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Holtzman Rips Canada's War Crimes Law

by Michael Solomon

MONTREAL (JTA) — A leader in the effort to deport Nazi war criminals from the United States was critical this week of Canada's new war crimes law for seeking to prosecute suspected war criminals rather than deport them and then for not establishing a national authority to prosecute them.

"In choosing not to deport, but instead to prosecute, Canada may simply compound the original wrong (to allow war criminals to find haven within its borders)," said Kings County (Brooklyn, N.Y.) District Attorney Elizabeth Holtzman.

She appraised Canada's new war crimes law during an international human rights conference, "Nuremberg 40 Years Later: The Struggle Against Injustice in Our Time," that opened Tuesday at the McGill University Law School here.

As a U.S. representative (D-N.Y.) in the 1970s, Holtzman sponsored legislation that established the Office of Special Investigation (OSI) of the U.S. Department of Justice, which has spurred the deportation of 19 Nazi war criminals from the United States.

The Canadian law came into effect when it received royal assent on September 16. It allows the prosecution in Canadian courts of suspected Nazi war criminals living in Canada, even if their crimes were committed elsewhere.

"In cases where there is enough evidence for extradition or deportation," she said, "but not enough to warrant prosecution, the 'Canadian solution' policy would preclude deportation and the Nazi war criminals would remain in Canada."

She contended that the law is based on an incorrect assumption that "Canada's system of justice is better than that, say, in France, Holland, or West Germany."

The legislation stemmed from the recommendations of a commission headed by Quebec Superior Court Justice Jules Deschenes, after nearly two years of investigation into Nazi war criminals who found haven in Canada, many eventually becoming Canadian citizens.

Deschenes came up with a list of 20 definite war crimes suspects and 200 probable suspects, all of whom could face criminal prosecution. Canadian Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn, who played a major role in gaining parliamentary assent to Deschenes' recommendations, told the conference that all of the suspects are under continuing investigation.

Canadian Versus U.S. Approach

Holtzman contrasted the Canadian approach to that of OSI, which tracks down war criminals in the United States and then seeks through the courts to strip their citizenship and deport them.

She regretted that the Deschenes commission had



Elizabeth Holtzman

opposed the creation of a similar body. "I urge your government to create a Canadian OSI," she said. "The ability to undertake effective investigations and measures against Nazi war criminals requires the development of substantial historical and investigative expertise," she explained.

The American prosecutor also took the Deschenes report to task for including "no specific recommendations on seeking evidence from countries in Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union or Israel."

But Hnatyshyn announced Wednesday that Canada has in fact begun negotiations with the Soviet Union and the governments of Poland, Romania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, West Germany and Israel to allow Canadian legal teams to search for evidence in those countries on the suspects under investigation.

The justice minister dismissed charges that evidence from the Soviet Union and Eastern bloc countries would be automatically tainted.

Impatient With The 'Slow Pace'

Nevertheless, Deschenes, a participant in the conference, said "I am impatient with the slow pace of procedures since my report was filed last December."

Another participant, David Matas, legal counsel to the B'nai B'rith League of Human Rights during the Deschenes inquiry, said he didn't think the government had any ulterior motive for moving slowly. "I don't think it is badly intended as much as badly organized," he said.

The Ottawa Citizen newspaper carried an interview Wednesday in which Pierre Elliott Trudeau, prime minister of Canada from 1968-79 and 1980-84, admitted that the Liberal government he headed had not done enough about war criminals living in Canada.

He explained that there were "other priorities" and "even Israel has limits in its pursuit" of Nazi war criminals.

Other participants in the conference included Nobel peace laureate Elie Wiesel; French lawyer and Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld; Stephan Lewis, Canadian ambassador to the United Nations; and Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz.

Also Ram Jethmalani, a lawyer (Continued on page 9)

Burke Seeks Closer Ties Between Jewish Home Staff & Workers; Union Contract Remains Unresolved

by Robert Israel

PROVIDENCE — The words written on the poster board behind Steven Burke's desk at the Jewish Home for the Aged here read, "Jewish Home Work Plan: Together We Can Do It." Burke explains the work plan is a "permanent plan" to improve the current status of health care at the Home. The words also explain the optimism Burke brings to the position of executive director at the Jewish Home. Yet, optimism aside, the contract with the employees of the New England Health Care Union, District 1199, as of this report, still remains unresolved.

"I should explain right from the beginning," Burke said in an interview at the Home earlier this week, "that I am interim executive director here. A press release went out last week (see Herald, November 5, page 3) saying that I was appointed executive director so that people in the community will know that the job is being filled until a full-time replacement for Bill Edelstein can be found."

Edelstein terminated his employment at the Home on October 23. The Board of Trustees is presently conducting interviews for a full-time replacement. Burke, who will be filling in for an indefinite period of time, is a licensed Nursing Home Administrator with an MBA from Suffolk University. For the past seventeen years, he has worked as a hospital and health care consultant. He is presently employed by Health Care Management Associates, a Massachusetts consulting agency that was responsible for an evaluation conducted earlier this year which reported the Home's problems and how to best address them.

"The work plan, as outlined," Burke said, referring back to the poster board with its optimistic message of team work, "explores ways we will make this Home the best nursing home in Rhode Island."

Specific Areas of Improvement

When asked specifically about areas of the Home that need improvement, Burke said:

"There needs to be improvement in the area of service to the patients, to improve the quality of floor activities, to set goals to improve communication between the management, staff, and residents so that we are setting goals that are meaningful and reachable."

Burke admitted that many of the problems at the Home have been there "a long time."

"It's not like we're starting out with a new Home here," Burke said. "Many of the problems we've identified have been a part of the Jewish Home for a long time. But we do have to address the report that the State of Rhode Island conducted that pointed out some problems at the Home. Changing things will take some time. But they will change for the better and the new director will know, from the first day, that these are permanent changes."

Burke's firm, Health Care Management Associates, issued a separate report earlier this year which identified many of the problems at the Jewish Home. It was widely interpreted that the report was critical of Edelstein's performance as executive director and was responsible for bringing about his resignation.

"A lot of people read our report thinking it was critical of Bill Edelstein," Burke said. "But that was not the case. It did discuss four or five options and one of those options was the need for a new executive director. The Board of Trustees chose that one. There's no point in second guessing them, but it's my opinion that it would be misreading of the report to think we were only critical of Edelstein."

Burke is seeking to initiate change in the area of inter-personal communication among management, employees and residents at the Home.

"I want to get across to people that this is the best place for them to be," Burke said. "I want to deal with them as people. And I want them to know that there is support for people here, that when someone says to them they are doing a good job, they mean it. It's my belief this will motivate people to become an integral part of the organization, and that within that organization there are rewards."

Union Contract Unresolved

When asked to give a progress report on the current negotiations between the employees of the New England Health Care Employees Union, District 1199, Burke expressed confidence that a new contract will be signed soon.

"We have had a negotiation session with the union," Burke said, "and we are very confident that we can resolve the contract without a strike."

