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## Conflict & Coexistence: Arab-Jewish Relations In Jerusalem



A view of the cardo, or main artery, that connects the Jewish quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem with the Arab quarter.

by Simon Griver (WZPS) — Newspaper headlines around the world occasionally speak of stabbings, bombs and riots in Jerusalem, persuading vacationers to cancel their planned visit to the Holy City. Inevitably the media, which thrives on drama and sensationalism, emphasizes such incidents, giving them more coverage than is often necessary. The good news is that the streets of Jerusalem are safer than people think. After a recent attempted murder in the Old City, Minister of Police Haim Bar-Lev cited statistics to show that in 1986 there were 48 times the number of murders in the average US city than there were in Jerusalem. And of course

Jerusalem has to cope with both politically and criminally motivated violence. The vital question is are the few ugly incidents that do occur the tip of an iceberg of tension and hostility, or a rare aberration? Morris Zilka, who served for three years as Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek's Advisor on East Jerusalem Arab Affairs, plumps for the latter and more optimistic explanation. "There have always been problems and there will always be arguments over who rules Jerusalem," he explains. "But that does not mean that Jew and Arab cannot live together in peace." Zilka maintains that the Arabs of Jerusalem were always more (continued on page 9)

## Jewish Leaders To Boycott Pope's U.S. Visit In Response To Waldheim

NEW YORK (JTA) — Weeks of protest and dismay over the decision by Pope John Paul II to receive Kurt Waldheim turned to outrage after the meeting last Thursday. Jewish leaders stood aghast as the Pontiff not only blessed the Austrian President, who is accused of complicity in Nazi atrocities, but praised him as an outstanding diplomat who always worked for peace. The reactions of Jewish leaders in the U.S. and elsewhere to Waldheim's reception at the Vatican were blunt. "A cruel insult to the memory of the victims of Nazism," is how Bert Levinson, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith put it. "This is no less than a whitewash of an international figure who has been accused of complicity in the Holocaust," declared Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, president of the Synagogue Council of America, the umbrella organization of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jews in the U.S. "How is one to explain so profound an insensitivity to the meaning of the Holocaust, so painful a failure of the moral imagination, by the custodian of Catholic conscience?" Theodore Mann, president of the American Jewish Congress, asked in an open letter to the Pope read at a press conference here following the papal reception of Waldheim. American Jewish leaders also made it clear the Pope's action placed in doubt, at best, their

scheduled meeting with him September 11 in Miami during his visit to the U.S. Some declared flatly that they would not participate. **Peres Questions Symbolism** In Paris, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, presently visiting Western Europe, said on television that the Pope should have realized the "symbolic implications" of his gesture toward Waldheim. Speaking in French, Peres also recalled some "unanswered questions" about the Vatican's attitude toward the Holocaust during World War II. "We express our shock and distress that the prestige and moral standing of the Vatican were bestowed without qualification on Kurt Waldheim, whose complicity in Nazi crimes and his failure to acknowledge them or repent have led to his being barred from the United States and other Western countries," a statement released jointly by seven national and international Jewish organizations said. It was signed by the American Jewish Committee, ADL, World Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, American Jewish Congress, National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and the Synagogue Council of America. "The statement noted that 'Waldheim sought the appearance of moral exoneration from Pope John Paul II. By the Pontiff's agreeing to the meeting and failure to speak to the issue of moral

accountability for heinous acts, Waldheim has not only advanced the process of whitewashing his past but of obliterating a reality and memory which the world forgets at its peril. We refuse in conscience to acquiesce to that revision of history. "We appreciate our many Catholic friends and others who have spoken out publicly, who have felt our pain and who have lent their voices to ours. We look forward to continued constructive relations with them." **Meeting In Doubt** In his separate statement for the ADL, Levinson said "The Pope's silence is tragically reminiscent of the Church's silence less than 50 years ago... the hypocrisy of welcoming and praising Waldheim as an outstanding diplomat is offensive and damaging to the progress in Catholic-Jewish relations." Levinson added that the ADL is reconsidering its participation in the September 11 meeting with the Pope in Miami. Klaperman said "The Pope's praise of Waldheim's diplomatic career at the United Nations as 'dedicated to the securing of peace' must be challenged in light of the fact that it was during his tenure that the UN passed the infamous resolution equating Zionism with racism." He added: "This makes all the more imperative the substantive meeting with the Pope called for by the Synagogue Council of America and other major Jewish (continued on page 9)

## An Ebullient Governor



An upbeat Gov. Edward DiPrete held a press luncheon for the editors of Rhode Island's weekly newspapers last week and answered questions regarding the outlook in Rhode Island. Herald editor Robert Israel's report is on page 4. From the Editor.

## Christians Join Jews In Criticism Of Pope's Meeting With Waldheim

NEW YORK (JTA) — American Jewish groups were heartened this week by the concurrent dismay of Catholic and Protestant leaders in the U.S. over the audience Pope John Paul II granted Austrian President Kurt Waldheim at the Vatican. They were especially gratified by the statement of Archbishop John May of St. Louis, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, that he sympathized with Jewish concerns and agreed with their urgent call for a "further dialogue" with the Pope on the issue. "We particularly appreciate his sensitive comments about the importance of the Catholic-Jewish dialogue and friendship that has been achieved in this country," Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, said Tuesday. "We fully agree with him about the need to protect this achievement from the unhappy fall-out from the decision of the Vatican to grant an audience to Kurt Waldheim." Gunther Lawrence, a spokesman for the Synagogue Council of America, an organization of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jews, said: "We think the bishops are saying they understand the hurt of

the Jewish community. We think it was highly commendable for the bishops to take the time and effort to speak out." Msgr. Peter Finn, a spokesman for John Cardinal O'Connor, the Archbishop of New York, said O'Connor concurred with the statement by the Conference of Catholic Bishops. But he thought the bishops' role should be that of advisors and it was up to the Pope to decide whether there should be a further meeting. **Protestants Make Statement** Eight Protestant churchmen, representing different denominations at leading American universities, signed a statement protesting the Pope's invitation to Waldheim. They agreed it "is primarily a Roman Catholic problem," but "as Protestants we want to make our distress known. The invitation disgraces the memory of Christian martyrs who opposed Nazi idolatry. The invitation dishonors the memory of the victims of the Nazi Holocaust. The wounds of the Lord's people cannot be sealed so lightly," the statement said, quoting Jeremiah 6:14. The signatories are the Rev. Doctors Franklin Littell, United Methodist Church, Temple University; William Harter,

United Presbyterian Church, Chambersburg, Pa.; Hubert Locke, The Christian Churches, University of Washington; David Lewis, Assemblies of God, Springfield, Mo.; A. Roy Eckardt, United Methodist Church, Lehigh University; James Wood Jr., Southern Baptist Convention, Baylor University; George Williams, United Church of Christ, Harvard University; and F. Burton Nelson, Evangelical Covenant Church, North Park Theological Seminary. Three Catholic women leaders noted in a statement that the Pope's decision to grant an audience to Waldheim "has been interpreted by some as a papal gesture of forgiveness and reconciliation. This is a dangerous interpretation and reason enough to dispute this ill-advised visit," they said. It continued: "Society must judge Waldheim's deeds. But who on earth can forgive him? Surely such absolution ultimately lies in the hands of his victims, Jewish and non-Jewish... Whatever the Pope's motives were in agreeing to such a meeting, a public appearance together at an official audience appears as absolving Kurt Waldheim from the (continued on page 9)

# Local News

## Seminar At Brandeis

WALTHAM, Mass. — Registration is now open for the second session of Brandeis University's summer school, with courses ranging from sports in American culture to the theater arts and computer science.

The second session of Brandeis's "Summer Educational Adventure" runs from July 13 to Aug. 14.

The curriculum is designed to accommodate students with a variety of goals, including those engaged in a formal education program, as well as those who simply want to sharpen professional skills or explore new interests. The summer school also features small classes and personalized instruction from regular members of the Brandeis faculty.

Offerings include a wide range of courses in computer science, premedical and the natural sciences, social welfare, theater arts, language, politics and Near Eastern and Judaic studies.

Courses are offered on both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and they can be taken on a credit or noncredit basis. Housing on campus is available.

For a complete catalogue of summer school courses and registration information, write to: Office of Continuing Studies, Sydeman 108, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 02254, or call (617) 736-3424.

## Yiddish Eldercamp Field Trip

The Bureau of Jewish Education's Yiddish Eldercamp, held in cooperation with the Jewish Community Center, will be held from August 2-7.

The formal program will be held at the JCC from August 3-7, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost for the week's program consisting of Yiddish language and literature classes, and lectures and workshops on topics related to the theme, "The Arts in Yiddish Culture," is \$36.00.

## R.I. Philharmonic To Perform In July

The Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra will present two outdoor pops concerts during the month of July. There is no admission charge for either of these performances.

Under the direction of Bruce Murray, the Orchestra will present a variety of light classical music and show tunes including Selections from "The Music Man" and "The King and I," a tribute to the music of Charlie Chaplin, The Fledermaus Overture, and Victory at Sea. The concerts will conclude with the famous 1812 Overture by Tchaikovsky, complete with cannons.

The first concert will take place on Sunday, July 5, beginning at 8 p.m. in Colt State Park in Bristol. This concert is being sponsored by

the Bristol Fourth of July Committee. Following the concert, there will be a fireworks display by the Grucci family.

The second concert will take place on Saturday, July 11, beginning at 8:15 p.m. on the Narragansett Town Beach. This concert is sponsored by the Town of Narragansett. In the event of rain, the concerts will take place the following day.

## Children's Museum Events

New summer hours begin June 30 at the Children's Museum of Rhode Island and a very exciting season has been planned for children and families.

*Mime's the Word!* during two drop-in programs, Friday, July 3 from 10-12 noon and Sunday, July 5 from 1-3 p.m. Children will have fun exploring the art of mime as they watch and perform silent stories and games with Education Curator, Karen Lambe.

