at Temple Beth-El in Providence this past year. Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor, spoke eloquently about the need to understand the nuclear age and prevent a nuclear holocaust in the May 23 issue of the *Herald*. In that same issue, author and journalist Peter Hellman was interviewed about his journey to the Soviet Union to report on the treatment of Jewish dissidents.

During the closing weeks of the year 5746, there was a terrorist attack on a Jews who had assembled to pray at the Neve Shalom synagogue in Istanbul, Turkey. Gunmen entered the synagogue, barred the doors, and opened fire, killing 21 people, and later, themselves.

The year 5746 was also a year where readers of this newspaper learned about the activities and accomplishments of fellow Jews living in the two-state region.

There were profiles on visiting scholars and writers, teachers and professional people, as well as ordinary citizens seeking to become involved in the community out of a commitment to help others. There were stories about life inside the Jewish Home for the Aged, and news about smaller Jewish communities, like the community in South County, that is struggling for recognition and solidarity with the Jewish population in Greater Providence. Susan Bostian, Dorothea Snyder and I wrote about Sherman Berger, Simon Pressman, Justin Guberman, Carol and Marcie Silver, Michael Ben-Zohar, Dr. Rachel Shapiro, Janice Miller, Bernie Segal and many, many others who've made Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts a lively and invigorating place in which to live, worship, work and play.

For those who believe that the Jewish community is isolated — look again. The events during 5746 prove otherwise. Jews have been involved in interfaith activities, have served on the boards and town councils of most communities in the state, and work in many and varied occupations that touch on all levels of society.

For those who believe that commitment to Jewish ideals lies only by being involved in agencies and organizations that are structured for this purpose — look again. Jews have been in the forefront of all activities in the state and are visible in shaping the direction of the state for the future. Yes, the synagogues are active. Yes, there is vital activity at the JCC and at JFRI. But there is also activity and Jewish commitment in South County, in Westerly, in Woonsocket, in Sharon, Mass., in Fall River, Mass., and in New Bedford, Mass. There are study groups that meet in people's homes throughout the two-state region — Jews gathering outside the synagogue to discuss ideas, books, films, Jewish holidays, interfaith events. There is strong involvement by young people in education and in leadership. Students are publishing their own journals — like the Brown/RISD Middle East Journal. Students are attending conferences at AIPAC. They are involved in Hillel and in the Elkin Midrasha. And older people are involved, too. The Yiddish Eldercamp, which I had the good fortune to be involved with as a teacher of literature in translation, was a great success.

All of this by way of saying that there is plenty of room for others to be involved with in 5747, to continue to make this community an exciting place to live in.

(Robert Israel will return from his leave of absence next week.)

The Political Year

by Simon Griver

(WZPS) — Prime Minister Shimon Peres spent the past year caught between the proverbial devil and the deep blue sea. Some observers believe he tried on several occasions to rock Israel's political boat in the hope of sinking his Likud political partners in the National Unity government but seemed to pull back for fear that he might inadvertently drown. As it happens, there often seemed a greater likelihood that Vice Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir would be thrown overboard by colleagues from within his own Herut party.

Israeli politics were dominated during 5746 by the rotation agreement. This unique political accord, signed in September, 1984, stated that Peres would serve as Prime Minister for 25 months upon which he would be succeeded by Shamir for the following 25 months. It was an innovative agreement, unheard of in the annals of parliamentary democracy anywhere in the world, between two parliamentary blocs (Labor and Likud) who are bitterly divided over many issues, but especially that of Israel's future borders.

The agreement came about because neither bloc could form a government after the inconclusive elections of July, 1984. Labor was in a marginally stronger position and Peres opted to take first strike as prime minister. The rotation agreement was not constitutionally binding. Whoever, however, chose to annul the agreement would have to explain the act to the electorate.

This has been at the heart of Peres' dilemma. He has enjoyed his stint as prime minister but rotation has threatened him despite his successes in stabilizing the economy, withdrawing the IDF from Lebanon and strengthening the country's international profile and foreign relations. Furthermore, he has overcome his own demonic image within certain sectors of Israel's oriental population. With this increased stature in mind, many of Peres' supporters have urged him to call early elections, despite the credibility risk involved in breaking the rotation agreement.

Few people, at the start of 5746, saw any likelihood of rotation being implemented. The Likud was cynical, seeing Peres as an unreliable megalomaniac. "It would be extremely naive to believe that the Labor Alignment will keep the arrangement," said Likud MK Eliahu Ben Elissar last October.

"The rotation agreement is intolerable," declared MK Rafi Edri, Chairman of the Labor Alignment Caucus in a speech last October. "The Likud's hard line on the possibility of peace talks is paralyzing the government's foreign policy." Yet the rotation agreement survived. There were three distinct crises, though none of them ever looked likely to provide Peres with a strong enough reason for appealing to the electorate.

The first crisis came in November when Peres fired Industry and Commerce Minister Ariel Sharon after he had been insulted by him. He retreated from the brink, however, by accepting a lukewarm apology. The second crisis came in March when then Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai also strongly criticized Peres. A conciliatory Likud, determined not to scuttle the rotation agreement, allowed Modai to change positions with Justice Minister Moshe Nissim. By the third crisis, over whether there should be an enquiry into the conduct of the head of the Shin Bet (General Security Service), nobody believed that the rotation agreement would be violated, especially as Peres and Shamir appeared to see eye to eye on the issue.

This fatalistic attitude towards rotation greatly angers many Labor people, for they fear that with the economy on the road to recovery, the Likud will now take the credit for Peres' achievements.

Assuming that rotation is implemented, Peres will have more power as Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister than did Shamir. Just as Shamir did not want to rock the rotation boat while Peres was in power lest he lose his opportunity to become prime minister, so he will have to accede to Peres' maneuverings after rotation, if he wants to remain in power. The results of the 1988 elections could depend on whether Shamir or Peres proves to be the shrewder politician.

But while Peres leads a Labor party that seems relatively united, Shamir faces a continuing challenge to his leadership from Housing Minister David Levy and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon. Indeed, during the Herut convention in February, there were attempts to depose Shamir despite the fact that the rotation agreement is personal and is only valid if Shamir remains at the helm of his party.

The Herut convention which was marked by rowdiness and even fist fights, also saw the reappearance of the name Begin, in the form of Dr. Binyamin Zeev Begin, a geologist, tyro politician and son of the former prime minister. Begin and Deputy Foreign Minister Ronnie Milo (Begin's nephew) put their full support behind Shamir charging that Sharon had not served in Herut during its long years in opposition. Eli Landau the Mayor of Herzliya and a Sharon supporter, says in an attempt to slight Begin junior and Milo, "there should be no princes in a democratic party."

If Shamir is successful as prime minister he could quell attempts to oust him. Otherwise it is not only Peres and the Labor party who are out to exploit any weaknesses.