Stan Israel, (no relation to this writer), spokesman for District 1199, had a different reaction to the negotiating session, held on November 5 at the Howard Johnson's Motor Inn in Pawtucket:

"If you look at the ads in the Sunday newspaper for nursing home personnel," Israel said in an interview this week, "you will see that other nursing homes offer increased wages, bonuses, and weekend differentials to recruit new employees. When we sat down with the management of the Home last week, they wanted to eliminate benefits to part-time employees, cut back on sick time, change around weekend language, change overtime language, cut back on sick days and sick time, which amounts to negative incentives. I was not impressed that the Home wants to move forward."

Israel admitted that some of the items under discussion "are part of normal negotiating practices" that take place every time a contract is under review. But, he added, "These are not normal

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Jewish Communities Plan Mobilization

NEW YORK, (JTA) — Dozens of representatives from Midwest and East Coast Jewish communities met to plan for a "mass mobilization" on behalf of Soviet Jewry to greet Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev December 6 when he arrives in Washington for a summit meeting with President Reagan.

The representatives were invited here to Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith headquarters by the Summit III Task Force, which as coordinator of the Washington demonstration represents 50 national Jewish organizations and 300 local Jewish community organizations.

Local Jewish federations, Jewish community relations councils and chapters of national organizations have taken on responsibility for mobilizations and coordination for

the march and demonstration and have made it their "highest priority," according to Jerry Strober, spokesperson for the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ).

"We feel a very strong interest developing within the American Jewish community," said Strober. "We've had very positive signs from a number of communities throughout the United States that they are enthusiastic, that they are excited, and that they see this as a historic opportunity."

Meeting participants included representatives from the Jewish communities of Providence, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, the Delaware Valley, Detroit, southern New Jersey, New York, Philadelphia, Richmond, Va., Washington, D.C., and Worcester, Mass.



Nathan Sharansky

According to Strober, they were urged "to make every effort to (Continued on page 9)

Local News

Guest Speaker At Na'Amat



Patricia Fisher

The next meeting of Dvora Dayan Club of Na'Amat will be held on Monday, November 16, at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Alice Eichenbaum, 96 Savoy Street.

Guest speaker will be Patricia Fisher, membership chairman for the Eastern Region, Na'Amat. Her topic will be: "Expand Your Horizons With Pride," celebrating

Membership Sunday on November 22 to increase the numbers of Na'Amat members, formerly Pioneer Women. This will be an informative and social evening to acquaint our Chaverot with one of our national leaders. Members and guests are invited to join us.

At the abbreviated business meeting we will discuss plans for our Flea Market in December, as well as our Annual Theatre Party featuring the award winning play "Anything Goes" on April 21 at Rhode Island College.

Sylvia Prescott, greeting card chairman, reminds members and friends to call her should you wish her to mail any type of greeting card.

Chabad Introduces Year Of Hakhel

Hakhel is Hebrew for "Assembly."

In the time of the Holy Temple, the entire Jewish people, including men, women and children, would gather once every seven years to hear the King of Israel read from the Torah during the Holiday of

Sukkot.

This year, if we had the Bais HaMikdash, we would have watched the King read the Sefer Torah, we would have heard his voice exclaim "Shma Yisroel," we would have experienced the emotion of Supreme Awe and Love of G-d.

Even though we no longer physically have the mitzvah of Hakhel, we can still feel its spiritual influence. How? By coming together with other Jews for the purpose of increasing our commitment to Torah and Mitzvos.

It doesn't matter who you are. Or how "religious" you consider yourself. The concept of Hakhel, of joining forces with other Jews to bring more sanctity into the world still applies. You don't have to be scholar. Or a Rabbi. You don't even have to know Hebrew!

All you have to know is that when Jews get together to do a mitzvah, whether it's going to the synagogue, attending a class or just sharing a Jewish idea with your family or friends, the Divine Presence literally dwells with them. And causing the Divine Presence to dwell among Jews brings with it blessings for material and spiritual good! What's more, by joining with thousands of Jews from all walks of life, from all parts of the world, you can help restore a sense of security and sanctity to an increasingly insecure and dangerous world.

Our sages have stated that the effects of the original Hakhel ceremony lasted for seven years, until the next gathering took place. This teaches us that Hakhel itself gives an additional power an capability to whatever we do. And what we should do, not only encompasses ourselves, but our family and community as well.

In keeping with the Year of Hakhel, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi M.M. Schneerson has called upon the Jews wherever they may be to take advantage of the opportunity and increase in the performance of Torah and Mitzvos.

In addition, the Rebbe requested everyone participate in Hakhel by becoming a member in worldwide Jewish unity by enclosing one's name and mother's name on a special form that will also be sent to the Rebbe for his blessing. For more information and additional forms contact 273-7238. A Hakhel membership form is printed in the paper.

Holiday Bazaar

Summit Medical Center, 1085 North Main St., Providence, is sponsoring a Holiday Bazaar on Thursday, November 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Friday, November 20 from 11 a.m. to 4

p.m. Featured are Jewelry, Gift Items, Christmas Crafts, Pillows, Stuffed Animals — Handmade Christmas Cards all made by the Residents.

A Hanging Quilt, Stuffed Teddy Bear and Dinner at Beau James will be raffled.

Proceeds are to be used for the Patients Activity Fund.

Yellow Pages For Women

Feminist Resources Unlimited is proud and happy to announce that the second edition of the Feminist Yellow Pages, a sourcebook, is being prepared for distribution by the first of the year.

The goal of Feminist Resources Unlimited is networking and improved communication between feminist and feminist supporting people and organizations.

The new edition of the Yellow Pages will list headings such as aging, arts, business, children, child care, crisis intervention, education, employment, government, health, human rights, labor, law, media, money, political activism, substance abuse, shelters and others.

If you are a source or know of a source that should be listed (no charge for listing), please call 272-5341 before November 30.

Domestic Violence Information Available

"Dating Violence" will be the topic of a discussion for teens sponsored by the Youth Department of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence on Wednesday, November 18 at 7 p.m. Leaders of the session will be representatives from Sojourner House, which provides services to battered women, and Brother to Brother, a counseling service for abusive males.

The discussion is free and open to male and female youth in grades 9 through 12. For information call Sheree Dropkin or Pat Inman at 861-8800.

Judge Bruce Selya To Speak At Temple Sinai

Temple Sinai Social Action Committee, 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston, R.I. (off Oaklawn Ave.), is pleased to welcome The Honorable Bruce M. Selya, United States Circuit Court Judge for the First Circuit Court of Appeals to our pulpit on Friday evening, November 13, 1987, at 8:15 p.m. He will speak following our Sabbath Service on the topic: "Our Constitution — Are The Freedoms That We Take For Granted Being Threatened?" Please plan to be with us on this important occasion!



Renee Shield Appointed

Through a grant from The R.I. Foundation, a charitable trust serving the people of Rhode Island, The Jewish Home is pleased to announce the appointment of Renee Shield, Ph.D., as Director of Education and Research.

Dr. Shield comes from Seekonk, MA and holds degrees of B.A. Brown University, M.A. University of Texas at Austin, and Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from Brown University.