Beginning July 7 and continuing every Tuesday afternoon during July and August, the Museum will present the "Meet the Performers" series. Children will have the opportunity to meet exciting New England artists including *Stromberg and Cooper, Puppet Workshop, Andy May* and many others. The series offers children a close-up and behind-the-scenes look at professional artists. Children will meet a different artist each Tuesday at the Museum from 2-3 p.m. during the summer. These programs are free with admission.

The Children's Museum of Rhode Island is located at 58 Walcott St., in Pawtucket. New summer hours begin June 30 and are as follows: Tuesday-Saturday, 10-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Weekly Drop-in programs are free beyond the admission fee, \$2.50 for non-members, Museum members free. For more information, please call 726-2590.

## Ohawe Shalom

This Shabbat services at Congregation Ohawe Shalom will be at 9 a.m. Mr. Harry Keller and Dr. Morris Keller are sponsoring Kiddush in memory of their beloved father. Services Friday will be at 8:10 p.m. Saturday Rabbi Jacobs will give his Mishnah class at 7:15 p.m. Mincha will be at 8:05 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Ma'ariv is at 9 p.m. Havdalah is at 9:10 p.m.

The congregation is embarking on a membership drive. Anyone interested in a small but growing synagogue with a N.C.S.Y. group and a young couples group, and which is just over a mile from day schools, Mikvah and Jewish Community Center can call the rabbi at 724-3552 or the Pliskin residence at 725-3886.

The schedule of services for the following week is as follows:

Morning — Sunday, 8 a.m.; Monday and Thursday, 6:40 a.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6:50 a.m.

Evenings — 8:10 p.m.

## Temple Sinai Nursery School



Bottom row (L-R): Marisa Scivola, Lauren Vessella, Lauren Accardo, Diana Zito, Abbey Weintraub, Zihava Edelstein, Jennifer Perlmutter.

Second row (L-R): Isaac Milton, Kaia Polofsky, Leigh Boriskin, Shalimar Alabanese, Lana Feldman, Aaron Shapira.

Top row (L-R): Jill Prazenica, head teacher; staff, Eric Dinitto, Matthew Campasini, Andrew Nicolaides, Joshua Black, Adam Pennacchio, Ian Gropper, Harriette Zarchen, director.

Temple Sinai Nursery School PM Graduating Class 1987.



First row (L-R): Stephanie Steingold, Allison Mills, Jennifer Perlmutter, Melissa Cutler, Lynn Ucran.

Second row (L-R): Jill Prazenica, head teacher; Abbey Weintraub, Melissa Wasser, Rachel Votta, Eric Arbor.

AM Temple Sinai Nursery School Class of 1987.

## Avner Eisenberg To Perform At Trinity Rep

Trinity Summer Rep presents the world-renowned mime-clown-performance artist *Avner the Eccentric*, August 18 through 30, in the Downstairs Theatre. *Avner the Eccentric* is Avner Eisenberg, whose solo show was one of Broadway's biggest hits in 1984. In his one-man extravaganza at Trinity Rep, *Avner the Eccentric* beautifully combines mime, acrobatics, juggling, slack-rope walking, magic, and audience-participation games that are perfectly suited for the entire family. Children and adults will be entranced by his magical expertise and pure sense of comedy. Avner is also well known for portraying the Jewel in the hit motion picture, *The Jewel of the Nile*.

Variety calls *Avner the Eccentric* "an expert pantomimist and outstanding entertainer and clown. His act has tremendous appeal for all ages." John Simon of *New York* magazine labels him "astounding and funny. A clown for the thinking man and the most exacting child." Joel Siegal of ABC-TV calls *Avner the Eccentric* "a brilliant comic, hysterically funny. I laughed for two solid

hours." And of Avner's performance in *The Jewel of the Nile*, Janet Maslin of *The New York Times* says, "Avner Eisenberg very nearly steals the film..."

*Avner the Eccentric's* performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 5 and 9 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Ticket prices range from \$16 to \$24, with special prices for Senior Citizens, Children, and Student Rush. Group discounts up to 50% for groups of twenty or more are available.

For reservations and ticket information, please call the Box office at (401) 351-4242. For Group Discount information, please call Mark Steffenson at (401) 521-1100.

Subscribers to Trinity Rep's upcoming 1987-88 Season receive Early Bird Bonus Coupons through July 6 enabling them to buy two tickets for the price of one to *Nonsense* and *The Lady from Maxim's*, and a \$5-Off Coupon for *Avner the Eccentric*. And the Summer package Special enables anyone to see all three summer shows for the price of two. This offer expires July 19. For details on subscribing to Trinity Rep's 1987-88 Season, or for information on the Summer Package Special, please call (401) 351-4242.

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**Solomon Schechter School**



Newly installed SSDS Parents' Association leaders (L to R): Minna Ellison, Ivy Marwil, Jan Newman, Susan Bromberg, Cathy Singer, Roohi Radparvar, Liz Kaplan, Gerri Schiffman, Sandy Rubin and Libby Peiser.

The Solomon Schechter Day School of Rhode Island Parents' Association has elected and installed its new officers and board members for the 1987-88 school year.

Officers are: Co-Presidents, Libby Peiser, Gerri Schiffman; Vice-President, Susan Bromberg; Treasurer, Cathy Singer; Recording Secretary, Liz Kaplan; Corresponding Secretary, Sally Rotenberg; Teacher Representative, Jan Newman; School Store, Sandy Rubin; Cultural Enrichment, Judy Missey.

Board members are: Karen Beraha, Ruth Berenson, Myra Braverman, Minna Ellison, Robyn Furman, Phyllis Harnick, Ivy Marwil, Roohi Radparvar, Bonnie Ryvicker, Robin Sandperil,

Phyllis Shapiro.

Installing officer, Rabbi Alvan H. Kaunfer, noted the outstanding efforts of the Parents' Association to raise funds, improve school services and enrich school life through special programming.

During this past school year the Solomon Schechter Parents' Association held successful fund raisers such as a tennis party and bike-a-thon, began a program of school music lessons, instituted a school milk program and opened a school store. It also enhanced the school curriculum with special programs such as visits by two Narragansett Indians, the Ensemble Afrique and "The Bird Man" as well as theater trips to see "Tales from Chelm" and "The Philadelphia Story."

**Volunteers Needed**

Looking for a chance to work with children and adolescents? Bradley Hospital in East Providence, R.I., is seeking volunteers 18 and over to work in all of our units, with children from toddlers to teens.

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**Summer Swim At JCC**

The Health and Physical Education Department of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, is offering a complete program of summer classes for swimmers of all ages.

For a schedule of classes with times and fees call Patti Winer Gold, Assistant Director of Health and Physical Education, at 861-8800.

**JCC Singles**

Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. beginning July 1, the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island Singles will hold a "Relax 'n Rap" evening in the Gameraom of the Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence. The evening will give singles the opportunity to socialize in a casual atmosphere.

The JCCRI Singles is open to all divorced, widowed and never-married men and women between the ages of 21 and 60.

For further information call Kathy Higgenbotham at 861-8800.

**Hebrew Summer Classes**

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island will once again be offering adult Hebrew classes this summer. There will be two options for studying Beginning Hebrew, taught by Fania Gross.

The morning session will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11 a.m.; and the evening session will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. The classes will meet for 10 sessions beginning July 7, at the Bureau, 130 Sessions Street, Providence. Tuition will be \$36. Please register by July 3 by calling 331-0956.

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# From The Editor

by Robert Israel



## An Ebullient Governor

PROVIDENCE — Last Friday afternoon at the State House here, Governor Edward DiPrete presided over the yearly press luncheon held with editors and reporters of Rhode Island's weekly newspapers. The fifteen editors and reporters attending the meeting represented a wide range of publications, from *Providence Business News* to *The (Lincoln-Greenville) Observer*. As the Governor put it, "I look forward to this opportunity to kibbitz and to share a light lunch with the members of the press." But there was a lot more than just kibbitzing, as the Governor answered questions about his participation in the final session of the 1987 legislature (held the night before the press conference), his role in fundraising for the Holocaust Memorial Museums in Providence and Washington, D.C., and his perceptions about the general outlook for the future in the State of Rhode Island.

He was clearly in an ebullient mood, and had good reason to be. The final session of the legislature was positive and will be remembered as one where taxes were cut while more money was allocated for municipal aid and social programs. The economy of the state is booming. Unemployment is at an all time low. New businesses are looking to invest in Rhode Island. Educational projects have been funded, including a \$3 million bill implementing the Blue Ribbon Commission's recommendations for the state college system, which will effectively make faculty salaries more competitive.

"I was talking with the members of the legislature," he said, in response to a reporter's question about the mood of the final assembly session, "and I said that this year was different in that there was an absence of hostility. It's what I call a 'win-win' situation; the legislators get what they want amidst an atmosphere of cooperation. Since I have been in office, I've enjoyed this spirit of cooperation, which one reporter called a honeymoon. Someone was asking me when the honeymoon is going to be over. Well, as far as I can see, the honeymoon with this governor is going to last a long time."

Gov. DiPrete highlighted the general assembly session as "a most productive session, in that a number of programs were passed that will directly help people. There is equal emphasis on helping the poor, the elderly, the homeless, and focusing funds to improve the quality of education in the state."

He was also proud, he said, about the programs to improve the environment and, in response to another question, said he anticipates that Rhode Island will enjoy "good economic times in the years to come."

But, a reporter wanted to know, what if there is a downward trend in the economy?

"It would take a severe downward turn in the national economy," Gov. DiPrete, replied, "in order to have an effect on Rhode Island. We've also set up a rainy day fund, which are monies set aside to be used in the event that the expected revenues do not come in. And we have an acid protection fund established, to protect our state's buildings."

A reporter who said she was "a lifelong resident of Jamestown," asked Governor DiPrete if he would retain the name of the new Jamestown Bridge, and not add the name "Verrazano" to it, which are the current plans.