A further threat to the National Unity government could come from overseas. Labor has always hoped to launch a peace initiative, preferably trading land for peace with Jordan. Such a deal would be anathema to the Likud, which adheres to the concept of an Israel including Judea, Samaria and Gaza even though the territories contain 1.3 million Arabs. King Hussein still seems reluctant to embark on a Sadat-style peace initiative but, if he were to do so, he would certainly divide the National Unity government.

Should the rotation agreement remain in tact it would undermine the belief that Israel is a country hopelessly polarized between left and right. And with the pollsters predicting that elections would once again produce a stalemate between Labor and Likud, rotation could even create a precedent for a further compromise in 1988. Opinion polls, however, also show that the majority of Israelis on both left and right do not want new elections before 1988.

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Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

The story of Nomi Hurwitz and Dale Ashera-Davis (October 10) and their work in building a health center in Nicaragua is one more example of the idealism of Jewish youth. However, because the article appeared in an Anglo-Jewish newspaper and because they did inject a political note, your readers should be aware of the anti-Semitic nature of the Sandinista government of Nicaragua.

For many months the representatives of the New Jewish Agenda, together with other liberal Jewish individuals and organizations, have been denying the fact of the anti-Jewish words and deeds of the Sandinistas. They had initially persuaded Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (the leadership of the Reform movement), that the charges of Sandinista anti-Semitism were false. However, the Reform movement, on closer study, concluded that the allegations are indeed valid. The liberal Central Conference of American Rabbis in July, while calling upon the Reagan administration to normalize relations with Nicaragua and to halt funding for the Contras, also condemned the Nicaraguan government for its treatment of Jews, its ties with terrorist groups, its denials of freedom, its persecution of Miskito Indians and for the "betrayal of its own revolution."

Like other Marxist regimes, the Nicaraguan government vigorously pursues an official anti-Zionist and pro-PLO policy. However, the Sandinistas long ago crossed the line that divides political opposition to Israel from overt anti-Semitism. The Sandinistas fire-bombed the country's only synagogue during Friday night services in December, 1978, and confiscated the building from a Jewish owner when the Jewish community fled the country.

The government and its monopoly press have been openly anti-Semitic, to the point where even the liberal-minded Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its president were forced to reverse their position and admit what was previously denied. This does not detract from the idealism of the young women who helped the poor peasants of Nicaragua, in accordance with Jewish tradition, but it does put the political aspects of their story into a Jewish context.

The above information was taken from the "Latin American Report" of August 1986 published by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Copies of this report

can be obtained from Rabbi Morton M. Rosenthal, ADL, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Robert A. Riesman

To The Editor:

Forty years ago this week, to be precise, on October 26, 1946, the American Joint Distribution Committee, together with the British Jewish National Fund and the South African Jewish War Appeal, and lastly, but by no means least, the Communita' Israelitica di Roma, opened a sanatorium for Jewish victims of the Holocaust who had contracted tuberculosis in the infamous Nazi death camps, because of malnourishment or exposure to the elements.

The sanatorium was administered by what was lovingly called, "The Joint," and was located in the Italian alps in a city called Merano in the Alto Adige region which, before World War I, was the Austrian Sued Titol.

It was under the direction of a New York physician and surgeon, Dr. Lazar Epstein, who was assisted by Italian physicians as well as by a well known American TB specialist who, after the war, had to live in Europe because he, a white man, married a black lady. That, in those days, was still unthinkable and unforgivable. (And I believed that the war was fought for racial equality for all human beings.)

I was working as administrator. When we opened we had only thirty-six patients, but within a few months the capacity was increased to 125 beds. It was, at first intended to have only post operative patients there for recovery. Soon, however, surgeries were performed, and I must say, with immense success.

The nursing staff was mostly Italian. One could see how those poor victims improved from day to day because of the tremendous care they received, both medical, as well as psychological, and good food. We fed the patients five meals per day, they drank cream, instead of milk, had plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables, and most of all, the TLC, the tenderly care of everybody connected with the sanatorium. Slowly, but surely, some of the patients were discharged; the greater part of them emigrated to the United States and after the establishment of the State of Israel they were sent to Erez Isroel.

But much of the credit should also go to the people and the government of Merano in part, and the people of Italy in general; without the friendship of them, the project would not have been possible.

Hans L. Heimann

To The Editor: I am writing in support of Lt. Governor Richard Licht. I feel he is very much concerned about day care, handicapped people and the elderly. Throughout his term he has supported clean water issues, advocated the use of water saving devices and backed water pollution control efforts.

Richard Licht has promised to help small businesses and many other projects to improve our quality of life. I support all the good he has done for Rhode Island because Richard Licht is always ready for a helping hand.

Sylvia Ziman
Providence

BJE Announces Scholarship

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island are pleased to announce the establishment of the Zelda F. and Harry A. Gourse Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. The Gourse Fellowship will be awarded annually to a Jewish educator to be used for professional enhancement and further study.

Jewish educators in Rhode Island and Fall River, Mass. are eligible to apply for this fellowship. Applications must be submitted to the Bureau of Jewish Education, 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906, by December 1. Announcement of the Gourse Fellow will be made in April 1987. For further information, please contact Minna Ellison at the Bureau at 331-0956.

Goldfarb Undergoing Tests

by Yitzhak Rabi
and Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK (JTA) — A spokesperson for the Columbia-Presbyterian hospital in Manhattan said that ailing former Soviet refusenik David Goldfarb is in stable condition, and is undergoing tests to evaluate his health.

Goldfarb and his wife, Cecilia, who were unexpectedly given permission to leave the USSR a week ago Wednesday, arrived in New York Thursday night with American industrialist Armand Hammer aboard his private jet. He was met at Newark Airport by his son, Alexander Goldfarb, and his friend, journalist Nicholas Daniloff.

The hospital's spokesperson told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Goldfarb is being evaluated for diabetes, cardiac status and peripheral vascular disease. There has been no update on his condition since Friday because the family has requested that no further information be made available, the spokesperson told the JTA.

The 67-year-old molecular biologist and geneticist has been suffering from severe diabetes, whose complications include a

heart ailment, ulcers, some blindness and loss of part of his foot. He lost a leg during World War II, in the battle of Stalingrad. The fitting of a prosthesis is possible, according to Dr. Kenneth Prager of Bergen County, NJ, who is a cardiopulmonary physician at

Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital. Prager boarded the plane to check David Goldfarb after the family had been reunited. Prager explained that the elder Goldfarb had never received a prosthesis because the Soviets are not advanced in the field.

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Social Events

Debra Hassenfeld And Ken Getz Marry

Debra Lynn Hassenfeld and Kenneth Aryeh Getz were married Sunday, September 14, 1986 at Temple Emanuel in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Hassenfeld of Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. The bridegroom is the son of Dr. Irwin and Mrs. Ricki Getz of East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. The midday ceremony was immediately followed by a reception at the same location.

The bride wore a Victorian style gown with long sleeves, a high neckline and a sweeping train. Her gown was trimmed with lace, pearls, and Austrian crystals. She carried Rubrum lilies, white roses, and her grandfather's hand-made silk flowers.