Through this grant, Dr. Shield will set up workshops and seminars for long-term care health care personnel and for interested community members on issues and aspect of aging and long-term care.

Dick Gregory To Speak At RWC

Activist Dick Gregory will speak at Roger Williams College on November 19 at 8 p.m. The lecture will be held in the Student Center; it is free and open to the public.

Gregory gained fame as a comedian and is today a human rights activist, social satirist, author, lecturer, recording artist, actor, philosopher, and political activist.

Gregory's participation in the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's is well-documented, as are his efforts toward world peace, hunger, and rights of American Indians. His fasts have become legendary, as he employs them to symbolize the suffering of oppressed people everywhere. A self-taught authority on nutrition, Gregory's nine books include *Dick Gregory's Natural Diet for Folks Who Eat: Cookin's with Mother Nature* in addition to his acclaimed autobiography, *Nigger*.

He will be a guest of the Broken Rainbow Committee of Roger Williams College, whose purpose is to raise consciousness about important social issues relating to groups that have been kept from the mainstream of society. For further information, telephone 401-253-1040.

BJE Workshop

As part of its commitment to teachers' professional growth, the Bureau of Jewish Education is offering over twenty opportunities to improve skills and techniques and acquire new understandings of Judaic and Hebraic subject matter. On Thursday, November 12, 1987, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Lynn Jakobowicz of the Providence Hebrew Day School will lead a workshop entitled, "Introducing Hebrew Letters." An experienced kindergarten teacher, Ms. Jakobowicz will demonstrate methods to enhance letter recognition using all of the senses. Music, games, dance, crafts and bulletin board ideas will be shared with teachers who teach beginning Hebrew reading at any age level. The workshop, open to all without charge, will be in the Bureau's Resource Center at 130 Sessions Street, Providence.

Ohawe Sholam

Services this Friday evening at congregation Ohawe Sholam are at 4:15 p.m. On Saturday morning services commence at 9 a.m. followed by Kiddush. Rabbi Jacobs will begin his class at 3:20 Saturday afternoon. Mincha is at 4:05 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Ma'ariv is at 5:05 p.m. Havdalah is at 5:15 p.m.

On Sunday, November 22, there will be a Junior N.C.S.Y. ice skating party. This is open to all Jewish children who are 10-13 years old or 5th-8th grades. For more information call 724-3552.

On Saturday evening, November 21, the congregation will be sponsoring a poker benefit event. The games begin at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

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Shalom Chapter-Pioneer Women is having their paid-up dinner Tuesday, November 17, 1987. The dinner will be held at Chelo's on Post Rd., Warwick at 7 p.m. Please remember your dues.

Elie Wiesel To Speak In Hartford

Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Weisel will speak at the University of Hartford's Lincoln Theatre on Monday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. The University's Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies is sponsoring his appearance, which is free and open to the public. Weisel, the Andrew Mellon Professor of Humanities at Boston University, comes to Hartford to honor the publication of a book by Rabbi Isaac Avigdor.

Torah Nights At Touro Synagogue

The Touro Synagogue of Newport, R.I., is sponsoring a series of Tuesday evening "Torah Nights," announced Rabbi Chaim Shapiro, the congregation's spiritual leader. The first session is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10. A registration period has started and based on initial responses, it should be a successful project. The sessions are divided into three parts, and participants have the option to attend any or all of the classes. The early session is a basic Elementary Hebrew course, aimed at both improving reading of the Seddur, and to get acquainted with some of the synagogue prayers. The second part of the program involves a series of lectures-discussions on the cycles of "Traditional Jewish Life Cycles." Following a short callation — break, a "Symposium"-type program will follow, with a variety of topics and presentations. The November schedule includes:

- November 10 — Book review of Elie Wiesel's "The Oath."
- November 17 — A lecture-discussion entitled "A Rabbi Views AIDS."
- November 24 — A dramatic reading of an original script entitled, "Two Strangers."

All of these classes will be conducted by Rabbi Shapiro, except for occasional guest speakers. For further information, or registration, contact the Touro Synagogue office at (401) 847-4794.



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From The Editor

by Robert Israel



Why Dialogues Are Necessary

PROVIDENCE — The dialogue between the Jewish group and the Latino group that took place at St. John's Cathedral here is a step in the right direction for both groups involved, as reported on page one last week. It initiates communication between people who publicly acknowledge they have differences as well as similarities, but who are willing to talk and not let those differences get in the way of progress.

When asked what he hoped to see accomplished from the dialogue, Ralph Rodriguez replied he and the others from the Latino group were seeking practical information about how to successfully lobby on state and national levels, how to inaugurate a fundraising mechanism and how to enlist others in the cause of communicating needs. The Jewish group seems to know how to do that, Rodriguez told me, and the Latinos want to learn how to do it, too.

How refreshing this is and how unlike the rumblings often heard by groups that express disdain or jealousy for the successes of the Jewish groups because they have not put into place the very mechanisms Jews have struggled so hard to achieve. It seems to me by sharing expertise in the areas of fundraising and legislative networking, we all have a lot to gain. The strengthening of society makes that society a better place to live in for all.

What happens when there is no dialogue between people?

Look at the vulgar pronouncements of Louis Farrakhan, for example, who, in his Madison Square Garden speech in New York City last year conducted what reporters attending the event deemed "Jew-bashing" for over two hours, amounting to nothing more than hatred packaged in an "evangelical" cloak. What an ultimate aberration, and how souring to all the efforts to produce positive results! One need only compare and contrast Farrakhan to the late Bayard Rustin. Rustin, who died earlier this year, courageously spoke up in support of Jewish causes because he felt those causes were humanistic and because he knew those causes would establish dialogue between all people. But, unfortunately, we seem to have an over-abundant supply of people like Mr. Farrakhan (and I do not mean in just the Black community, but in all communities), and a shortage of Rustins.

It wasn't that long ago that I attended the Black-Jewish seder at Temple Beth-El in Providence. I was sitting at the table with several Black men and women who told me how amazed they were at the similarities between Blacks and Jews. They told me they were impressed with the cantor's singing and the melancholy but stirring testimony of the rabbi who read from the Haggadah about the deliverance of the Jews from slavery to freedom. A Black minister read a similar, moving testimony written by the late Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This was the intention of the program — to share a "common road to freedom" as the Haggadah used that night was titled. It is a step in a positive direction. And people of all faiths and creeds need positive examples to look at, to examine, to use as role models. It dispels the myth that one group has something over another group. I've heard so much negative rumbling, enough to fill the programming discs of a hundred computers. By positive and successful programming, encouraging others to follow suit, we set into motion activities which dispel hate and encourage communication.

After the service at Temple Beth-El concluded, there was a feeling of camaraderie, much like the feeling that

prevailed at St. John's Cathedral during the Latino and Jewish dialogue last month. It is a feeling of brotherhood and sisterhood. We often hear those words, we often are reminded of the importance of "doing unto others as you would have them do unto you." But how often do we get the opportunity to practice that belief in a public setting?