"The name will be the Jamestown-Verrazano Bridge," Gov. DiPrete said matter-of-factly. "I intend to sign that bill. People will call the bridge whatever they want to call it. It will be determined by the marketplace."

Governor DiPrete is a pro-business

governor, and he phrases his responses to reporters' questions from a pro-business point of view. If he is to be criticized, it is that he lacks balance. In response to a question regarding the environment, for example, he said:

"I was pleased with the passage of the open-space bond issue. You have to have sufficient open-space to provide for future generations, and when businesses come to Rhode Island seeking to invest here, they look for recreational facilities for their employees."

It would seem, therefore, that the current problems with the threat of over-development in Rhode Island, particularly in the South County area, are not as significant to Gov. DiPrete as attracting new businesses to our state. In other words, business is the motivating factor, not preserving the quality of life here. When a reporter asked about the raw sewerage being

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Governor Edward DiPrete

dumped in Narragansett Bay, Gov. DiPrete responded that "I think we've made tremendous progress in controlling that." Yet watchdog agencies like Save The Bay report the opposite to be true, that the situation in Narragansett Bay regarding pollution is critical.

With his mood persuasively buoyant, there didn't seem much room for dissatisfaction. This editor was left with the feeling that all is well with the state and that prospects are rosy. Yet that is not an accurate picture of life for everyone in Rhode Island.

When a reporter asked what he planned to do about providing housing for people who could not afford the inflationary rates that housing has risen to over the past couple of years, Gov. DiPrete replied by projecting confidence in the Rhode Island Housing Authority, which is slowly regaining the public's confidence after scandal ripped it apart two years ago. "When people own their own homes," he said, "the state is better served." There can be no argument with that; but not everyone can afford a home, and there needs to be more control over the current escalating prices of real estate.

In response to a question from this editor regarding the current progress made in the Holocaust Memorial fundraising campaign, Gov. DiPrete responded that contributions have been coming in steadily from businesses and individuals since the announcement was made in May of this year that he would serve as the honorary chairman of the state's drive. Readers of this newspaper will recall that he pledged to help raise \$1.5 million for the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial and for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. The first \$500,000 will be earmarked for the Rhode Island memorial, to be built on land adjacent to the Jewish Community Center.

"When the announcement was made," Gov. DiPrete said, "the first person to step forward was Terry Murray of Fleet National Bank, and Fleet made a sizeable contribution. I anticipate widespread and positive, open reaction to the entire project."

## Perpetuating The Conflict

by Eric Rosenman

In its April 25-May 1 issue *The Economist* hit the target but missed the bull's-eye in a lengthy article headlined, "The West Bank; So hard to say goodbye."

The newsmagazine — published in Great Britain and widely sold in the United States — acknowledged a number of truths often overlooked in coverage of breaking news.

"For Israel, it is true, the 1967 war ended a strategic nightmare." No longer would Jordanian soldiers be just nine miles from Israel's biggest city, Tel Aviv, nor would the Egyptian army be only 30 miles south in the Gaza Strip. The old borders "made Israel indefensible . . . to beat the Arabs, Israel would have to adopt a preemptive strategy."

"The gains of 1967 left Israel 'a great deal easier to defend . . .'" The Israelis managed to repulse the Egyptian and Syrian surprise attack of 1973 "without the fighting coming near Israel's main towns or cities."

Israel could return the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt because a desert — largely demilitarized — stood between the two. "On the tiny West Bank, demilitarization might not be enough . . ."

"By the standards of some military occupations, Israel's has not been specially harsh." The real income of West Bankers (although not Gazans) soared in the first 15 years of Israeli control. Jerusalem's "open bridges" policy has allowed Arabs in the territories "to trade with the Arab world and move reasonably freely to and from it."

"The moment after the 1967 war when Israel might have given it (the territories) all up for peace faded quickly. The war was in June. By September the Arab states had met in Khartoum and issued their famous 'three no's: no peace, no recognition and no negotiation with Israel.'"

So on historical points — Israel's vulnerability, the comparatively unoppressive nature of its control over the territories, and Arab intransigence — *The Economist* got it right. But as it moved from history through psychology to current politics, the magazine faltered.

Speaking of the geographic-security case for retaining control of the territories, it stated: "There is nothing

bogus about this argument, but it is circular. It assumes that Israel and the Arab world will remain hostile forever. They probably will — if Israel keeps the West Bank.

"If, on the other hand, Israel got real peace in return for the West Bank, the strategic threat would matter less: France, after all, does not fret much about the prospect of German tanks encircling Strasbourg."

Of course France can regard the propinquity of German armor to one of its cities with nonchalance now; two World Wars broke German expansionism in Europe. Israel's position in the Middle East hardly resembles that of France in Western Europe, even after Jerusalem's peace with Cairo.

Also, the *The Economist* still presumes that the core of the Arab-Israeli conflict is Israel's control of Judea, Samaria and Gaza. But that does not explain Arab hatred for and aggression toward Israel before June 11, 1967.

Noting correctly that there are "two competing nationalisms of Palestine" — Jewish and Arab — it recommends partition. But the article discounts the fact that Palestine of the Mandate was partitioned once — 77% of it going to the Arab state of Jordan. The U.N. proposed second partition, of the remainder, in 1947. The Jews accepted, but the Arabs refused.

It is the Palestinian Arabs, not the Palestinian Jews, who still must come to terms with the fact that their choice is between "half-a-loaf" and none. Further, it is up to Jordan, not Israel, to provide "a real sense of (Arab) Palestinian statehood" for both the majority of East Bankers — who are Palestinians — and the West Bankers, who are Jordanian citizens.

*The Economist* opened its article by noting, of Nebi Samuel on the northwestern outskirts of Jerusalem, that "the roof of the mosque affords one of the most beautiful views in Palestine . . ." But Palestine no longer exists. It has not existed for generations.

There are instead the successor states of Israel and Jordan, with the remaining 6% — the West Bank and Gaza — yet to be apportioned. To insist otherwise is to perpetuate the conflict.

Eric Rosenman is editor of *Near East Review*.

**Candlelighting**  
July 3, 1987  
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# Letters to the Editor

## To the Editor:

I am disappointed by the lack of complete media coverage on recently proposed arms sales to Saudi Arabia. It is an issue that warrants greater examination.

The fact is that the Administration just withdrew the sale a few hours before the writing of this letter in response to overwhelming Congressional opposition. But if history can teach us anything — it is only a question of time before the Administration introduces another such arms sale.

This most recent package included 1,600 Maverick-D air to ground missiles, valued at \$360 million. In addition, the Administration *did not* give Congress the customary 20 day pre-notification. As a result, we in Congress had only 30 days (beginning May 29) to vote to disapprove the deal. Without passage of disapproval resolutions in both chambers, or an Administration withdrawal, this ominous sale would have proceeded.

It is true that this particular sale was not as large militarily as the massive F-15 sale that the Administration already has stated it seeks. However, it was the camel's nose under the tent. It had to be stopped. Thoughtful foreign policy requires that *we not sell sophisticated weaponry to any nation until they prove to be stable and reliable allies. It's time we stop this policy of treating Saudi Arabia like a NATO ally facing the Warsaw Pact.*

The Saudis have opposed every American peace initiative. They still vehemently oppose the Camp David Accords. Neither of their alternatives, the Fahd or the Fez Plan, mentions Israel, nor do they refer to negotiations (direct or indirect) with Israel. Neither speaks of formal peace, or recognition or normalization of relations with America's strongest and most reliable ally in the Middle East — Israel.

Rather than supporting the peace process, Saudi Arabia has helped derail it. The Saudis reportedly pressured King Hussein into abandoning his peace initiative by threatening economic sanctions against Jordan if it entered into direct negotiations with Israel. They continue to subsidize the P.L.O. and refuse to condemn P.L.O., Libyan, or Syrian terrorism. They pressured the Lebanese to abrogate the 1983 Lebanon-Israel Accord and have refused to use their leverage to persuade Syria to pull out of Lebanon.

The Saudis have consistently thwarted U.S. policies and

interests in the Middle East. They raised the price of oil by \$2 per barrel just one week after the 1981 Senate AWACS vote, forcing the price to an all time high of \$34 a barrel. Within a month, they gave more than \$28 million to the P.L.O. and participated in an urgent campaign against Oman's agreement to cooperate militarily with the United States.

Most recently, Saudi F-15 pilots patrolling nearby the USS Stark refused a direct request from the United States to intercept the Iraqi fighter which killed 37 American men. Ironically, the Saudis had originally purchased the U.S. built F-15's in 1978 — after a bitter debate in Congress — to counter a threat from Iraq. Furthermore, the Administration claims that Saudi planes refused to assist American forces because they were low on fuel. But the Saudis bought over 100 sets of conformal fuel pods in 1981 to extend the flying range of the F-15s.

Now, America has requested that Saudi Arabia give America use of one of its airstrips so that we can help protect shipping in the Persian Gulf. The Saudi answer? NO — they will not help us. Yet the Administration planned to sell the Saudis our sophisticated weapons once again. My response to the Administration's proposal was and will always be: "Just Say No."

**Gerry Sikorski**  
Member of Congress

## To The Editor:

Since 1903, when The Providence Hebrew Free Loan was formed, serving the Jewish Communities of Rhode Island, it was basically a "male-operated" society. Now, after 84 years it joined the 'Logical-Modern Trend' and named the 'First Woman' to serve on its Board of Directors.

Our President Louis A. Brown proposed Ms. Gladys Kapstein, and all members of the Board voted, inviting her to join in the "Worthwhile Work" of The Providence Gemilath Chesed.

It is worthy to note that our Providence Hebrew Free Loan is the largest in Rhode Island; it grants free loans up to \$2500.00.

**Maurice Prager**



# A False Dawn

by Abraham H. Foxman

I am hurt, sickened and angry. I feel let down by Pope John Paul II.