Jocelyn Hassenfeld, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Paula Brody-Hassenfeld, aunt of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmatron was Tiziana Getz, sister-in-law of the groom. Bridesmaids were Bonnie

Kimberly and Kirsten Hassenfeld, cousins of the bride.

Best man was Ronald Getz, brother of the groom. Ushers were Michael and Daniel Getz, brothers of the groom, James Hassenfeld, brother of the bride, Andrew Adelson, cousin of the groom, and Steven Treistman, cousin of the bride.

Mrs. Hassenfeld-Getz is a graduate of Pascack Hills High School in Montvale, New Jersey and received a B.A. magna cum laude from Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts. She is a freelance editor and creative consultant of video documentaries. Mr. Kenneth Getz is a graduate of Lincoln-Sudbury High School in Sudbury, Massachusetts, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. from Brandeis University. He is a research analyst for John Hancock.

After a wedding trip to the Canadian Rockies the couple will make their home in Massachusetts.

Bienenfelds Announce Birth

Steven and Corki Bienenfeld of Cranston, Rhode Island are pleased to announce the birth of their second child and daughter, Leslie Ann on October 8, 1986.

Mr. Herman Schmidt of Dallas Texas is the maternal grandfather. Mrs. Audrey Bienenfeld of Cranston, Rhode Island is the paternal grandmother.

Kent County Hadassah

Kent County Chapter of Hadassah is sponsoring a Gala New Year's Eve Celebration to be held at Temple Torat Yisroel in Cranston on Wednesday, December 31, at 8:30 p.m.

Catered hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served and there will be dancing to "Music by Cynthia."

The cost for the evening is a \$60 per couple tax deductible donation to Hadassah. There will be an open bar. Nonmembers are welcome.

For reservations, call Rena 943-1935, Audrey 944-1420, or Donna 885-4815 by December 1.

JCC Preschool Festival

The Preschool of the Jewish Community Center is pleased to announce its plans for a Fall Festival and Book Fair to be held at the Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, on Sunday, November 2, from 10 a.m. until noon.

Preschool children, parents, relatives and friends will have the opportunity to meet with the teachers for a morning of fun, socializing and snacking. A special Book Fair for both children and adults will be held in the Kidspace Room.

For further information call Caroline Roseman at the Center, 861-8800.

Karen Rosenbaum Engaged To Ronald Sambursky



Dr. and Mrs. Arnold S. Rosenbaum of Providence, announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Beth, to Ronald Scott Sambursky of Binghamton, N.Y.

Miss Rosenbaum will graduate from the Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse University in May. Mr. Sambursky is a graduate of Syracuse University, and is now attending the University of

Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. The future bridegroom is the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. George B. Werner of Binghamton, N.Y., and Mr. Isaac Sambursky and the late Dora Sambursky of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The future bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Warner Balen of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rosenbaum of Providence, R.I. A July wedding is planned.

Health Care Decisions Discussed At JHA

The October program of the Nursing Home Teaching Conference is a presentation on Advanced Directive, Living Wills, and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care Decisions. The presenter is Susan Leach DeBlasio, Esquire of Licht & Semenov.

This conference which is open to all health care professionals will be held October 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The site is the Chase Auditorium of the Jewish Home at 99 Hillside Avenue, Providence.

Lunch will be provided.

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

Those who plan to attend should contact Rita Stone at 351-4750.

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Sherry Feld And James Kraft Exchange Wedding Vows



On September 28, 1986, Sherry Feld and James Kraft, both of Tiburon, California, became husband and wife in a ceremony that took place at Temple Am David in Warwick, Rhode Island. The bride is the daughter of Charlotte and Bernard Feld of Warwick, Rhode Island. She is the granddaughter of Gussie Goldman or Warwick, Rhode Island, the late J. Samuel Goldman, and the late Jack and Rebecca Feld formerly of New Bedford, Massachusetts. The groom is the son of Eleanor and Herbert Kraft of Tarzana, California. He is the grandson of Rose Abrams of Encino, California and Julia Kraft of Los Angeles, California.

The bride wore a sheath style golden creme colored satin gown elegantly trimmed with reembroidered chantilly lace from France, hand dyed to a slight tone darker than the satin. A cathedral length train flowed with the gown. She carried her grandmother's bible and a bouquet of ivory lilies interspersed with coral tea roses.

The bride was attended by her maid of honor, Deborah Luria, and bridesmaids, Nancy Feld, sister-in-law of the bride; and Merci Johnson. Her maid of honor and two bridesmaids wore teal taffeta gowns and carried bouquets of coral proka. The flower girl, Danielle Levine, niece of the groom, carried a basket of coral flowers, and the ring bearer carried an ivory lace pillow. The maid of honor and the flower girl wore teal babies breath in their hair. The bridesmaids wore coral babies breath in their hair.

The groom wore toast colored tails with matching cummerbund and tie, and ivory wing-tipped

collared shirt. Bruce Kaufman was best man. Dr. Randall Feld, brother of the bride, and Charles Harriger, brother-in-law of the groom, ushered. Derek Levine, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer. The ushers, best man, and fathers wore toast colored tuxedos with the same cummerbund, tie and shirt as the groom.

The bride received her B.A. in Psychology from the University of Florida and her master's degree in counseling from California State University where she is a PhD candidate. She is currently completing her PhD in Clinical Psychology at the California School of Professional Psychology. She is employed at the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. of San Francisco where she is a corporate psychologist.

The groom, a CPA, received his B.S. in Accounting, from the San Diego State University. He is employed by the R. Shade and Co. CPA's of Sausalito, California where he is partner.

The bride is now Sherry Feld-Kraft. The couple honeymooned on the coast of Maine and returned to their new home in Tiburon, California.

Rumpler Honored At Camp Jori

On Tuesday, October 28, Camp JORI will hold its fiftieth annual meeting and dinner at the Great House in Warwick. Honored at the historical event will be Alexander Rumpler, a founder and active board member for all fifty years of the camp's existence.

Mr. Rumpler's involvement actually precedes the first summer camp season in 1937, when Camp JORI was founded by a committee of the Jewish Orphanage of Rhode Island to provide a summer of fun for the residents. A member of the planning group, Mr. Rumpler donated much of the construction material for the buildings. His interest in the camp has been continuous, through his presidency from 1947 to 1952 and until the present day. Alex Rumpler faithfully attends board meetings where his nearly ninety years of experience are carefully heeded by much younger members.

Jeffrey Brier, President of Camp JORI, recalls that his grandfather, Benjamin Brier, chaired the committee that established the Camp and worked with Alexander Rumpler in the 1930s. His father, Milton, served as Camp JORI president and worked with Alex Rumpler in the 1970s. And now the third generation of the Brier family counts on Alexander Rumpler's wisdom and advice in the 1980s.

Camp JORI begins its fiftieth year of celebration on October 28 with the annual meeting and raffle drawing. For reservations call Camp JORI at 521-2655.

Candidates Night At JCC

An opportunity to meet the candidates for state and local office will be offered by the Jewish Community Center on Monday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence.