There is also a need to establish an on-going dialogue between Jews and other Jews in the community, those who are active and visible and those who are less vocal about their involvement. It need not be directed by a "leader," since we do not have any leader in that sense, or an organized group, but initiated by the many groups throughout the state — the B'nai B'rith, NCCJ, Hadassah, ORT — that frequently hold meetings and stage public events. I'm sure these organizations have their fundraising goals and their membership drives, but why not schedule dialogues? Are there new and innovative techniques for raising consciousness as well as funds? Money is a necessary ingredient in the organizations' livelihoods, there can be no denying that. But money cannot close the gap between those in the community that are turned off to Jewish culture. The more

Dialogues are crucial. One need only look at the recent altercation that took place in front of Temple Emanu-El in Providence as an example of the failure of communication. We need to create public forums, places where Jew can speak to Jew, where Jew can speak to Gentile.

organizations reach out to inform and enlighten, the better their programming and focus will be, and more people will be reached.

As an example of the failure of communication, one need only look at the recent altercation that took place in front of Temple Emanu-El in Providence recently between opposing Jewish groups that resulted in Captain Lloyd Allen of the Providence Police Department telling Rabbi Yitzchok Dubovick to cease his public speaking lest he be brought to jail. This was a totally unnecessary incident. Several readers telephoned me after the incident occurred to say they were horrified, that it was an example of "Jew against Jew." "When I was growing up in Germany," one reader, a Holocaust survivor, told me, "we were told, 'Don't make waves. Don't speak out.' To see what happened in front of Temple Emanu-El on Sunday when the police came reminded me of those black years."

We need to have public forums, places where Jew can speak to Jew, where Jew can speak to Gentile. We need to avoid the kind of ugly display of tempers exhibited recently in Providence.

One suggestion would be to have a Jewish cultural fair sometime when the weather gets warmer, held on the grounds of the Jewish Community Center or the Hebrew Day School or, even better, at a location in the suburbs, with booths and banners and information, and, of course, food. In this manner people can be attracted to learning more about the scope and interests of the Jewish community. All groups should participate. And there should be forums for healthy exchanges of opinion.

Seeking others to be involved takes creativity. It takes bold action. Recent events demonstrate an urgency for both.

A Real Revolution

by Eric Rosenman

Almost unnoticed by outsiders, the Middle East has become a free trade area in ideas, according to one of Israel's leading journalists. Border-obliterating television and radio broadcasts, plus more widely circulated and republished print media, are undermining official propaganda. The process curtails the ability of politicians to define the Arab-Israeli conflict in their own terms, says Ehud Ya'ari, Middle East correspondent of Israel Television.

"But being better informed does not automatically mean less animosity," he cautioned. In most cases "reporting is still colored by old attitudes, but 'rivals gradually are gaining their own (true) faces.'"

Ya'ari spoke at a recent symposium sponsored by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Also on the panel were Rami Khouri, a columnist and former editor of the *Jordan Times*, and David Ignatius, previously a Middle East reporter for the *Wall Street Journal* and now assistant managing editor of the *Washington Post*.

Widespread literary piracy also contributes to the transfer of more realistic information, Yaa'ri said. He termed the case of his own book on Egyptian-Israeli peace typical: An unauthorized but correct Arabic version was printed in Egypt by the opposition Communist Party. In Cairo, Ya'ari tried to get some free copies — royalties being out of the question. A party official refused, saying "we have a boycott of contacts with Israelis."

So "they are still burning the Israeli flag, but not the books. And the material (from Israel) is being incorporated into the international debate in Egypt." Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak may be freezing the cultural exchange called for in the peace accords between his country and Israel, "but one is going on anyway."

Meanwhile, the Hebrew press, like its Arab counterparts, has found that a sure way to increase readership is to print more news about the adversary.

As for literary piracy, "the freedom to steal restricts the freedom to lie." It is no longer possible for the Arab press to describe the differences between the Likud and Labor parties in Israel "as a coordinated deception." And in Israel "the demonization of the enemy is no longer acceptable to a large section of

our population."

Ya'ari noted that Syrian President Hafez Assad, a staunch foe of Israel, used only one example to explain Syria's austerity program — Israel's; that Jordanian television has more Israeli (than Jordanian) watchers; that an Egyptian soap opera has become fashionable in Israel and that Israeli news is viewed in Arab countries. As for the propaganda programs, "no one is interested on either side."

But while the Israeli press enjoys liberty and the Arab media do not, the most important development for the latter in the past decade has been the growth of an expatriate press, based primarily in London and Cyprus. It comprises 20 newspapers and magazines, backed by different Arab states "but adopting European production techniques and professional standards."

"They still conduct propaganda campaigns (for their sponsoring governments) and are quite hostile to Israel... but they are less anti-Semitic than the Egyptian press of today," Ya'ari asserted.

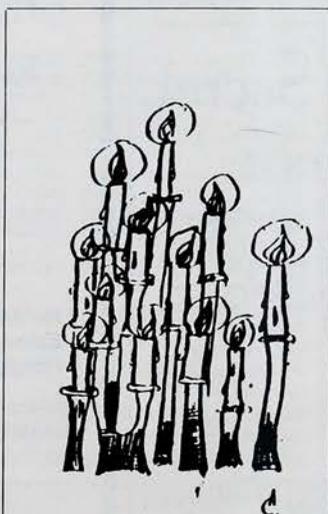
Does cross-border contact via news media improve chances for Arab-Israeli compromise and a political settlement? Ya'ari explained that the "limited dialogue" makes the enemy "less threatening... more of a neighbor."

A recent poll of Arabs showed the majority "still against a long-term settlement with Israel" but willing to consider a temporary arrangement. And, he said, what begins as temporary eventually could become permanent.

Khouri agreed that "there is a change," but added that "the Arab media don't see that their job is to promote peace..." Instead, they largely reflect "a certain power structure" common to the third world — a non-democratic one of elites which took power mainly by force.

He noted "an extraordinary interest in the Arab world" in Israel. It "stems from the realization we were wrong to... pretend our enemy didn't exist." Khouri said there is a recognition the conflict "is not going to be resolved militarily." But he explained the newer view as: "If we are going to engage the enemy in peace or war... we have to know the enemy."

Eric Rosenman is editor of *Near East Report*.



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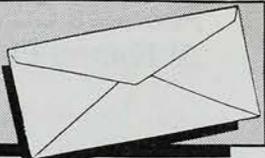
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Letters to the Editor



Dateline: B'nai B'rith

by Ken Weinstein

The Executive Board of the Central New England Council met on October 29 at the Warwick home of Mark Lake to discuss several regional issues of import. Council President Garrie Levine chaired the meeting at which lodges and units from Greater Providence and as far as away as New Bedford and Worcester were represented through their delegates. Among the topics of discussion were A.D.L. issues, particularly current in light of recent Anti Semitic episodes in Providence. Paul Gilman, Volunteer Service Vice President, spoke at length on the upcoming Washington rally in support of Russian Jewry. As Council delegate to the Soviet Jewry Task Force, Paul urged all to attend this important demonstration of solidarity with our Soviet brethren. The event is to coincide with the visit to Washington of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. Tentatively scheduled for December 6, the rally is being supported by local Jewish groups, temples and the Federation. Council representatives at the meeting voted to support the rally, both in concept and in deed. For information, please call 821-2829.