My pain is all the greater because I had expected so much from him. As a Holocaust survivor saved by a Polish Catholic I had been touched by his tears at Auschwitz, had welcomed statements he had made in my presence renouncing centuries of Catholic persecution of Jews and seeking to bridge the differences between the two faith communities.

He had raised such high hopes that I was not alone in thinking that a new era in Catholic-Jewish relationships appeared to be dawning.

The first intimation that it may be a false dawn was the Pontiff's invitation to Kurt Waldheim, President of Austria, to an official papal audience. The invitation was extended although Vatican officials must have known that Waldheim was elected under a cloud, that he is suspected with convincing evidence of having had a hand in Nazi atrocities and that, as a result, he is personally non grata, despite being the Austrian head of state, in the United States and other democratic nations.

How could the Pope invite this suspected Nazi in the midst of the controversy about him, I wondered. I could not satisfactorily answer my own question but I hoped that the pope had something in mind which would settle the matter. Perhaps Waldheim would use the occasion to clear up all those doubts about his wartime activities. Perhaps the Pope would persuade him to resign. After all, as a Catholic, Waldheim might turn the meeting with the Pope into a confessional.

While I never placed much faith in such musings, I was flabbergasted by the official release on their meeting. It amounted to a papal whitewash. Not only was there no condemnation of the war crimes Waldheim is alleged to have committed, there was no reference to the accusation whatsoever. It was as if they never existed.

The silence could only have been deliberate, an evasion of responsibility which flew in the face of the Vatican's acknowledgement of awareness of the strength of the Jewish reaction to the meeting and the doubts it has raised about "The Holy Father's respect for the Jewish people."

More disturbing was the Pope's praise of the suspected Nazi as an outstanding diplomat from the country of Heine, Schubert and Mozart, a bracketing of names that is an insult to the memories of those illustrious artists. I would remind the Pope that Austria is also the native land of Hitler.

The glaring omission of any reference to the Holocaust cannot help but resurrect memories in Jewish minds and hearts of Vatican sins of omissions during those years of Anschluss and horror when six million Jews were exterminated because of their ancestry, even when they were practicing Catholics.

*Abe Foxman is associate national director of the ADL.*

# B'nai B'rith Women Denied Participation

VIENNA, Austria — The new spirit of democracy in the Soviet Union does not extend to Jews, B'nai B'rith Women President Irma Gertler said here on arriving from Moscow.

Gertler was accompanied by a group of Congressional wives who met with two newly-organized Jewish women's groups during a three-day trip to Moscow sponsored by BBW. They reported that the Jewish women have been denied participation in the World Congress of Women being held in Moscow June 23-27.

The chairman of the Congress, Freda Brown of Australia, had said that "any group who wanted" would be allowed to participate. The Jewish women, however, were told that they were "not an official group." The conference is sponsored by the east German-based Women's International Democratic Federation which claims membership in 117 countries.

The "Jewish Women for Repatriation to Israel and Survival in Refusal," one of the Soviet Jewish women's groups issued the following statement:

"We the group of Jewish women whose families have been refused for many years to leave this country for Israel address every participant of the World Congress of Women. We want to inform you that the Committee of Soviet Women has denied our participation in your congress to discuss our problem. We are inclined to view this refusal as a discriminative approach to a large group of Jews that represents 30,000 people and more, and such an attitude does not correspond to the spirit of democratic reconstruction that is going on in the Soviet Union."

The Congressional wives — Joanne Kemp of New York, Teresa Heinz of Pennsylvania, Wren Wirth of Colorado and Dolores Beilenson of California — were accompanied by Irma Gertler of Dallas, Texas, national president of B'nai B'rith Women, and Aileen Cooper, BBW public affairs director.

The group also met for two and a half hours with Soviet Deputy

Foreign Minister Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, assistant to Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze. The American women expressed their concern that many Soviet Jews are being denied emigration on the grounds that they hold state secrets, despite the fact that some of these people have not held jobs involving secrets for 10, 15 or even 20 years. "How long will it be before you consider these secrets obsolete?" they asked.

"Adult children of these individuals are now being denied emigration on the grounds that their parents hold secrets," Gertler said. "We also discussed the effect of Soviet emigration policies on families and the confusing and obscure procedures for determining who gets out. Though the meeting was long, Mr. Bessmertnykh gave no satisfactory answers to our questions."

The Congressional wives were immensely moved by Ida Nudel who told them of her fifteen-year struggle to leave the Soviet Union and go to Israel. "I do not understand why the Soviet Union has its teeth in my throat," she told them. The group also spoke with Vladimir Slepak about his similar ordeal.

The American women are now in Vienna where they are meeting with members of the Helsinki Commission to urge the Commission to address the problem of Soviet Jewish emigration.

B'nai B'rith Women unites Jewish women to promote social advancement through education, service and action.



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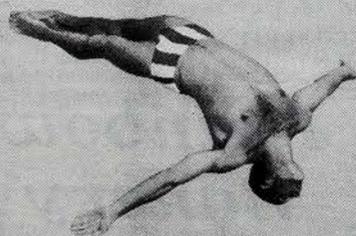
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# Social Events

## Amy Stein Marries Daniel Weinberg

Dr. and Mrs. Myron Stein of Beverly Hills, California, announce the marriage of their daughter, Amy Jean, to Daniel Daird Weinberg, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Weinberg of Providence, Rhode Island. The ceremony took place at the Beverly Hills Hotel, Beverly Hills, California, on May 17.

The bridesmaids were Laurie Stein, Lisa Stein and Susan Stein, sisters of the bride. Walter Weinberg, father of the groom, was the best man. Edward Abrahams, brother-in-law of the groom, and Mr. William Hyman were the ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Brown University, attended Tufts Medical School and is presently a student at the University of California Medical School at Los Angeles. Daniel Weinberg attended Boston University and Northeastern University. He is employed at IDB, a satellite communications company in Los Angeles.

## Margo Major To Wed Neil Greenfield



Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Major of Uncasville, CT announce the engagement of their daughter, Margo Natalie, to Neil Marc Greenfield, son of Mrs. Sylvia Greenfield of Cranston, R.I. and the late Harold Greenfield.

Miss Major is a 1980 Montville High School graduate. She attended Thames Valley State Technical College, Mohegan Community College, and Manchester Community College. She is employed at Westminster Electric Company as a bookkeeper.

Mr. Greenfield is a 1976 graduate of Cranston East High School. He is a general contractor. A September 13, 1987, wedding is planned.

## Libensons Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Libenson of Kingston, Pa., are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Jillian Rose, born on June 6.

Mrs. Libenson is the former Iris R. Kleinman.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Libenson of Kingston, Pa., maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arnold J. Kleinman of Warwick, R.I. and Delray Beach, Fla.

## JCC To Present Family Violence Prevention Workshop

The Jewish Community Center will be offering an exciting new project presented by Brother to Brother, the Rhode Island Youth Guidance Center and Sojourner House. The agencies have combined their expertise in an innovative family violence prevention workshop series titled "Family Life Check."

In a five series workshop which will begin Tuesday, July 14, "Family Life Check" will offer a comprehensive look at the family and ways to strengthen and support it. The project's goal is to help individuals recognize areas in which families have conflicts and stress and to provide information and tools to maintain a healthy family environment.

The format of the workshop is a series of five independent sessions, each an hour-and-a-half in duration. In a combination of lectures, discussions and exercises the series will explore five core areas:

**Partnerships**, which will give participants a clearer understanding of the dynamic of control in both partner and parent/child relationships and will explore male and female roles and responsibilities;

**Parenting**, which will offer an overview of successful parenting techniques and recognition of common parenting difficulties;

**Stress and the Family**, which will develop participants ability to recognize stress and how they cope with it;

**The Art of Family Maintenance**, which will present an understanding of the myths and realities surrounding family violence.

**Seeking Help**, will be the final session and will review the information presented and suggest resources and support in the community.

The workshop, individual sessions or all five, are offered free of charge and are open to the entire community. The sessions will be held at the Jewish Community Center of RI, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence.

## Meir Rosenne Honored By JNF



At a recent reception organized by the Jewish National Fund at the Washington Hebrew Congregation in Washington, D.C., Meir Rosenne (left), outgoing Israeli Ambassador to the U.S., accepts a certificate stating that a JNF forest in Israel has been planted in his honor. With the Ambassador are, from left to right, his wife, Vera; Charlotte Jacobson, JNF treasurer, and Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, JNF president. The Meir Rosenne Forest, comprising 10,000 trees, will be located in the American Independence Park, established by JNF during the Bicentennial as a tribute to the bonds shared between the U.S. and Israel.



## Michael Bresler To Perform

Children who are reading independently are invited to "Scoop Up a Good Book" in the Barrington Public Library's reading program which is based on an ice-cream theme. In addition to reading books selected from our menu, club members may join a drama club, the Peck Players, which will present a play to a general audience on August 20. Two special events for Reading Club members only are a July 21 juggling performance, "To Gyre and Gimble," and the end of summer party featuring storyteller Michael Bresler on August 21. Certificates and ice-cream scented shoelaces will be presented to every child who reads at least eight books in the program. Registration, which must be done in person by the child, begins June 29.



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### Sen. Kennedy Confers With ORT Leaders



Senator Edward Kennedy, right, met with American ORT Federation President David B. Hermelin, left, and Martin L. Stecklow, Vice Chairman, AOF National Campaign Cabinet, during the recent American ORT Federation Mission to Washington, D.C. The Senator briefed American ORT leaders on the Middle East, the South African issue and the Soviet Jewry issue.

The American ORT Mission, which included delegates from Men's ORT chapters throughout the United States, also met with Congressman Howard Wolpe (D-MI) and with officials of the Israel Embassy and AIPAC.

### Joan Goldberg Arbuse Awarded Honorary Degree

Joan Goldberg Arbuse of New York, a woman whose name has become synonymous with the Technion and the nation of Israel, has been awarded a Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa degree by Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

The award ceremony took place on June 15 at the Haifa campus of the Institute, Israel's only technological university, during the annual convocation of the Board of Governors. Mrs. Arbuse is the first woman to be given the award in Technion's history.