The candidates will review the issues and answer questions from the audience. This program is free and open to the public. For further information call Ann Miller at the Center, 861-8800.

Solomon Schechter

Solomon Schechter Day School is pleased to announce the following events.

November 3-7 — Cape Cod Environmental Studies Trip, Grade 6. A week-long adventure studying New England's flora and fauna along with students from all the regional Solomon Schechter schools.

November 17 — Native Americans from local tribes will visit the Solomon Schechter Day School to demonstrate Indian handicrafts, tepee building, folk art and music as part of a grant from

the R.I. State Council for the Arts.

November 20 — Open House 10-11:30 a.m., 7:30-9 p.m. Visitors will observe the school in action and meet with school director Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer as well as teachers and staff. The community is invited to attend.

November 23 — Progressive Dinner, sponsored by the Parents' Association.

December 18 — Zimriah Annual SongFest. This year's theme is Shalom, Peace. The entire community is invited.

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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



At a picture session at Cohoes, co-chairwomen Janice Ziegler, left, and Kayla Flamer, right, eye this outfit that may be modeled at their Fashion Show. (Absent were Reeva Curran and Beverly Schwartz) (photos by Dorothea Snyder)



Lynne Aaronson is attracted to this exquisite cocktail number.



The Dynasty collection appeals to Gertrude Max, left, and Sara Cokin, right.



Unique necklace pieces are shown by Roz Bolusky, left, and Harriet Horvitz, right.

Style Serves Youth Aliyah

Over one day, and on again the next! The Pawtucket Chapter of Hadassah operates their Annual Fashion Show on a revolving door cycle.

"The day after we finished our Fashion Show last year," says Janice Ziegler, "we started planning this year's by clearing the date with Temple Beth-El where it's held, and clearing the community calendar. Then in March, Cohoes very graciously consented to do the show."

Co-chairing the hectic post with Janice is Kayla Flamer who tells how "Over the summer we worked very closely with our committee, pulling together decorations and prizes, and the sale of tickets."

"That's the biggest part of the whole project: selling tickets and covering all bases for publicity. Getting it off the ground, attending to all the fine details, and coordinating everything is

a tremendous job."

Both Janice and Kayla praised their well organized and cooperative committee for whom the Fashion Show couldn't possibly go on as smoothly as they anticipate next Wednesday evening.

Commentator will be Cohoes personal shopper/fashion coordinator Lorraine Waldman.

Adding a postscript, Janice disclosed the refreshments served would be "exciting pastries" by Sweet Sophistication, the latest lusciousness on the bakery bill.

Pawtucket Hadassah's yearly fund-raising events open with their Annual Fall Fashion Show. Proceeds support their commitment to Youth Aliyah. Tickets can be bought at the door of Temple Beth-El's Meeting Hall next Wednesday evening at 7:15 p.m..



Paula Waldman ogles the plumage atop the shoulders of this velvet long dress.



A potpourri of pocketbooks that may be seen among the accessories at Pawtucket Hadassah's Fashion Show are pointed to by Lorraine Waldman, Cohoes personal shopper/fashion coordinator. Lorraine is commentator for the event slated for next Wednesday evening at Temple Beth-El at 7:15 p.m.

Father Edward Flannery

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Providence as one.

More importantly, Father Flannery referred to four excellent documents that were created at the highest echelons of the church. The first, *Nostra Aetate* (Our Time), was put forth in 1965 by the Vatican Council in Rome and outlines the problems that exist between the two religions. At about the same time the American Bishops put forth their own document, *Catholic Guidelines for Jewish/Catholic Relations of the American Catholic Bishops*.

Father Flannery said, "Although these fine documents have been promulgated and published, they have not sifted down to the people." He referred to this blockage as a "plumbing problem," within the Church. This means, he said "It hasn't sufficiently gotten into our seminaries. If it doesn't get into our seminaries, it won't get into our pulpits, it won't reach the people."

Although Father Flannery's passions have been focused on Christian/Jewish relations, he possesses a distinguished background. His religious education includes study at St.

Charles College Seminary, St. Sulpice, Parish, France and the Theological College, Catholic University.

Ordained a priest in 1937 in Providence, Father Flannery has been assistant pastor of several churches, including Catholic parish in Providence and St. Joseph's Parish in Pawtucket.

Father Flannery was founder of the "National Christian-Jewish Workshops," Washington, DC in 1972 and served as chairman of the Israel Study Group in 1976. In both 1960 and 65 he was the recipient of the National Conference of Christians and Jews National Brotherhood Award and also of the National Catholic Book Award in 1965. In 1976 he was presented the Isaiah Award of American Jewish Committee and in 1981 the Nicholas and Hedy Munk International Brotherhood Award, presented by the Canadian Conference of Christians and Jews.

A man who has seen and accomplished so much, Father Flannery looks optimistically toward the future. He said he would like to get the information we already have into the seminaries, pulpits and classrooms. "The teaching of the

history of Judaism and antisemitism must become part of the Christian educational system," he said. Up until now, Father Flannery said the problem

has not been in trying to get positive material about Judaism. We have that. But how to get the negative and falseness out.



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Health & Fitness

by Ali-Salaam

At last it seems we have come full circle with the fitness craze. The plethora of fad diets has left many of us with cupboards full of miracle pills, all-in-one super drinks, and lose-twenty-pounds-in-ten-minutes products.

Nationwide more and more Americans are taking a more rational approach in choosing a fitness discipline.

Recently the benefits of regular exercise were being touted by members of academia. In March of this year the New York Times reported on studies done at Stanford and Harvard Universities siting quantitative evidence of increased life span through moderate exercise. This week the Times reported on the conclusion of a University of Toronto study which stated, "You'd have to go a long way to find something as good as exercise as a fountain of youth."

We have now come to a point where individuals must look at their lifestyle and review their state of health. You are never too young or old to begin a specialized health program.

There are key factors which are vital to success in starting a new exercise schedule. Variety is perhaps foremost. In my seven

years as a health and fitness professional the most common complaint is that of dull routine.

For instance, a combination of aquaerobics, cycling, or speed-walking could add freshness in maintaining your cardio-vascular health. A six-week session in calisthenics, anaerobic aquatic movement, body contouring, or circuit training will enhance muscular tone, strength, and endurance with proper instruction.

Perhaps the most overlooked aspect of a health maintenance program is stress management. Private relaxation sessions, yoga, and therapeutic massage are several options available to the health style seeker.

Also, expert nutritional advice should be sought in regards to behavior modification of dietary habits. Everyone needs to have long range systematic guidelines in adjusting their diets for "long term" success in weight management.

The health and fitness industry has grown to meet the public demand for variety and specialization in its service. Personal trainers represent the avant garde of the health industry. Across the nation personal training instructors are guiding

their clientele to optimum levels of fitness. Blue collar workers, housewives, and top-level corporate executives are all experiencing the high quality specialization such a trainer provides.