Gerald Slater, new associate New England Region Director was in attendance at the meeting and assured all of his support and assistance in matters pertinent to Central New England Council.

President Levine made a point of reminding us that not all lodges or units had paid their dues. Reach into those pockets, members!

Garrie mentioned that she would be fortunate enough to attend the B'nai B'rith International Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. on the weekend of November 7-9. This extraordinary event will feature meetings and discussions with several Government and foreign heavyweights, including the Attorney General, the Israeli and Egyptian Ambassadors, and the Assistant Secretary of Human Rights. The gathering is sure to be a stimulating and dynamic event.

Steve Glassman, Council Program V.P. announces that on November 18, in New Bedford, William Peirez, 1st Vice President of District One and Commissioner of B'BYO, will speak to Council members. All are urged to attend. Call 781-3714 for more information.

Paula Waldman, co-president of Plantations Unit, Providence tells us of an April 10 event featuring the "Singing Sisters." The dinner engagement, to be held at Temple Emanuel will spotlight the musical talents of Rosalie and Rosemonde Deck, Singing Nuns who have performed in 10 languages, including Hebrew on Stage, T.V. and radio. The event, co-sponsored by other area lodges will certainly be a Spring highlight. Paula insists that the show will be a blockbuster and urges all to attend.

Leon Sloan, President of Henry Freedman Lodge in Pawtucket, has noted that his group sponsored a dinner event at the Seekonk Ramada Inn on October 21. Featured speaker was Steven Brown, of the A.C.L.U.

Garrie Levine states that a January meeting is to be announced for all members of the

Central New England Council. The time and place of the meeting is forthcoming.

Also in January, Hope Lodge will sponsor a breakfast in Cranston featuring Robert Israel, editor of the *R.I. Jewish Herald*. Mr. Israel will speak on his recent trip to Japan.

To The Editor:

As I do with all newspapers, I read the editorial section first. Thus I was indeed very much interested in your comments about telephone calls you received from your readers, as discussed in *The Herald* of October 5.

1. — The Jewish Home for the Aged. The story of a threatening strike deserves your comments, as does the resignation of Mr. Edelstein. After all, "The Home" as it is affectionately called, is an institution (no pun intended) in our community. Each and every one of us has or has had a loved one there.

2. — Dr. Ruth Westheimer. The lady has become a personality in our modern culture. The media, to use a worn cliché, has made her such whether deservedly or not is not the issue. That the good doctor is Jewish, is secondary, she never professed to be a Jewish scholar or an expert on Judaism and merely stated her point. The comments made by some of your readers bring to mind George Bernard Shaw who wrote, "pornography is in the crotch of the beholder."

3. — Your editorial of some weeks ago, "What's wrong with this picture?" could have been subtitled, "Who's memorial service is it anyhow?" *The Providence Journal*, as well as the three local television stations, chose to show the honor guard carrying the flag of the State of Rhode Island up the steps of the state house. A voice-over narrated that this was a reception honoring the survivors of the Holocaust. Period. End of story.

You were right on all counts.

Hans L. Heimann
Cranston, R.I.

To the Editor:

Perhaps I live too much in a Jewish state of anxiety, but I found the front page of last week's (October 29) *Herald* particularly alarming. The Japanese, so sensitive themselves to loss of "face," chose not to invite Jerusalem to their conference on historic cities. And at another conference, on demographics, we read that in Israel, the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. Jews are in a population decline, due to a number of factors. Low birth rate, intermarriage, assimilation. Also, a lack of Jewish content in Jewish life.

Yet the articles and editorials within the *Herald* issue dealt with quite different matters. Women — not necessarily Jewish women — in business, "A Progress Report." Other items. I am writing to ask for followup and analysis of the serious and continuing problems defined on the front page. The editor himself spent the summer in Japan. Does he have an opinion, has he written a letter, used his prestige as an honored guest of Japan, to protest the insult to Jerusalem and Jews?

Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Coalition — is it a collection of anti-Semites? Has Jackson understood that scapegoating Jews is a useful method of rallying discontents? Is his campaign as subtle and as low as that? Under the shadow of recession, who easier to blame than Hymie?

As I say, I'm the little rooster crying out that the sky is falling down. But "The only English-Jewish newspaper in Rhode Island and Southeast Mass." has a mission for us all — to keep us informed not only of events but of the demand those events make upon each of us.

Michael Fink

A letter of protest was sent to the Japanese council last week by this editor.

To The Editor:

We, the members of the New England Health Care Employees Union, District 1199, work at the Jewish Home for the Aged and are appalled at the recent acts of Anti-Semitism on the East side of Providence. It is hard for us to accept this type of psychological violence when we spend so much of our time taking care of and caring for the patients at the Nursing Home.

Although the culprits were caught and somewhat punished, we feel that not enough is being done to deal with this most important issue of discrimination.

Our Union is calling upon the Mayor and others to implement a better educational program in our schools about the evils of bigotry, whether it is anti-Semitism or racial violence against Blacks or Latins, or any race or sex. We need to teach our children that the only differences between us are the ones we create.

Stan Israel — Vice President and 1199 Members of the Jewish Home for the Aged Providence, R.I.

To The Editor:

My name is Manfred Hohenemser. I was an intelligence and reconnaissance officer during World War II. For me it started in Normandy in 1944. I went through France, Bastogne, Luxenburg, Germany and Czechoslovakia. After five major battles, I had become hardened to death, as I saw my buddies one after the other go down. Death was everywhere. In Ohrdruf there was a huge communications center. It was May and we took the German headquarters and the city.

On the same day while on patrol my buddy and I discovered Stalag 3 Buchenvald Concentration Camp. We were horrified to see piles of naked dead bodies, all of whom had been shot through the back of the left ears.

As soon as we entered the gates, the pitiful, ravaged, so called human beings tried to run towards us, but they were so emaciated that they could barely move. Sick and half frozen, they tried to embrace us, but they all had to be checked out by the doctors first as there was a lot of disease and we still had a war to fight.

My horror, until I saw this place with my own eyes, I could not believe such a thing had happened and I could not believe that people could live through such a chamber of horrors.

Manfred Hohenemser
Providence, R.I.

Editor's note: Mr. Hohenemser of Providence was recently given a citation for his role in the liberation of the Nazi death camps, described above.



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Social Events

Chanukah Boutique At Beth-El

Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El is pleased to announce our First Annual Chanukah Gift Boutique on Sunday, November 22, 1987, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Temple Meeting Hall, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906.

There will be many wonderful and exciting gift ideas available from handbags, jewelry, and decorated sweat suits, to many more items perfect for holiday gifts. Please save the date — Sunday morning, November 22, and make your Chanukah shopping a pleasant experience. Also, our own judaica shop, "Traditions," will be open for your convenience.

Prov. Hadassah

The Providence Chapter of Hadassah will hold a paid-up membership event and raffle on Monday, November 16 at 11:30 a.m. in the Alprin Meeting House, Temple Emanu-El.