Her passionate and indefatigable quest for a technologically sophisticated Israel found practical expression in her many activities worldwide



Joan Goldberg Arbuse

on behalf of the Technion. She has been described as a woman who exerts a major impact on the causes to which she turns her mind, her energy and her resources.

Her family tradition, her love of Israel and interest in electronics through her late husband, Isidore Goldberg, an electronic genius, was the inspiration behind her move to establish in his memory the Isidore Goldberg Electronics Center.

In 1977 she established the Joan Arbuse Chair in Electronics in support of a prominent member of the Electrical Engineering Department.

Mrs. Arbuse is the wife of Dr. David Arbuse, Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Neurology at the Montefiore Hospital Center in New York, and is a familiar figure among the world's most prominent and distinguished personalities.

She attended the Queen of England's wedding — having been invited to the palace as a special guest of the royal family — and maintained a close relationship with former Prime Minister Golda Meir.

### Hartford Judaic Studies Seeks Scholar

The University of Hartford's Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies has launched a search for a visiting professor of American Jewish history.

August 15 is the deadline for submission of applications and nominations for the Dr. Morris and Emma Cohen Visiting Research Professorship in American Jewish History, according to Dr. Jonathan Rosenbaum, director of the Greenberg Center.

Nominations and applications should be directed to Dr. Rosenbaum at the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT 06117.

The Center is seeking a qualified scholar with a proven record of publications to research and submit for publication a monograph on the history of Hartford's Jewish community. The research professorship is for the 1987-88 or 1988-89 academic year.

Emphasis will be on the development of Hartford's Jewish community from the time of large scale immigration from Eastern Europe to the present although the monograph will also examine the community's entire history from the earliest periods of Jewish settlement.

The Cohen visiting professor will be in residence at the University of Hartford for a full academic year. In addition to conducting research, he or she will be responsible for teaching one course per semester in American Jewish history or a related area. The professor will also be expected to deliver a limited number of public lectures.

At the end of the year in residence, the Cohen professor will return to his or her home institution and complete work on the monograph which is to be submitted for publication by the end of the second year.

The position is intended to be a senior appointment at the rank of visiting professor or visiting associate professor. Candidates should possess a Ph.D. degree and a significant record of research and teaching in American Jewish history or a closely allied discipline.

The research project has been made possible by a \$100,000 donation from Dr. Morris and Emma Cohen of Bloomfield, CT. The research project will combine the efforts of the University of Hartford's Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies with the resources of the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford.

For further information, contact Dr. Jonathan Rosenbaum at (203) 243-4022.



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# Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



## Spicing Up The Fourth

The gentle breezes of summer's eve were sweeping across Rachel's deck. Ice cubes tinkled in glasses, melting rapidly into her herbal tea.

"Oh," my Israeli friend utters. "the salmon we made on the gas grill tonight was wonderful!"

Rachel, in response to my 'how did you make it?', then proceeds to describe in carefree detail the magic potions of her backyard success.

"Let me copy it down. Got a pen?" I ask.

"You don't need to write it down. It's so easy to remember," she says convincingly.

Rachel then jumps up, opens the screen door, and walks into her kitchen. The sound of cabinet doors squeak. I can hear her shuffling the contents of her shelves.

She reappears, a shadowy figure behind the screen. "Please, I need some help."

I scramble to my feet, and open the door for Rachel, consumed with spice jars.

The slim bottles roll onto the table, spinning several revolutions until we stop them in their tracks. Rachel lines them up like soldiers.

The bottles are labelled in Rachel's Hebraic and English script.

"These are my mysterious ingredients," Rachel announces. "Whenever I visit my family in Israel, I go to the Yemenite marketplace to buy these marvelous spices."

Rachel names her culinary heroes, spelling them as best she can for my benefit.

"Schoog," she singles out, knowing that I may have difficulty in pronouncing the word. She was right. She giggles while I do no justice to one spice of her life.

The sound, she explains, comes from some distant location in the throat. I don't give up. More incorrect pronunciations. More giggles. Not just from Rachel, but from me too.

"Schooged" out, we turn to her other seasonings, Yemen hot paprika and cumin and three "aawieg" variations, one for coffee, one for meat and one for soup.

"Aawieg," was a bit easier to roll off the tongue. I confess I first thought she said "Hawaii." She didn't giggle. She probably thought I said "aawieg" perfectly. I didn't let on.

"Boy, can we spice up the fourth of July!" she exclaims.

"Great!" I exclaim, "but I'll never remember your recipes without jotting them down."

I had expected Rachel to go back into the kitchen and return with a box of recipes. Instead she returned with pen and pad for me. Rachel's box of recipes were stored in her mind's gourmet section, ready to be plucked at any given moment.

I also realized that it would be a while before I would be shopping at a Yemenite market. Unless a trip to Israel is on the

docket for yourself, or a friend or relative, Rachel's spices could be substituted with your own special brand of favorites.

Patiently, she told me her preparation method for several spicy recipes.

Clearly, it was just the way my dear Bubie would have disclosed a recipe. Measured instructions for some ingredients are intermittent. Rachel infers there's no way you can botch the recipes up.

"This is a Yemenin Fourth of July!" Rachel chimed. "This reminds me of long weekends like Israel's Independence Day when we camped with our family on The Kineret Ocean in Tiberias. We fished for boori, and then threw them on the grill. When daylight gave way to darkness, we'd have a kumsitz, and sing around a huge fire at the campground."

Dictating the first of her barbecue series, she begins with:

**Grilled Salmon a la Rachel**  
Pinch whole salmon or salmon steaks with fork to make deep holes.

Place fish on foil paper that has been greased with margarine or butter.

Mix "schoog," black pepper, salt, 4 or 5 fresh minced garlic cloves, lemon juice, 1/4 stick softened butter or margarine to make a pasty-like cereal mixture.

Pour pasty mixture over fish so that it seeps into pinched holes.

Wrap salmon in foil paper.  
Cook for 10 minutes on a low medium fire. Turn over for another 10 minutes.

Remove from grill. Open up foil. Test fish with fork. If done, skin should be removed easily, and the color, pinky white.

**Rachel's Lamb Shish Kabob in Pita Pocket**

Cut up chunks of lamb, onion, peppers, cherry tomatoes.

Alternate chunks on skewer.  
Spice with cumin, aawieg, little hot paprika, garlic powder, pepper and salt.

Grill until done.  
Cut pita bread in half.  
With pita bread, grab skewer, punch hole in pita, and holding pita firmly, remove skewer.

**Rachel's Easy Hamburg Kabob**  
All you do is mix hamburger, an egg to hold it together, and season with schoog, aawieg, and cumin.

Wrap hamburger around finger in the shape of a hot dog.  
Grill until done.

**Rachel's Yemenin Coucous**  
Melt 1 tsp. butter or margarine, 1/2 tsp. curry, and 1/4 tsp. salt in 1 1/2 cups boiling water.  
Add 1 cup coucous.

Cover and remove from heat.  
Stir. Let stand 5 minutes.

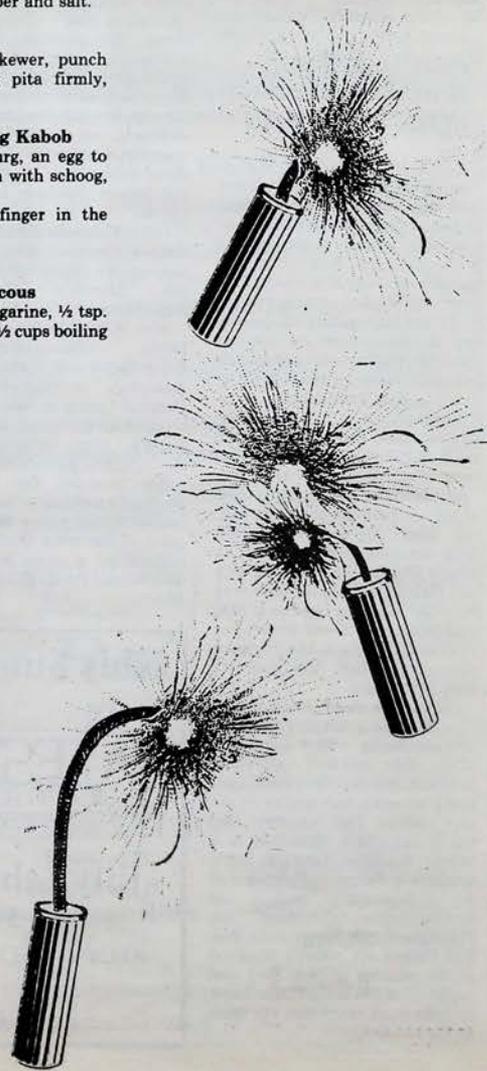
**Rachel's Relish Dish**  
Cucumbers, crushed green olives, petite pickled hot peppers.

"I forgot to tell you to sprinkle schoog and aawieg on chicken for tasty flavor, too," Rachel notes.

"We like to finish off with watermelon and cantalope, and you'll need lots of soda and water to wash down the spices."



A line-up of Yemenin spice. (photos by Dorothea Snyder)



## Conflict & Coexistence

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peacefully inclined than their brothers in other parts of the country, and that it is almost always Palestinians from other towns that perpetrate terrorist attacks in Jerusalem. "Jerusalem's Arabs are calmer and more practical," he asserts. "They know that economically and in terms of human rights they have much to lose. I'd estimate that some 70% of Jerusalem's Arabs would not want to see the city redivided."

Jerusalem has 130,000 Arabs and 320,000 Jews. All the city's Arabs can assume Israeli citizenship, though in practice most Arabs prefer to retain their Jordanian passports. Nevertheless, they still enjoy full civil rights. Half of them are members of the Histadrut trade union movement and all receive National Insurance pensions and benefits, as well as access to Israeli hospitals.