Carol Trainer in Home Fitness Equipment '86 exclaimed "... it's like having a coach or drill sergeant! The personal trainer's job is to develop a fitness program specifically tailored to your need, and then make sure you stick to it."

When seeking a professional trainer there are basic qualifications one should look for.

Experience in related health/fitness fields of three to five years demonstrates sincere commitment, and covers what in other professions is titled "internship." Actual experience as a private exercise coach may be as little as one year, since this is a relatively new aspect in the field.

Education — More and more individuals in the fitness field are acquiring degrees in physiology, kinesiology, physical therapy, and other allied health sciences. Some qualified trainers do not have formal education but have chosen their vocation as a second career, and are self-taught. Many of these experts are continuing their formal education in support of that choice.

Certification — There are various certifications available nationally and internationally. These certifications demonstrate that your trainer has achieved a high degree of applicable knowledge in their area of expertise. Your personal trainer should also be certified in emergency first aid and/or CPR. This is for your protection and

safety, along with proper insurance liability coverage.

According to an article "House Calls" appearing in Home Fitness magazine, nationwide, professional trainer fees range from \$20 to \$100 per session. Be wary of anyone who claims they could do it for less and still provide the same professional assurances.

Do not undertake any new physical fitness regimen without checking with your doctor, regardless of age. Even if you are in sound health but fifty-five years of age or older I recommend a

bi-annual physical as preventive maintenance.

Finally, consult with a certified, experienced health-fitness professional, if provided at your club or spa. Or consider the convenience of an exercise coach coming to you.

You can drink from the waters that Ponce De Leon could not by developing a new healthstyle.

Ali-Salaam is an internationally certified health/fitness consultant and the director of One on One/Fitness Group Ltd.

Conference To Address Health, Fitness And Dance Concerns

The R.I. Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance will conduct its Fall Conference on November 5, at the Sheraton Islander, Newport.

Over 250 professionals in Nursing, Health, Recreation, Athletics, Physical Education and Dance are expected to take part in the one day conference. RIAHPERD has geared the conference to provide its members an opportunity for professional growth, the latest in scientific research, clinical application and group demonstrations.

Twenty top speakers will address current key issues in health, physical fitness, dance and other related areas:

*Dr. Peter Smith (R.I. Hospital) — "AIDS and R.I. Public Schools"

*Dr. Bruce Werber (Cranston Podiatry) — Lower Extremity Running Injuries"

*Dr. William Straub (Sports Science International, New York) — "Profile of a Winner: Mental Preparation for Peak Performance"

The Keynote Address will be given by Dr. Richard Carlton (cardiologist and director of the Pawtucket Heart Health). Dr. Carlton's topic will be "Our Behavior — Our Risks — Our Benefits"

Throughout the day, exhibitors will demonstrate a wide variety of health and physical activity related materials and products. An all conference social and door prize raffle will conclude the day's events.

Cocaine Expert Speaks At Brown

Mark S. Gold, M.D., a psychiatric researcher, author, inventor and director of research at Fair Oaks Hospital in Summit, N.J., will speak on "The Cocaine Epidemic" Friday, October 24 at 8 p.m. in Sayles Hall on the Brown campus.

A well-known figure in the fight against drug abuse, Dr. Gold has been invited to speak at Brown because of the national dimension of the drug problem.

Gold and his colleagues at Fair Oaks Hospital have received patents for new medical treatments — the discovery of non-addicting treatments for narcotic addicts, cocaine addicts and amphetamine addicts. He has

received the national public service Silver Anvil award (1984-85) for 800-COCAINE, and he has been honored both by the Governor and the General Assembly of New Jersey for his leadership in drug abuse education and prevention efforts. More recently (1985-86), he received an award from the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth for outstanding and selfless contribution to the development and growth of NFP.

He received his B.A. in psychology (1971) from Washington University and his M.D. (1975) from the University of Florida College of Medicine.

Heart Education

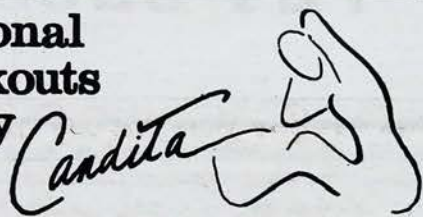
The Heart Education Program, a series of educational forums for parents of children with cardiac problems, will hold their first meeting of the season on Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Health Department Auditorium, 75 Davis St., Providence.

The forum will address the importance of diet for children with heart disease and all children and infant feeding practices. Speakers are Sylvia Evans, M.S.,

R.D., Rhode Island Hospital Pediatric Nurse, and Peggy Raymond, R.D., New England Clinic for Cardiovascular Health & Nutrition dietitian and Chairperson of the American Heart Association Nutrition Committee.

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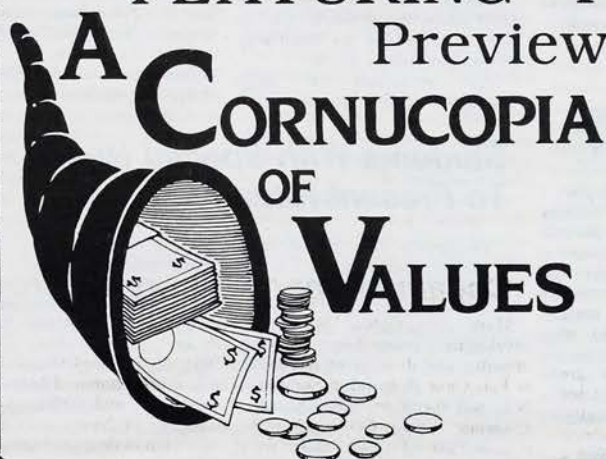
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Arts & Entertainment



Trinity Rep Theatre Review

by Lois Atwood

The Real Thing, by Tom Stoppard, sparkles with wit and cunningly devised confusion as he explores love among actors and playwrights. Playing in Trinity Rep's downstairs theater, it is directed by Philip Minor, with scenery design by Robert D. Soule; lighting, John F. Custer; and costumes, William Lane. The cast is Timothy Crowe as Max and Anne Scurria as Charlotte; Richard Kavanaugh, Henry, and Margot Dionne, Annie; Frederick Sullivan, Jr., Billy; Patricia McGuire, Henry's daughter; and Derek Meader, Brodie.

Clever interspersing of other plays with the one onstage and a

dedicated search for the "real thing" via friendship, adultery and marriage are the basic ingredients here. Ford's *'Tis Pity She's a Whore* is being played in Act I, and a rather dreadful drama written by an impassioned young man in Act II. They intertwine amusingly with Max's passion for Charlotte, whose passions are less confined, embracing her husband, Henry, as well as Max and others. And Annie, whose protegee is the young playwright, is in love with Richard, who seems more acted upon than active.

Both Kavanaugh and Crowe are, in fact, more sedate than their women and finally, just a little dull. The women's liveliness is

necessary — Scurria's matter-of-fact flamboyance perks up her scenes and Dionne's diversity of relationships is sustained with deceptive limpity. Dionne's clear, sweet voice and careful diction are unusual and pleasant.