After a brunch, the chapter will meet Diane Ducoff, vice-president of the region; entertainment by Sandra Gertz will follow.

The first prize of the raffle will be a \$250 bond for the State of Israel, donated by Jeanette Resnik in memory of her husband, Nathan. The second prize will be a necklace of original design donated by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bresnick. A \$25 gift certificate to Jordan Marsh will be the third prize.

"JAP" Humor Assailed

CHICAGO — Charging that Jewish American Princess (JAP) jokes are "far from harmless humor," the 100,000-member National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods this week condemned "the growing use of negative stereotyping and prejudice that demean Jewish women."

In a resolution adopted at the Reform Jewish women's group's national convention here, the NFTS said that "what began as an object of sexist humor has now become a tool of the anti-Semite."

"JAP" jokes," the resolution said, describe Jewish women as "materialistic, self-indulgent and greedy. There is a growing use of this negative stereotype in such items as greeting cards, jewelry and T-shirts, as well as in graffiti and verbal attacks on women on college campuses."

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is the women's branch of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, central body of Reform Judaism in the United States and Canada. Nearly 1,000 women attended the NFTS biennial convention, representing most of the organization's 640 sisterhoods. The biennial was held concurrently with the general assembly of the UAHC.

The NFTS resolution called on member sisterhoods to discontinue the sale of "JAP" items in their Judaica shops and be sensitive to the image and quality of their entire stock; to educate their congregations and communities that "the 'JAP' stereotype is anti-woman and anti-Semitic and that its use should be discontinued," and to "work to raise the consciousness of their congregations and communities to the subtleties of discrimination in our everyday lives."

Peerless Company Fashions At Emanu-El



Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood will host a Fashion Show on Sunday, November 22 at 2 p.m. The Chairpeople for this event are Susan Odessa, Sharon Rosen and Hope Schachter.

A wonderful afternoon is being planned with fashions for the

entire family. The models will be the members of Temple Emanu-El from ages 4 to 90. Mark your calendar, and join us for a delightful Sunday. Tickets are available at Temple Emanu-El, or telephone 331-1616.

Majestic Senior Guild

The Majestic Senior Guild will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, November 17 at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Ave., Cranston at 12:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rabbi David Rosen. Try to attend for a most interesting and enlightening talk.

The annual Chanukah party will be held on Tuesday, December 15 at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Avenue, Cranston at 12 noon. Send your reservations early as seating is limited. This will be a wonderful afternoon. The very talented Cantor Samuel Linkovsky will entertain with a program that is sure to thrill you. A full course Kosher dinner will be catered by Gilbert and Davis. Reservations must be made by November 20. Tables seating 10 can be arranged. Send names and reservations to Etta Swerling, 1401 Warwick Ave., #214, Warwick, R.I. or Harry Gordon, 591 Pocasset Court, Warwick, R.I. 02886.

Winter is fast approaching. Think warm. Reservations for Florida are now being taken. There are numerous other exciting trips planned for the future. You will receive this information at a later date.

Eden Garden Club To Meet

The Eden Garden Club of Temple Beth-El will hold a meeting on Thursday, November 19, 1987, at 12 o'clock noon, in the Board room of Temple Beth-El.

Please bring brown bag lunch. Dessert and coffee will be served. For regrets only please call Lillian Fogel Strauss 884-2903.

Glenna Brown To Wed Anthony DiPiero

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown of Fern Park, Florida, formerly of Pawtucket, announce the engagement of their daughter, Glenna Susan to Anthony L. DiPiero, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony D. DiPiero and the late Mrs. Adelina DiPiero.

The bride-elect graduated from the University of South Florida, and received her masters in Social Work degree from Florida State University. She is currently employed as a social worker at the 97th General Hospital in Frankfurt, Germany. Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of South Florida, and is a civil engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers in Frankfurt.

Glenna is the granddaughter of Mrs. Marion Brown of Providence, and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Castleman of Woonsocket.

No wedding date has been set.

Cong. Mishkon Tfiloh Sisterhood

A meeting of the Sisterhood of Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh will be held on Sunday, November 15, at 1:30 p.m. in the social hall of the Synagogue at 203 Summit Ave., Providence.

Plans will be formulated for the Chanukah party to be held on Sunday, December 20. Refreshments will be served. All members are urgently requested to attend this meeting.

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David Schneur was born in Poland in 1905. In early childhood his family moved to Munich. Later, to support himself during his studies, he designed "expressionist and simple" posters. At the age of 19, Schneur went to live in Paris for a short time. His work is still influenced by his stay there.

Upon his return to Munich, Schneur worked as stage designer and poster artist for the Munich theatre company, the Munschener Schauspielhaus. In 1933, Schneur was imprisoned in Dachau. Upon his release two months later, Schneur emigrated to Palestine.

Once settled in Tel Aviv, Schneur was employed in advertising and his work in the years to follow has greatly influenced the graphic style and advertising in Israel. With the shift of Schneur's artistic activity, from applied graphics to painting, his work dealt less with reality and more with reflection. David Schneur's works of art are an authentic witness of the 20's and 30's; reflections on Paris and Berlin between two World Wars. The same motifs which he

designed for the German theatre posters are to be found in his art today.

The exhibition will open on Thursday, November 12 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The exhibition will continue through November 25.

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Plantations Unit Meeting

On Thursday, November 12, 1987 an open board meeting of Plantations Unit No. 5339 will be held at the home of Ann and Alan Gaffin, 9 Lorraine Ave., Providence at 7:30 p.m. All prospective members are most welcome, and refreshments will be served.

For further information, please call 861-0888.

Plantations Unit No. 5339 of Providence and Henry Friedman Lodge No. 899, B'nai B'rith will hold a combined dinner meeting on Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Seekonk, Mass. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Mr. K. Kenneth Bogosian, Senior Vice-President of the brokerage firm of Dean Witter Reynolds. The cost of the dinner will be \$8 per person.

For more information call 861-0888 or 831-7967 by November 15.

CORRECTION

The Taming of the Shrew is at the Blackfriars Theater on the campus of Providence College November 13-15. Directed by Mary G. Farrell, the story about Kate and Petruchio explodes into a fresh musical look at one of Shakespeare's funniest comedies.



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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



Rhode Island was graced with the presence of two Argentinian visitors last week.

As part of ORT fund-raising activities, Joshua Flidel, Director of World ORT Union for Latin America and Nora Andelsman, ORT high school student, came to the United States to meet and speak with ORT members in 15 cities over a 19-day tour.

The Director praised "Argentina as having the finest and best secondary technological school.

"Our equipment, our staff, and the level of the technological studies in our institution is highly advanced. Our equipment is better than what you will find at the National University of Buenos Aires."

"I allow myself this immodesty because I'm not the one who set this pattern; I'm only continuing what has been done by many other people over the past 25 years.

"I," he said humbly, "try not to spoil it. If we don't excel beyond good enough, there's no meaning to our existence. To be just another technical school in Argentina doesn't count."

Mr. Flidel spoke about technical assistance to non-Jewish communities, sponsored by international funds, which benefit kindergarten through elementary schools. This is a fantastic part of our work, but because the secondary curriculum concentrates on theoretic Jewish studies and Hebrew, we don't encourage non-Jewish students."