Amir Cheshin, the Mayor's current advisor on East Jerusalem Arab Affairs, lists other impressive improvements that Israel has brought the city's Arabs. Before 1967 he notes that only 10% of Jerusalem Arabs had running water in their homes. Today all homes have water. And the Municipality has installed an entire modern infrastructure of sewage, electricity, roads, street lighting and social services.

"We have done a lot," says Cheshin, "but we have not done enough. The Israel government says that Jerusalem is a united city but does not behave as though it is. More money is allocated to West Jerusalem than East Jerusalem. For example, the Ministry of Housing must build more accommodation for young couples and the Ministry of Communications has yet to inaugurate a proper mail service in the Arab sector."

While the older generation of Jerusalem Arabs distinctly remember the "bad old days" of previous administrations, youngsters are not so easily satisfied. An entire generation has never known Jordanian rule and looks enviously at the higher standard of living in West Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

**Coexistence And Cooperation**  
Zilka's prescription is providing more cultural facilities for Arab youth. And fearing rising Jewish chauvinism of the Kahane (Member of Knesset) variety, he would like to see more Jewish children taught Arabic in schools. "Jews in Jerusalem tend to be more sympathetic towards Arabs than in other places," he observes. "They know them and mix with them daily. But a Jew in Tel Aviv rarely has an opportunity to speak to an Arab."

Both Zilka and Cheshin reject parallels between Jerusalem and other problematic cities.

Jerusalem could never become Beirut because it is controlled by a strong sovereign government. It could never become a Belfast because it is fragmented rather than divided. Teddy Kolleck calls Jerusalem a mosaic — a delicate tapestry made up of Jews of diverse ethnic origins and theological views and Arabs of different religions and classes, as well as other minorities like the Armenians.

As an example of this mosaic, Zilka, himself Iraqi-born, claims that he feels closer and has more friends amongst Jerusalem's Arabs than among the city's ultra-orthodox Jewish community.

Cheshin, an Ashkenazi who speaks fluent Arabic, agrees: "I invite people to my house with whom I have things in common," he says. "Many Arabs visit me but I can't say I've ever had an ultra-orthodox Jew in my house." Zilka is confident that coexistence in Jerusalem will continue: "In our wildest dreams in 1967," says Zilka, "we couldn't have imagined the peaceful relations between Jew and Arab that have reigned for 20 years, since the reunification of the city. I sometimes accompany groups of influential Arab professionals to meet Teddy Kolleck. They want to help him, they say, because he is doing so many good and beautiful things for the city."

## Christians Join Jews In Criticism Of Pope

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consequences of his actions... It can easily and unfortunately be interpreted as part of the pattern of the Church denying the consequences which its own long history of anti-Semitism have had for the Jewish people."

The statement was signed by Doctors Eva Fleischer, a member of the Advisory Committee for Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Bishops; Sister Mary Jo Leddy, founding editor of *The Catholic New Times* of Toronto; and Sister Carol Rittner, director of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity in New York.

**Appropriateness Questioned**  
Catholic members of the Christian Study Group on Judaism and the Jewish People noted that Waldheim has been implicated in the execution of Serbian Christians and the deportation and execution of Jews in Greece and Yugoslavia.

"We understand that receiving heads of state does not imply Vatican approbation of those leaders' actions, either past or present," their statement said.

recalling that the Pope has received military dictators such as Jean-Claude Duvalier of Haiti, Augusto Pinochet of Chile and Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines. "Nonetheless, the particularity of the Holocaust places in question the appropriateness of such a visit between the Pope and Mr. Waldheim."

The statement added, "As Roman Catholic scholars... we join our National Conference of Catholic Bishops in supporting the request by Jewish leaders that, prior to the Pope's September visit to the United States, there must be a substantive meeting between John Paul II and American Jewish leaders to clarify this and other issues regarding Jewish-Catholic relations."

The statement was signed by Sister Celia Deutsch, Sisters of Zion; the Rev. Edward Flannery, Diocese of Providence, R.I.; Dr. Eva Fleischer, Montclair State College; and the Rev. John Pawlikowski, Catholic Theological Union.

### Sculpture Exhibit At Brown

An exhibition of highly acclaimed stone sculpture from the Shona tribe of Zimbabwe, Africa, is on display until the end of August at the Third World Center, 68 Brown Street (corner of Waterman St.) at Brown University.

Deeply rooted in the cultural traditions of the Shona tribe, the sculptures embody many of the spiritual myths and legends important to the Shona people, but are intended to have an artistic as opposed to a purely functional purpose. Using simple tools and working primarily in such stones as serpentine, lepidolite, verdite and limestone, these artists, according to Kate Collins of the *Brisbane Sunday Mail*, have created an exhibition deemed "the most significant art ever to have occurred in Africa over the past 100 years."

Some of the artists featured include Henry Munyaradzi, Albert Nathan Manvura, Damian Manuhwa and Richard Mteki, all of whom have gained world-wide recognition for their works. "I look at stone to see how it is," says Munyaradzi. "Sometimes I see in the stone a lion, an owl, a man, a sheep... The things I see in Zimbabwe I sculpt."

## Jewish Leaders To Boycott Pope's U.S. Visit In Response To Waldheim Meeting

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organizations. We hope that the Vatican will agree quickly that this meeting is timely and critical for Vatican-Jewish relations."

Seymour Reich, president of B'nai B'rith International, said in a statement Thursday: "The Pope's decision to see Waldheim places in doubt the scheduled ceremonial meeting between the Pope and Jewish leaders in September. We are unconvinced that such a meeting can be productive. It remains for the Pope to clarify the Church's position. The action today clearly erodes the progress made in Catholic-Jewish relations in recent years."

Menachem Rosensaft, founding chairman of the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, said he was "prepared to demonstrate" against "any meeting by Jewish leaders and the Pope" and urged that such a meeting be boycotted. He said the reception of Waldheim "demonstrated the Pope's lack of memory of the Holocaust" and that "there should be no dialogue on the party of the Jewish community with this Pope."

Theodore Mann said in his open letter to the Pope: "We believe it is terribly important that we give clear and unambiguous witness to the central moral issue that was raised by the decision to receive Kurt Waldheim. It is the fact that you and the Vatican see Kurt Waldheim as just another head of state. Sadly, this indicates to us that despite the Church's pronouncements on this subject, the significance of the Holocaust and the uniqueness of the evil it represents is not really part of the consciousness of the Church...."

"Is it possible that this man, who has become the symbol not only of an evil Nazi past, but of current efforts to diminish, falsify and forget the Holocaust, is just another unpleasant head of state for the supreme leader of the Catholic Church? That, incredibly, is what your spokesman has said, and that is what the welcome you personally extended this man inescapably implies... How paradoxical, and how deeply disquieting, that secular governments like the United States were determined to put politics aside to take a stand on moral principles by isolating

Waldheim, while the Vatican was guided by political considerations and put moral principles aside."

Mann asked: "Is it possible Your Holiness, that in Waldheim's forgetfulness there is an echo, however distant, of the Church's forgetfulness as well? Has your Holiness dealt with the indifference of the Catholic churches in Europe to the fate of their Jews during World War II? ... Despite the extraordinary heroism of so many individual Catholics, isn't it true that, along with so much of the rest of the world, the official churches were largely silent, and abandoned the Jews in their agony?..."

"These are some of the painful questions that are raised by the audience you granted Kurt Waldheim. We have participated in the dialogue with the Catholic Church for the past 20 years, and we value its significant achievement. But this dialogue can no longer avoid urgent questions that so deeply agitate our consciences and our souls. The meeting scheduled for September 11 in Miami is not where these questions will be addressed. It is therefore not where we can be..."

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# Obituaries

## BENJAMIN F. RUTTENBERG

PROVIDENCE — Benjamin F. Ruttenberg, 86, of 395 Angell St., an executive for the former City Hall Hardware Co. for 35 years before retiring in 1965, died Wednesday, June 24, 1987, at the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave. He was the husband of the late Hilda (Siegal) Ruttenberg.

Born in Reading, Pa., a son of the late Max and Hannah Ruttenberg, he lived in Providence since 1930.

Mr. Ruttenberg was an Army veteran of World War I. He was a daily volunteer at Miriam Hospital for three years, and a former trustee and honorary life trustee of the hospital. He was a former board member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, a member of the executive committee of the Rhode Island Israeli Bonds, and a member of Legemont Country Club.

He was an honorary life trustee, and a former vice president of Temple Beth-El, a member of its Brotherhood, and a founder of the Minyan Club. He was a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Federation for 35 years, a trade division chairman, and an honorary director since 1982.

Mr. Ruttenberg leaves two sons, Bruce R. Ruttenberg of Providence and Jeffrey Ruttenberg of Pittsburgh, Pa.; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A funeral service was held at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue. Burial was in Sons of Israel and David Cemetery. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## MARTIN CHORNEY

CRANSTON — Martin Chorney, 67, of 47 Bretton Woods Drive, a 20-year employee of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation for which he was a supervisor in the highway callbox unit, died Tuesday, June 23, 1987, at St. Joseph Hospital, North Providence. He was the husband of the late Marjorie (McCormack) Chorney.

Born in Providence, a son of the late William Chorney, and Belle (Riddell) Chorney-Reddy, he lived in Cranston for many years.

Mr. Chorney had also been a former co-owner of the Providence Lubricating Co. from 1945 to 1965. He was a former member of the

Olympic Club of the Jewish Community Center.

He leaves two brothers, W. Ernest Chorney of North Providence, and Morris Chorney of East Greenwich.

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

## EVA SCHNEIDERMAN

PROVIDENCE — Eva Schneiderman, 89, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., formerly of Shalom Drive, Warwick, died Wednesday, June 24, 1987, at the home. She was the widow of Harry Schneiderman.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Philip and Ethel (Soforenko) Gordon, she had also lived in New York and Miami Beach, Fla. She had lived in Warwick for two years before going to the Jewish Home three weeks ago.