The Real Thing is not Stoppard's best play, but it has the play of words, the melting from this to that without slowing down for tedious clarity, the intricate relationships and parody that characterize his work. He is always interesting, even in a production plagued by scene-change slowdown. The changes are done in blackouts which become more frequent and tiring as the play nears its end.

Tango Argentino

by Dorothea Snyder

Strike out the grossly exaggerated connotation of the Tango!

The torrid dance, originated in Buenos Aires in the 1880's, has been unfairly caricatured and misunderstood.

Tango Argentino dispels the myth that the Tango need not be taken seriously.

The sensational production, now in Boston at the Shubert, has won rave notices in Paris and Broadway thanks to Claudio Segovia and Hector Orezzoli who have high-styled an artistic arpeggio of attitude, emotion and sensuality.

There is no plot nor play in *Tango Argentino*, but a story richly unfolded through the universal language of the dance.

There are songs that speak of unrequited love, pain, inner conflict and anguish, in Spanish. No need to know the language. Singers Raul Lavie, Jovita Luna, Alba Solis translate their desolate renderings with such fervor that they reach the grievous spot in one's heart where the familiarity of disappointment dwells.

The musicians on stage throughout the production are a

captivating dimension. We are face to face with them. The intensity and feeling they transmit to the audience and back on to themselves is awesome. Their bandoneons, strings and violins enraptures and enamours.

The Argentine cast from the original Broadway and Paris productions demonstrate so adeptly the intricacies and endless variations of the Tango.

Only black and white dramatically color the stage in costuming of beads, sequins, satin, lace, rhinestone and plumes. The women, sleekly coiffured, are paired with slick and shiny tonsorialled men.

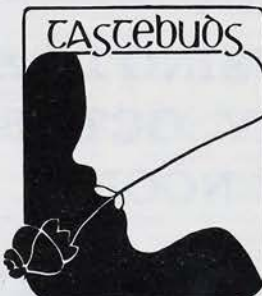
Tango Argentino is romantic splendor!

(This explosive shower of entertainment will run through Nov. 2 at the Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont, Boston. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. Matinees are Wednesday and Saturday at 2 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets range from \$21 - \$37.50. For charge tickets and group sales, call Telecharge at 1-800-233-3123. For more information, call the Shubert at 1-617-426-4520.)

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Youngsters with special needs in the art program at C.I.T.E. (the Center for Individualized Training and Education) will present a ritual performance on Tuesday, November 4 from 9:30-11 a.m. The performance culminates *Project Symbol*, a multi-media ritual arts project at the Providence-based special education center. The event will be held at the C.I.T.E. facilities on the Butler Hospital grounds. It is free and open to the public.

Project Symbol was developed by art program director and specialist in the ritual arts, Mar-C Neilson to give C.I.T.E. students exposure to a range of art forms and allow them the chance to see the interrelationship among these forms. Equally important, the Project emphasizes the process of ensemble creation and self-expression through the arts.

For six months almost half of the Center's twenty-three clients have been working with eight staff members and five area artists under Neilson's direction exploring the myriad avenues of self- and group-expression afforded by the arts of music, dance, story-telling and painting.

Artists Marilyn Meardon (storyteller), John Belcher (percussionist), Patricia McKernon (songwriter and vocalist), and Elena Riverstone have assisted Neilson as teachers and leaders in the creative process, as has symbolist, Caroline Casey.

Project Symbol's primary focus has been the collective creation of a story through a series of exercises, improvisations, symbol interpretations, and explorations. The story's theme and inspiration were derived from the Native American Medicine Wheel, the four directions of which represent distinct and universal characteristics of human kind. In the development of the group story, the tree of life, a symbol known to many cultures, has served as the central motif. In the November 4 performance, participants will take a potted tree to each of the spots representing the four directions of the Medicine Wheel as the story unfolds.

Those who wish a tour of C.I.T.E.'s facilities can request it following *Project Symbol's* ritual performance on November 4. For more information, call C.I.T.E. at 351-0610.

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Sculptor Chaim Stephenson Lets Life Shape His Art



Lynne Reid Banks (Stephenson), Richard Hellman, instrumental in the opening exhibition at Gallery 401, and Chaim Stephenson, from left. (photo by Sal Guglielmino)

by Sal Guglielmino

Chaim Stephenson's art is an amalgam of his life experience, an intriguing diversity of style and design. His sculptures exude a mastery of expression and a profound depth of feeling, dramatically stated in mediums of bronze, resin on metal (a combination of his own creation), wood, clay, concrete and aluminum.

In his premier exhibition in this country at Gallery 401 in Providence, Chaim brings to America a stunning array of 39 pieces — a captivating collection that hints the influences of various masters, but actually has ties only to his own muse.

Born in Liverpool in 1926 of Russian-immigrant parents, Carl and Gertrude, Chaim and his family emigrated to Israel (Palestine) in 1947. Settling in a kibbutz, he became embroiled in the War of Independence in 1948 as a commando. Upon his return to the kibbutz, a life he was to lead for 22 years, he developed his artistry by working with the many craftsmen there — the carpenters, metal workers, masons, etc., who applied their talents to a far greater cause — the survival of their brothers. This, in turn, was to give his work a far more distinctive flavor, an awesome strength, a powerful humanitarian design.

His actual schooling in art covered only about eight months, since he was "working twelve hours a day in the kibbutz, then helping out with guard duty along the fence." Whatever time was free, he would devote to experimentation in what would be his chosen career.

When he had finally settled in, he became a member of the Israel Arts Association and the Inter-kibbutz Artists, two organizations he subsequently exhibited with regularly through 1970.

In 1968 he won the Deborah Davidson Award for Sculpture. This led to a one man exhibition in the Lym Gallery in Tel Aviv, and a showing in the Hazorea Gallery.

In 1971 he returned to England. His fame spread, and his sales increased to many private collections.

The following year he was featured on a BBC TV show, Viewpoint.

Up to the present time, his reputation in Europe has grown, with his work in collections and on exhibit in Israel, Australia, England, Canada and New York. His future plans include an upcoming exhibit in New Jersey, with the possibility of one in Washington, D.C., still in the planning stage.

Chaim Stephenson and his wife, Lynne Reid Banks, a published author of novels and children's books, whom he married in 1968, currently live in Dorset, England. They have three sons: Abiel, Gillon and Omri.

Chaim is a humble, gentle man, seemingly completely preoccupied with a loving obsession for his art. He speaks about it like a detached observer — one who is in awe of the creative process and the development of his work. His good friend and the man responsible for arranging his first exhibit in America, Professor Richard Hellman, admiringly remarked at the Tuesday night opening reception, "Chaim likes to refer to himself as a peasant; a craftsman who simply has to work with his hands. His sculptures are so magnificent that they could command many times the prices he's asking," but he refuses to make them inaccessible. Indeed, a sign on a table that displayed several prominent pieces, stated: Please Touch.