After graduation, many ORT students continue on to higher education. "Those who want to integrate into the labor market have no difficulty, even though Argentina isn't a fast developing country. Those who majored in computers or electronics or construction or chemistry have no problems finding jobs, and this is done without a placement office in our school."

Joshua Flidel's roots aren't in Argentina, but in Israel where he was born and raised. His family remains in Israel while he completes his fifth year in Buenos Aires. He commutes to Israel four or five times a year to visit his wife and children, but expects to look for a replacement soon.

"After five years in this position, it is the right time to move on."

With ORT in 10 South American countries, he is constantly travelling. Headquartered in Buenos Aires, his operations extend to Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Peru, Brazil, Venezuela, Ecuador, Costa Rica and Mexico. Panama and Guatemala are on the ORT horizon for next year.

In Israel he was in charge of ORT's pedagogical and technological work, then served as deputy directory general overseeing daily operations.

"When I started with ORT Israel 22 years ago, there were 14 schools. When I left five years ago, there were 80 schools

and now there are more than 100. There were nearly 5000 people on our payroll when I was in Israel.

"Latin America has been very different, but a real adventure. 500,000 Jews live here. In Buenos Aires are 230,000; in Rio, 60,000; San Paolo, 70,000; Mexico, 50,000; Caracas, 50,000. The rest are scattered over smaller communities to where we feel obliged to service the smaller Jewish day school.

"ORT is integrated into 15 Jewish day schools in 10 countries. Our directives are to fortify and strengthen Jewish day schools by establishing modern service laboratories, labs for micro-computers; general subjects like geography, history and civics; workshops for the arts; Jewish education; teacher training; and audio-visual aids.

"We believe the Jewish day school is a very important ingredient and factor in helping Jewish kids and adults stick to their Jewish identity and heritage. In Latin America the main objective is to participate in the struggle of Jewish continuity and Jewish survival.

"Women's American ORT is important to us in Latin America!"

Once Mr. Flidel returns home, he plans to "focus on some of the projects ORT Israel has sighted for the next 25 years."

Touring with Mr. Flidel, 17-year-old Nora Andelsman is an ORT secondary student who was selected for this special assignment. She will graduate this month from the only Jewish technological school in Buenos Aires.

To prepare for the 15-cities tour in America, she had to learn English in three months by studying English two to three hours a day. Rhode Island ORT members were amazed over her ability to communicate so well.

Nora has been majoring in business and computation. "If you are a student from ORT, you are well qualified. It's easy to start work," she said, flashing a smile and two darling dimples.

The charming teenager endeared herself to her listeners as she talked about her daily log at school beginning at 7:45 a.m. and ending at 6 or 7 p.m. ORT members were relieved to hear that there is a lunch hour, time to swim, and to pray at the synagogue in the school.

"Over 40% of the total number of Jewish teenagers attend ORT high school in Buenos Aires," she calculated. "If you want to attend a technological high school and make Jewish friends, ORT is the only way. It's very important.

"Most start at the University after graduation. I plan to continue my studies in accounting and work for my father. He is an accountant.

"I'm very happy to be here, because it was very important to find out at the ORT convention in Chicago who worked and helped our school.

"I'm very happy to be part of ORT!"

ORT: Latin America

photos by Dorothea Snyder



Robin Engle, Joshua Flidel, Director of World ORT Union for Latin America, and Cory Fink at the Rhode Island/Southern Massachusetts region of Women's American ORT Donor Event. ORT is the Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training.



17-year-old ORT student Nora Andelsman, center, is flanked by Fredda Dressler, left, and Seena Dittelman, right.



Caryl Feibelman, Lois Lury, and Ellen Boriskin, from left.



"If you are a student from ORT, you are qualified." Nora Andelsman, 17, Argentinian ORT high school student.



Marsha Feital, Eddi Goldman, Margie Bean, from left.

Jewish Home Mobilization

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times at the the Jewish Home. They are extraordinary times." Israel was asked if he felt a strike, similar to the one which crippled the Home for three weeks in December, 1984 and January, 1985, was brewing in light of the current differences between the management and the union. "We want to avoid a strike at all costs," Israel said. "We want to resolve this thing (contract). We don't want a strike to happen. But it took the Home's management several weeks to schedule a meeting with us, when we had asked them to meet with us long before this. And now they come to the table with a contract that is unacceptable at this point. The fact that they met at Howard Johnson's is in itself suspect, since before this we always met at the Home."

Another negotiating session will be held today, November 12. The current contract, which was agreed upon following the 21-day strike three years ago, expires on November 30.

Holtzman

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and former member of the Indian Parliament; Arthur Chaskelson, South African counsel for imprisoned civil rights leader Nelson Mandela; Gotsu Wolbe, a former minister in the Ethiopian government; and Chilean human rights activist Carmen Quintana. Prof. Irwin Cotler of McGill University Law Faculty, who has worked for years on the issue of justice for Nazi war criminals, was the main organizer of the conference.

Wiesel gave the opening address on the occasion of the inauguration of the Raoul Wallenberg Lectureship in Human Rights at McGill, named for the Swedish diplomat who saved the lives of thousands of Jews in Hungary during the closing months of World War II, only to be arrested by the Soviet army in 1945. He has not been heard from since.

Wiesel characterized the Nuremberg trial of top Nazi war criminals as "the triumph of memory. We must all remember what happened, otherwise we lose our minds," he said.

He added that "those who dare say today that the Holocaust did not exist should be put to shame and treated as outcasts."

Wiesel, himself a Buchenwald survivor, also said, "What we must realize from Nuremberg is that neutrality is wrong. There can be no such thing as neutrality against evil."

He said that had the Nazi victims known when they were liberated that Allied leaders had been aware of the victims' fate during the war, "we could have committed suicide out of despair."

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bring as many people as possible." The representatives were told that Jewish organizations nationwide are urging their members to attend the demonstration.

For instance, all 1,600 chapters of Hadassah will be asked to bring as many of their members as possible. In addition, students are being urged to participate through campus B'nai B'rith Hillel programs, according to a Hillel representative attending the meeting.

The three-hour march and demonstration will include music as well as addresses by former refuseniks — including Natan Sharansky, Ida Nudel, Vladimir Slepak and Yuli Edelstein, all now living in Israel. Members of Congress, an administration representative, entertainment figures, Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel and representatives of labor, civil rights, Christian and other ethnic groups also will be invited.

David Harris, coordinator of the event "on loan" from the American Jewish Committee, pointed out that Gorbachev could arrive two or three days before the official beginning of the summit and therefore could be in Washington at the time of the rally.

However, all was not peaceful in the Soviet Jewry activist camp. Glenn Richter, national coordinator of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, said he was upset that Yosef Mendelevich, chairman of the Soviet Jewry Education and Information Center located in Jerusalem, has not been invited to speak. Neither did he receive an invitation to speak at the rally on Solidarity Sunday last May, but then he grabbed the microphone and spoke anyway.