She leaves a sister, Mollie Andriese, with whom she made her home. The funeral and burial were private. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope Street, Providence.

## IDA S. RUBIN

NORTON, Mass. — Ida Sarah Rubin, 76, of 122 E. Hodges St., died Monday, June 22, 1987, at Beth Israel Hospital, Boston. She was the widow of Arthur Rubin.

Born in Fall River, she was a daughter of the late Louis and Rebecca Gitlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Rubin founded the Rubin Farms in 1949. She was a member of Agudath Achim Synagogue, Taunton, its Sisterhood, Hadassah, the B'nai B'rith Women, the American Jewish Historical Society and the Bristol County Chapter of the American Farm Bureau. She was a past president of the International Sunshine Society, Norton, and a benefactor of the Rabbi Baruch Korff Archives at Brown University. With a strong interest in the Jewish immigration experience, she wrote of her cousin, Yiddish poet Ephraim Lissitsky.

She leaves two sons, Laurence S. Rubin of Norton and Alvin F. Rubin of Woonsocket; a daughter, Avis E. Goldstein of Hingham; four brothers, Herman Gitlin of Somerset, Edward and Milton Gitlin, both of Dartmouth, William Gitlin of New Bedford,

and four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at Agudath Achim Synagogue, Winthrop Road, Route 44. Burial was in Mount Nebo Cemetery, Taunton. Arrangements were by Fisher Memorial Chapel, Fall River, Mass.

## SARA ETCOFF

PROVIDENCE — Sara Ectoff, 90, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Saturday, June 27, 1987, at the home. She was the widow of Meyer Ectoff.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Rubin and Dora (Mason) Fain, she lived at the home since 1978.

Mrs. Ectoff was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Vocational Aide Society, Hadassah and Temple Emanu-El, Newton, Mass.

She leaves a daughter, Sheila Zalkind of Newton; a brother, Dr. William Fain of Providence, and two grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## MARION SHOGL

PAWTUCKET — Marion Shogel, 72, of 61 Dartmouth St. died Tuesday, June 23, 1987, at Community General Hospital, Harris, N.Y., while she was on vacation. She was the wife of Harry Shogel.

Born in the Bronx, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late Max and Pauline (Drucker) Buckner. She lived in Pawtucket for 17 years and previously had lived in Fall River, Mass.

Mrs. Shogel was a member of the Majestic Senior Guild.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Francine Rothschild of Holliston, Mass.; two sisters, Rose Moshan of the Bronx and Edith Bernstein of Teaneck, N.J.; and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Sinai Memorial Park, Warwick.

## ELIZABETH MUSHNICK

CRANSTON — Elizabeth Mushnick, 81, of 82 Sunset Terrace, a self-employed beautician in Providence before retiring 15 years ago, died Monday, June 29, 1987, at home. She was the widow of Arthur Mushnick.

Born in Wilmington, Del., she moved from Providence to Cranston 35 years ago.

She leaves two sons, Allan Mushnick of Cranston; Stephen Mushnick of Baltimore, and a grandchild.

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

## BELLA BANKS

WARWICK — Bella Banks, 97, of 1 Shalom Drive, widow of Peter Banks, died Friday, June 26, 1987, at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Poland, a daughter of the late Hyman and Shirley Gorin, she had lived in Warwick seven years. She had previously lived in Providence since 1921.

Mrs. Banks received an American Red Cross citation for five years service in the Surgical Dressing Corps during World War II. She was a life member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Miriam Hospital and Pioneer Women.

She leaves a daughter, Zeld Feldman of Cranston; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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

## ABBOTT KATZMAN

SMITHFIELD — Abbott Katzman, 70, of 1 Kane Rd., founder and owner of Abby Construction Co. and Lauro-Abb Construction Co., Providence, for more than 40 years, died Friday, June 26, 1987, at home. He was the husband of the late Lauris (Moore) Katzman.

He was also associated with the Thomas DiCenzo Construction Co. of Calais, Maine. He also owned Abby's Auto Sales Co., North Main Street, Providence, for more than 20 years before moving the company to Smithfield 10 years ago.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Louis and Ida Katzman, he had lived in Smithfield 18 years. He previously lived in Providence.

He was a licensed auctioneer and was an appraiser for Fleet National Bank and Rhode Island Hospital Trust.

Mr. Katzman was a member of Doric Lodge, F.&A.M., and the Palestine Shrine.

He leaves a brother, Peter Katzman of Providence.

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



## Israel To Provide Information On Iran-Contra

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israel has provided information regarding its role in the sale of arms to Iran to the joint congressional committee investigating the Iran/Contra affair, announced Sen. Daniel Inouye (D. Hawaii), co-chairman of the joint committee, Thursday morning.

Asher Naim, the Israel Embassy's Minister of Information, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Israel submitted responses to questions posed by the committee.

When Premier Yitzhak Shamir met with members of the investigating committee while visiting here last February, he agreed to provide the written information in lieu of the committee questioning the individual Israelis involved in the sale of arms to Iran.

Israel has contended that these individuals were working for the Israeli government and so should not be required to testify individually.

"It's proven to be good for both sides. The committee has more information and Israel has not infringed the rights of people who were involved," said Naim.

The Israeli information, which has been examined by Senate and House officials on the Iran/Contra committee, will be made public, Inouye said. But some information will not be released because it would pose a threat to Israel's national security.

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# Theatre Review: "Nunsense" At Trinity Summer Rep



The cast of *Nunsense*, now playing at Trinity Summer Rep through July 19.

Reviewed by Robert Israel  
**NUNSENSE**, by Dan Goggin.  
 Presented by Trinity Summer Rep,  
 downstairs theatre, Providence,  
 through July 19.

When I was a child growing up in South Providence, my sister and I thought it most courageous to sneak into the convent on Gordon Avenue, next to St. Michael's Church, to torment the nuns. We'd run through the corridors of the religious school and hope to get reprimanded by the nuns themselves, those dark, mysterious women who seemed to lurk behind the doorways. Of course, we got caught in the act of being mischievous and we were sent home.

In **NUNSENSE**, we catch the nuns in the act of being mischievous, singing and dancing and misbehaving themselves, and most of the time they take the audience on a raucous romp with them, circulating through the audience, shaking hands as if they are running for office, sitting in a vacant seat beside theater-goers and shooting the breeze, which has the effect of cutting the ice, surely, and pulling most everyone into the shenanigans that follow. I say most everyone because the total effect of the show left me out. Yes, I found a lot of the goings-on rather silly. Yes, I enjoyed the production. But it isn't the funniest thing I've ever seen and by its very nature — a show of singing and dancing nuns and in-jokes about Catholics — I was left scratching my head a few times, wondering what was going on.

You must know that advertising poster that shows various ethnic groups eating Levy's Real Jewish Rye Bread, that says, "You don't need to be Jewish to eat Levy's." Well, it'll probably help a great deal if you're Catholic to enjoy **NUNSENSE**. Those of us from different religious backgrounds might feel a tad confused.

"Aren't you glad you were brought up Catholic?" one of the singing nuns asks a member from the audience, after she hands her a medallion of St. Christopher for guessing the right answer to a

quiz. "I bet you never thought it would pay off!"

Again, for those of us attending Trinity Summer Rep that aren't Catholic, the only pay off is hoping to get through the insider-jokes to be able to have a good time. And a good time can be had, it just takes a little more work.

The five sisters — Sister Mary Regina, Sister Mary Hubert, Sister Mary Amnesia, Sister Mary Robert Anne and Sister Mary Leo — are true comics and entertainers of the first order. They sing, dance, do tricks with their habits, shake, rattle and roll. They are putting on a play for our delight — under the guise of raising money for their order, in hopes of raising enough money to afford a proper burial for several of their sisters now preserved in the freeze, having expired from an infected dose of vichyssoise soup. And so they turn on the charm. They are charming, and silly, and the play does not pretend to have any depth (it doesn't), it just is. You'll attend if you want to let loose, but don't expect to find anything particularly impressive.

What is impressive finally emerges in the talents of the performers themselves, who would be funny in or out of habits. Perhaps the funniest moment comes when Sister Mary Regina, the Reverend Mother, snorts some "Rush" (which we take to believe to be amal nitrate or some such stimulant). She has a "rush" to her senses, gets giggly and giddy and before we know we're giggly and giddy, too. But then it's time for the next routine, a little of this, a little of that. And the two acts pass without much strain.

I have no suggestions on how to improve the show; it's either something you'll want to see or something you'll want to avoid. Obviously, it's already a success and the run at Trinity Rep is all but sold out. The show won't do anything to improve interfaith relations, but it can't hurt, either. And if it gets us to laugh at ourselves even for a moment, it might be worth it.

*Lois Atwood is on vacation.*

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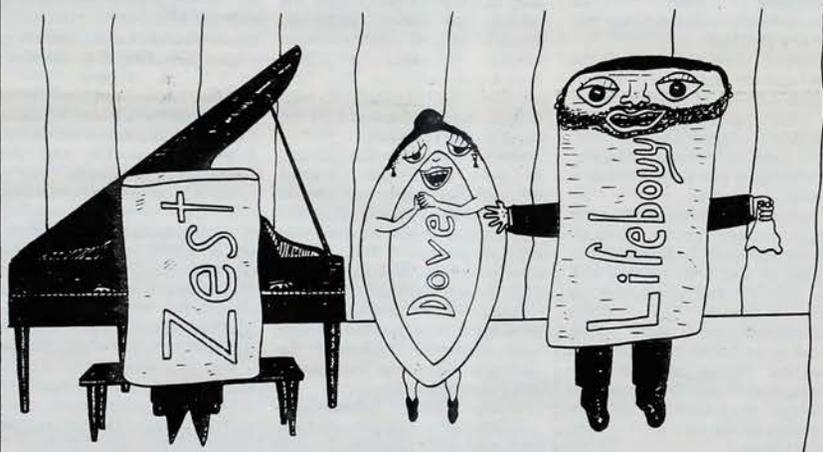


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**Book Review:**

**Italians & The Holocaust**

*Memoirs of A Fortunate Jew: An Italian Story.* Dan Vittorio Segre; translated from the Italian by the author. Adler & Adler, 4550 Montgomery Avenue, Bethesda, Md. 20814. 1987. 273 pages. \$16.95.