Chaim's themes lean heavily on historic figures, mostly biblical personages, men and women of great strength, powerful magnitude. His version of Samson at the Pillars was a tour de force, a brilliant statement of inspiration, fashioned from reinforcement rods, unbelievably welded into a gripping piece of art. Samson's lithe body, a striking contrast to what one would imagine the biblical strongman to be, is an ambiguous vision, with his musculature exploding outward, collapsing a surrounding framework of pillars and an overhead beam. This sculpture was the immediate focal point of all who entered the Gallery.

Commenting to a R.I. sculptor who was beside himself with praise and inquired about Chaim's techniques, Chaim simply said, "I don't like to plan what I do. I just set it up and 'WHAM!' If it goes to pieces, oh well..."

To see Chaim Stephenson's sculpture is to witness a strength, a warmth, a benevolence that only a truly consummate artist could possess, imbuing hard metal and cold stone with a radiant life force all its own.

The exhibit at Gallery 401 in the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, will run through November 17. Hours are: Monday through

Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Saturday.

Sal Guglielmino is a freelance writer in Rhode Island.



The Opening Miracle That Saved The Show

by Lynne Reid Banks (Stephenson)

We did our best. We thought we'd thought of everything. But we'd actually never tried to ship sculpture to the United States before. The mistake we made was, we thought the shippers knew what they were doing. I mean, when Mr. Cummins of London guaranteed that Chaim's seven boxes of sculpture would be delivered to the Jewish Community Centre, Providence, R.I. precisely on Wednesday, October 15, we believed him. After all, how could a shipping broker run his business if he didn't keep his word on a thing like that?

We ourselves arrived on the 14th and went to stay with Professor and Mrs. Hellman in Kingston. Richard and Violet. Our friends. We thought they were our friends; after all, they'd been instrumental in arranging the exhibition for us. We didn't quite realize that these people were to be our saviours, our miracle-workers.

On the morning of the 15th, with the sun blazing through the maples and a woodchuck — our first — obligingly disporting himself on the lawn, Richard asked how sure we were that the stuff was coming on time. "I phoned the agents before I left England," said my husband. "He said the ship had been sitting in New York harbour for four days already." "New York?" said

Richard. "Why New York? Why not Boston? It's much nearer. And the ships dock there first." We weren't worried, though. Not yet. We were too naive to be worried.

Richard decided to make a few phone calls. To check. Violet and I went out for a walk round the University playing fields. We were gone about an hour. We returned to find Chaim looking very sick. Richard was still on the phone. He was to be on the phone for most of the next two days.

He phoned London. He phoned Birmingham. He phoned New York. The initial indications were not good. The fact was, Chaim's sculpture, for his long planned and dreamt-of first American show, due to open on Tuesday 21, was still on the high seas. It was not

due to dock — in Philadelphia, for some inexplicable reason — until the 24th, and in the normal course of events it would take ten days to clear customs. There would then be a little matter of a 250 mile drive to Providence. The exhibition would, on the face of it, be closed before it could open.

At this point I'm ashamed to say I had a small hysteric, but Violet, who follows Pritikin and understands about stress control, calmed me down. Chaim and I were wrapped round a couple of very un-Pritikin-approved scotches. Richard didn't partake. You can't drink whisky while working miracles.

I'll have to shorten my account of the miracle, because no

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RAE BROMAN

PROVIDENCE — Rae Broman of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., an office worker for Gladdings for eight years before retiring 17 years ago, died Saturday, October 18, 1986, at the home. She was the widow of Irving Broman.

Born in Russia, a daughter of Isaac and Rose (Resnick) Rubinovitz, she was a resident of Cranston for 27 years.

She was also employed with the Outlet Company and City Hall Hardware.

Mrs. Broman was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael and its Sisterhood, the Majestic Guild, a

former member of Temple Beth David and a volunteer at Miriam Hospital.

She was a graduate of the former Bryant Stratton Business School, now Bryant College.

Mrs. Broman leaves a son, Gerald Broman and two daughters, Rhoda Zaidman and Arline Greenberg, all of Warwick; a sister, Sadye Cohen of Florida; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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

EVA FINKELMAN

PROVIDENCE — Eva Finkelman, 88, a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died there Monday, October 20. She was the widow of George A. Finkelman.

She was born in Lynn, Mass., a daughter of the late Oscar and Frances Kleven. Mrs. Finkelman had lived in Providence three years and previously had lived in

Pawtucket 15 years.

She leaves a son, Gerald C. Finkelman of Providence; a sister, Mildred Sapers of Boca Raton, Fla., five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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

Weisel Award Boosts Holocaust Memorial Project

Rhode Island civic, business and religious leaders who have been working with Nobel Peace laureate Elie Wiesel to create the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., today predicted that the prize will hasten the completion of their shared dream.

The Museum is being constructed entirely with private funds on land provided by Congress near the Washington Monument. Mr. Wiesel, a survivor of Nazi death camps, is Chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial

Council, an independent federal entity charged with creating the \$100 million facility.

The Museum will memorialize the six million Jews and millions of others murdered by the Nazis. The American Museum is planned to dramatize to future generations the value of the freedom we enjoy as our national heritage, and the tragedies that occur when freedom is not defended. It will be an education center from which, as Elie Wiesel has promised, "no visitor will leave unchanged."

Asthma Support Group

The Rhode Island Lung Association's Asthma Support Group for adults under a doctor's care for asthma will meet Wednesday, November 5 at the Evergreen House Health Center, Route 6, East Providence from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Traveling with Asthma Panel Discussion will be the topic presented by Dr. John Pella, Stephanie Danforth, and a Blue

Cross/Blue Shield Representative. Following the presentation there will be group discussion and refreshments will be served.

The asthma support group is sponsored by the lung association as a Christmas Seal service, and there is no charge.

Reservations are appreciated, and may be made by calling 421-6487.

Hunger Issue Addressed

The Wayland Collegium and the Alan Shawn Feinstein World Hunger Program at Brown University will present a series of public lectures on the "History of Hunger" as part of the 1986-87 Faculty Seminar on the History of Hunger. The following four lectures will take place at 4 p.m. in Room 302, Wilson Hall, on the College Green:

Wednesday, November 19. "Nutrition and the Decline of Mortality Since 1700." Robert William Fogel, director, Center for Population Economics, and Charles R. Walgreen Professor of American Institutions, University of Chicago.

Tuesday, November 25. "Food Shortage, Nutritional States and Epidemic Disease in Preindustrial Europe." John D. Post, professor of history, Northeastern University.

Tuesday, December 9. "Food Crises in Classical Antiquity." Peter Garnsey, lecturer in ancient history and fellow, Jesus College, Cambridge University.

Tuesday, January 27. "The Rise and Fall of Mayan Population and Agriculture." Billie Lee Turner II, director, Graduate School of Geography, Clark University.

Although hunger is as old as mankind, its history is little understood. What knowledge we have is fragmented among disciplines, fields of inquiry, and questions of interest. In a unique collaboration across academic disciplines, 24 scholars from 10 different departments at Brown will be participating in the Faculty Seminar to try to gain a better understanding of hunger history. The group hopes to pull its findings together in a published volume on the history of hunger.

Anorexia And Bulimia Meeting

The Anorexia and Bulimia Association of Rhode Island will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 28, in Room 202 of the Bio Med Center, Brown University (corner Brown & Meeting streets, Providence) at 7:30 p.m.

Bea Rosenstein Elected To Lead Hospital Auxiliaries

Mrs. Bea Rosenstein was elected Chairman of the Section of Auxiliaries of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island on October 23. The Section of Auxiliaries is comprised of the Presidents and representatives of all the Auxiliaries of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island.

Mrs. Rosenstein has served as President of Roger Williams Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women; and served as a volunteer in the March of Dimes' Maternal Infant Care Project at St. Joseph's Hospital. She helped organize volunteers to assist the Health Department in the first statewide Rubella Vaccination Campaign.

In September, 1983, she was recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for her volunteer activities and received a letter of commendation from Clair Monier, the Department's Regional Director.

Mr. Rosenstein is a member of the Rhode Island Bicentennial Foundation and serves on the Board of Managers of Brown University's Faculty Club. She is presently serving on the boards of the Miriam Hospital Women's Association and Justice Assistance.

Other officers elected to serve with Mrs. Rosenstein were: Mrs. Karin Patrizio, Vice Chairman (representing the Rhode Island Hospital Guild); and Mrs. Terry Radican, Secretary (representing Kent County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary).

Serving on the 1986-87 Nominating Committee for the Section of Auxiliaries will be: Mrs.



D. Anne Jaworski, Member of the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; Mrs. Barbara Raphael, President of the Women & Infants Hospital Auxiliary; and Mrs. Patricia Plotkin, President of the Newport Hospital Auxiliary.

The meeting was held at the Brown University Medical Hospital. Levi Adams, Associate Vice President of Biology and Medicine at Brown University, addressed the group. Calvin M. Pierson, President of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island, was the featured speaker at the luncheon which followed at the Brown Faculty Club.

The event was coordinated by Judi D-Chambers, Public Relations and Alumni Affairs Officer at the Brown Medical School, and Dana E. Galin, Associate Director of Human Resources, at the Hospital Association of Rhode Island.

Ileitis And Colitis Foundation Dinner Dance

The Rhode Island Chapter of the National Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis 11th Annual Dinner Dance will be held on November 8 at the Venus de Milo, Swansea, Massachusetts.

Honorary Co-chairmen are Governor and Mrs. DiPrete. The distinguished individuals selected to be honored on this occasion are: Malcolm C. Veidenheimer, M.D., James P.

Yancy and Cathy Ray.

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour followed by dinner. There will be a choice of prime rib or baked stuffed shrimp. Entertainment will be provided by the jazz band "Diamond." Tickets are \$25 per person. For more information call the RI Chapter at 276-5870.

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An Adult B'nai Mitzvah class is being formed once again. This will be the second such class at Torat

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For further information, call 785-1890. Yisrael and is open to men and women of all ages who did not have the opportunity to celebrate a Bar or Bat Mitzvah as a youth. Although this class will begin in conjunction with Bet Talmud, it is an on-going two-year course of study.

The following courses will be offered during the upcoming fall semester of Bet Talmud: Hebrew Reading (beginner); Grappling with the Tough Questions: What Do Jews Believe; "Psome" of the Psalms; Famous and "Not So Famous" Jewish Personalities; The Agony and Ecstasy of Retirement; Kavanah — the Point of Concentration in Prayer; Hebrew Roots and Fruits — A Guide to Jewish Concepts and Values; Missionary Impossible — the Challenge of the Cults; Jewish Women in Jewish Lore.

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The Opening Miracle That Saved The Show

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ordinary, unprofessional mind could follow the infinite complexities of the tangle Richard's patience and skill unravelled for us.

The freighter containing our container was due to discharge it, in Philadelphia, on October 24. It was also due to dock briefly in Boston on the 20th, one day before the exhibit was due to open. Instead, it docked at Boston on Friday the 17th. I don't know whether the God of the Jews, and Jewish sculptors in particular, calmed the seas and brought the ship in early, or whether perhaps a certain Mr. McCann, vice president of the shipping-line, turned the trick, or whether it was Richard's two thousand wiling, beguiling, wheeling and dealing phone calls that did it. My money's on Richard. Because that was only one lucky break.

The manifest, the bill of lading, all the documents which the English shippers should have sent to us, they had not sent. They all had to be located and transferred and — in the case of the manifest,

which said Philadelphia — altered. The longshoremen at Boston had to be primed to unload, not just our container but all those piled on top of it. This threatened to cost more than we had originally spent to pack and ship the stuff, and Richard's credit and checkbook were brought into play.

By Friday everything that could be done by phone and letter and telex had been done. Richard got Chaim and me up at crack of dawn and drove us to the docks at Boston. From a tower-like structure we were shown 'our' ship standing at anchor; between her and us were about a hundred enormous containers piled up in threes. It seemed impossible that ours could be extracted, lifted onto a truck, and cleared through customs. ... Wait. Customs! Customs cannot be cleared under 48 hours. Everyone told us that. But Richard refused to accept defeat. We drove to the main customs office. They'd moved. We drove to another. And another. At last we got the papers. Then we had to get a new broker. We found

one at the airport. He gave us more papers, but they had to go back to the customs (this time, for speed, since the rush hour was upon us, by the "T") and back once again to the brokers, all before they closed. An unscheduled closure of government offices threatened to scupper us completely, but — lo! — another lucky break. Customs are an essential service, and stayed open.

To the "T," and back again! Thump, down came the all-conquering rubber stamps. The trucker who would pick the stuff up early Monday morning was appointed. Hands were shaken, sweat wiped away; we embraced each other and the broker indiscriminately. The miracle was achieved.

By Saturday Chaim and I were clapped out, bushed, knackered. Richard went for a two-mile run.

In a brief intermission in all this trauma and turmoil I happened to relate the story-so far to an innocent bystander, who, misunderstanding, exclaimed: "But what a terrible impression of Rhode Island you'll take back to England!" *Au contraire. Au contraire.* Where else in the world could what happened to us have been de-happened, could fat so ineluctably in the fire have been extricated? Where else could such

a large number of kind, helpful, unbureaucratic, capable men have been found and their flexible skills brought into play? Chuck in his office, Jim in downtown New York, Dick in his tower above Boston Docks, George at the brokers', John at the Customs — there was even a nameless cop who turned a blind eye on a car, parked recklessly on a busy corner. Their names are forever inscribed in my personal Golden Book.

And the exhibit of Chaim Stephenson opens Tuesday night as planned.

God Bless America.

Lynne Reid Banks (Stephenson) is a novelist and noted children's author and the wife of sculptor Chaim Stephenson. Her awards include the California Reader's Medal for her book "The Indian in the Cupboard."



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