*The Italians and the Holocaust: Persecution, Rescue, Survival.* Susan Zuccotti. Basic Books, 10 East 53rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10022. 1987. 320 pages. \$19.95.

Reviewed by Joseph Aaron

If you're looking to read a story with a happy ending, you probably don't turn to a book about the Holocaust. If you're looking to read a Jewish story with a happy ending, you definitely don't turn to a book about the Holocaust.

But now, along come not one, but two new books about the Holocaust that not only tell a Jewish story but that do have happy endings.

The reason is that both books tell the story of Italian Jews, who suffered far less and ended up far better than Jews in other countries during World War II.

One of those Italian Jews, Dan Vittorio Segre, in his *Memoirs of A Fortunate Jew*, gives a personal account of life in Italy before the war and of his voyage of escape to and discovery in Palestine.

Susan Zuccotti's *The Italians and the Holocaust* takes a more objective approach to what made Italy different, and to how and why its Jews fared as well as they did.

The modern tale of Jewish life in Italy goes back to the 19th century when Jews fully supported the movement of national unification and, in turn, were fully integrated into Italian governments. Anti-Semitism was never a problem.

Indeed, Jews were in the forefront of support for Benito Mussolini's assumption of power in 1922. Highly assimilated, well educated, affluent and patriotic, Jews lined up to join the Fascists. Among them was Segre's father, a wealthy landowner.

His son, born one month after Mussolini took over, tells the story of his sheltered childhood, one in which he had little contact with his Judaism and much with his father's Fascism. "As a totally assimilated Jew," Segre writes, "and as an Italian raised under a political regime of which my family and all my friends approved without reservation, I, too, saw Fascism as the only natural form of existence."

That philosophical acceptance, however, would run into hard reality when, in 1938, Mussolini enacted his anti-Semitic Racial Laws. It was then that Segre realized he had "lived in the belly of the monster, totally unaware of its existence."

And so, though totally unaware of what he was getting into, Segre decided to emigrate to Palestine.

It is the story of why he did that and what happened as a result, that are at the heart of his beautifully written, emotionally expressive book. Segre takes us



along on this voyage of self-discovery of both his Jewish heritage and of himself, describing his disorientation in his new country, his feeling of being "in exile in the motherland to which I had chosen to return."

We are there as Segre, now a professor of Zionism and Jewish political thought at Haifa University, moves from kibbutz to agricultural school to an intelligence unit in the Palestine Regiment of the British Army. And we are there to witness with him the incredible energy, vitality, contentiousness and pressure that permeated Palestine as it moved toward becoming the first Jewish state in 2,000 years. Segre lets us not only see but feel, gives us not only a sense of place but of mood, supplying both historical details and intimate personal reactions.

Meanwhile, back home, it is the story of the countrymen Segre left behind that Zuccotti looks at. Though official discrimination existed, Zuccotti, a New York-based historian, tells how life for the Jews went on, with most of the anti-Semitic laws not being put into practice.

She tells, too, how that changed in 1943 when the Germans occupied the north and central parts of Italy. The late entry into the country helps explain why fully 85 percent of Italian Jews survived the war. But Zuccotti says there's more to it than that.

And in that more, Zuccotti provides a rare, heartening look into behavior during the Holocaust that was both moral and courageous.

Using both unpublished recollections of survivors and her own impressive research, Zuccotti relates how Italians did much to help the 6,000 Jews who escaped to Switzerland and how they did little to help in the Nazi round-up of Jews.

The explanations for such actions, Zuccotti shows, can be attributed to the traditional Italian emphasis on individualism and mistrust of government; the long Jewish presence in the country; the lack of anti-Semitic tradition; the Italian distaste for the Germans; and pure, simple altruism.

All of which is not to present an

unblemished picture. Zuccotti is unsparing in pointing out that 20 percent of Italian Jews were deported to concentration camps, that almost 7,000 Jews did die, and that many Italians were brutal partners of the Nazis.

Overall, however, here is a fascinating account of how the people of one country held on to their humanity.

Together with Segre's account of how one man did the same, the two books provide not only happy endings, but an encouraging beginning for how decent human beings can be, even under the most trying of circumstances.

*Exodus.* Adapted from the Bible by Miriam Chaikin; illustrated by Charles Mikolaycak. Holiday House, 18 East 53 Street, New York, NY 10022. 1987. 32 pages. All ages. \$14.95.

*Noah's Ark.* Illustrated by Nonny Hogrogian. Alfred A. Knopf, 201 East 51 Street, New York, NY 10022. 1987. 32 pages. Ages 5 to 9. \$12.95.

*Hinkl and Other Shlemiel Stories.* Miriam Chaikin; illustrated by Marcia Posner. Shapolsky Publishers, 56 East 11 Street, New York, NY 10003. 1987. 88 pages. Ages 9 to 14. \$10.95 (cloth), \$6.95 (paper).

*Meiselekh far Kleinkinkeh Kinderlekh (Small Stories for Small Children).* Told by Miriam Margolin; translated by Jeffrey Shandler; illustrated by Issachar Ryback. Moyer Bell Limited, Colonial Hill, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549. 1987. 32 pages. All ages. \$11.95.

*Yingl Tsingl Khvat.* Mani-Leib. Translated by Jeffrey Shandler; illustrated by El (Lazar) Lissitzky. Moyer Bell Limited, Colonial Hill, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549. 1987. 32 pages. \$11.95.

Reviewed by Naomi Kleinberg  
Here are five fine children's books that all deserve attention for different reasons and since there's limited space available for reviews, I won't waste precious words on a general introduction and will, rather, get right to work.

There is no greater dream come true for lovers of children's literature than a book like *Exodus*, which offers text by Miriam Chaikin, illustrated by Charles Mikolaycak — an inspired pairing, the result of which is a beautiful, readable book that can be appreciated by the whole family.

For this retelling of *Exodus*, recounting the story of Moses, the Hebrews' departure from Egypt, and the giving of the Law at Sinai,

the author consulted several translations of the Bible, including the King James version and that of the Jewish Publication Society.

As in her previous work, Chaikin skillfully handles the difficult job of abridging a long biblical story in formal language, making it manageable for younger readers while retaining the salient events and the beauty and drama of the original.

Charles Mikolaycak's lush, beautiful illustrations are the perfect accompaniment, filled with depth and rich detail. His use of earthtones sparked with blues and warm golds conveys the feel of life in a desert kingdom and the wandering in the wilderness. One sees the splendor of the royal palace, the arrogance of Pharaoh, the passion and conviction of Moses, the African features of the nonroyal Egyptians, the textures of cloth, the ravages of life expressed in a thousand different faces. This book offers riches that will continue to reveal themselves with repeated readings.

Here, also, is yet another illustrated version of the story of *Noah's Ark* and a charming one it is. Nonny Hogrogian, twice winner of the prestigious Caldecott Award for children's book illustration, has chosen to illustrate a story close to her heart; a biographical note in the book states that her ancestors came from Armenia, near Mount Ararat, where Noah's Ark is said to have come to rest.

From the endpapers, which show a diagram of the Ark, to the unexpected last drawing, the book is a delight to the eye — a bound portfolio of lush watercolor paintings in soft pastels that create a gentle mood to present a story with not-so-gentle connotations.

Beginning with the void before Creation (a wonderful title page) and continuing to the story of Adam and Eve and the eventual appearance of Noah, the tale is told simply, sweetly, gently. Children will revel in identifying the paired species that appear throughout and in exploring the small details that show up in every panel. This is a lovely book for children ages 5 to 9, for reading aloud or solo.

Now, just when you thought there'd been enough collections of tales about fools, from Chelm or otherwise, thank you very much, here comes Miami Chaikin's *Hinkl and Other Shlemiel Stories*.

This collection of six tales is a mixed bag: some of the foolish characters here, like the greedy Gamani and her husband Ashir, deserve their lots in life and never learn from their mistakes, while

others, like Hinkl, simply don't know any better. Some, like Yussie the henpecked locksmith, grow in stature and self respect, and others, like the perpetually hapless Hardlucky, learn to think and change the state of things.

There is a sharp edge to the language in these stories — after all, a fool is a fool and, therefore, insufferable, but there is also an underlying lesson throughout about what it means to be (or not be) happy with yourself and about how all people really are masters of their fate — good or bad. Best of all, though, is that there is laughter here.

Finally, from the treasure-house library of YIVO, the Institute for Jewish Research in New York City, have come two facsimile editions of Yiddish children's books, originally printed in Russia in the early part of this century, newly republished with accompanying translations by Jeffrey Shandler and short introductions by the venerable YIVO librarian, Dina Abramowicz.

*Meiselekh far Kleinkinkeh Kinderlekh* is exactly that — a volume of "little stories for little children." The ten stories, ranging in length from 6 to 13 lines, were first published in 1922, when there were no such things as television or movies in the shtetl and entertainment was of the home-made variety.

Each of these brief stories is about children and each is an abbreviated vignette of life in the shtetl. Because these little stories are so very brief there isn't much room for development from beginning to end — indeed, the endings are just that: ends of the narratives and not resolutions as one expects from a traditional story.

For example, in one, spring comes to a shtetl, the snow melts and runs into ditches, and children make boats, both paper and wood, to float in the water. The wooden ones sailed further. And that's it. However, the scenes are set, and children hearing these stories read aloud could take off from there and expand these few sentences into whole tapestries.

The stories show children playing together, with their parents, at home, out of doors, with animals, and so on. The language is simple but evocative. The English translations sound more abrupt than the Yiddish, which will be easy and fun for the native speaker to read aloud and a perfect exercise in reading, speaking, and translating for a first-year Yiddish language student.

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