"It's not just Mendelevich but what Mendelevich represents," said Richter. "The program cannot be only thanks to the (Reagan) administration for speaking out for human rights in the Soviet Union, but also a challenge to the administration to do much more."

Richter said he didn't feel the enthusiasm that Strober did, but rather quiet interest.

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Japanese Prints At RISD

Selected works by one of the great masters of Japanese printmaking will be featured in *Meisho-e*: Famous Places in Japanese Prints by Hiroshige, on view at Rhode Island School of Design's Museum of Art through January 24.

According to Maggie Bickford, curator of Asian art, viewers of the exhibition "can take an armchair tour through Japan through the eyes of a master." Literally meaning "pictures of famous places," the *Meisho-e* tradition focuses on representations of scenic wonders and famous views of the Japanese landscape. The exhibition includes woodblock prints showing mountain peaks, lakes and waterfalls, as well as sites of famous pilgrimages and common stopovers on travel routes. Prints from Hiroshige's well known series, *100 Famous Views of Edo* (which inspired such Western artists as Vincent Van Gogh and James McNeill Whistler) will be on view, as well as scenes of Lake Biwa and outlying provinces, shown in varying seasons, weather conditions, and times of day. All pieces are from the Museum's permanent collection, and this is the first of two successive exhibitions of prints by Hiroshige which will be shown at the Museum of Art.

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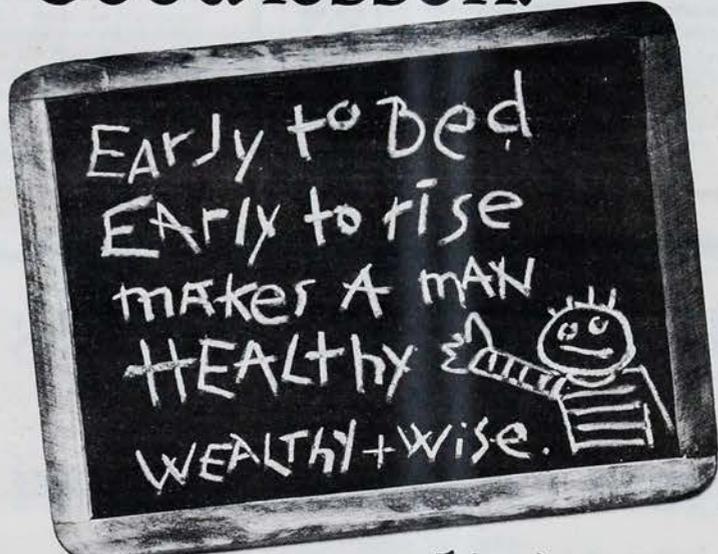
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For information on JCCRI activities for Jewish singles, call Judith Jaffe at 861-8800.

Chabad To Show Video

Over the last several years, there have been a number of books, movies and articles exploring the chassidic community of Brooklyn in general, and the special relationship between Rebbe and Chasid in particular.

Many of these books were written from an outsider's point of view; and as you can imagine, there's a great deal of difference between looking at chassidic life and living it.

On Saturday evening, November 14, 8 p.m. at the Chabad House, 360 Hope St. in Providence, the entire Jewish community will have an opportunity to see as unique video presentation of chassidic life in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn.

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Sisterhood To Hold Dinner

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Art Exhibition At ICA

Three exhibitions will be on view at The Institute of Contemporary Art, 955 Boylston St., Boston on November. 20 through Jan. 17.

They are "Cindy Sherman," a mid-career retrospective of photographs from the late 1970s to the present; "Currents," Edgar Heap of Birds, pastel drawings and abstract paintings by a Native American artist; and "Dissonant Landscapes," and Dara Birnbaum's recently completed video trilogy, "Damnation of Faust," video exhibitions.

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June Ann Vecchio: "A Glimpse at the Artist." Exhibition November 15 to December 23 at Body Techniques, 780 Hope St., Providence.

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Twyla Tharp Dance At Wang

Twyla Tharp choreographed three feature films directed by Milos Forman: *Hair* (1978); *Ragtime* (1980); *Amadeus* (1984); as well as the 1985 Taylor Hackford film, *White Nights*, which starred Mikhail Baryshnikov and Gregory Hines.

The 1987/88 tour of Twyla Tharp Dance is being made possible by a grant from AT&T, the largest corporate grant for domestic touring ever presented to the dance company.

Performances are Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20 and 21 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 22, 3 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Wang Center box office or through Ticketmaster (617) 787-8000. Tickets range from \$28.50 to \$15.50.

Twyla Tharp Dance is part of the 1987/88 Wang Dance Subscription Series. Other events include the Virsky Ukrainian State Dance Company of the U.S.S.R. (Feb. 5 - 7); Rudolf Nureyev & Friends (Apr. 15 - 17); and the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (May 3 - 8). Subscriptions are available by calling (617) 482-2595.

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Arthur Miller Play At Bright Lights

Bright Lights Theatre Co. will open its 1987-88 season on November 18 with the New England premiere of Arthur Miller's timely play, *The Archbishop's Ceiling*. Set in a contemporary East European capital, the play focuses on an American novelist as he re-establishes contact with a circle of colleagues confronted with the personal and artistic ramifications of Soviet repression. It will run Thursday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 6 and 13 at 3 p.m., at Brown University's Churchill House, 155 Angell St., Providence. The show will run through Dec. 13, with no performance on Thanksgiving (i.e. on Thursday, Nov. 26). Tickets are \$8.50, or \$7.50 for students and senior citizens; reservations may be made by calling 724-8030.

Written in 1977, *The Archbishop's Ceiling*, offers a searching look at the artistic climate in Soviet satellite countries, yet layers observations of a political nature with provocative philosophical and psychological considerations. Miller's basic premise, established early on, is that the ceiling of the former archbishop's residence — now the home of an established East European writer — may be bugged and monitored by the

authorities. Given the fact that none of the characters admits knowing for sure whether the ceiling is bugged, questions are phrased carefully and answers are circumspect.

When it becomes known that the newly completed manuscript of the more dissident of the writers has been seized by government authorities, all are stricken with the treachery and tragedy of the act. Yet, throughout the play — even though four of the five have known each other for years and are ostensibly friends — the characters relate to one another with fleeting moments of trust weighted against heavy bouts of suspicion. Before long, the very nature of reality becomes ambiguous.

The Archbishop's Ceiling has only been produced twice previously in the United States, at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, DC and the Cleveland Playhouse in Ohio. BLT is the first semi-professional company to obtain the rights to this highly topical script, and is especially pleased to be presenting the play at a time when Gorbachev's recent support of *glasnost* (the policy of "voicedness" or speaking out) has elicited heightened interest in questions of freedom of expression

in the Soviet Union.

The Archbishop's Ceiling is directed by Elaine Raka, co-founder and artistic director of BLT. The cast includes Ed Lemerise of Rehoboth, MA as "Adrian," an American novelist who has returned for a brief visit to the East European city where he stayed two years earlier; Ava Wolf of Providence as "Maya," an enigmatic member of the literary circle Adrian visits; Robert Hargraves of Warwick as "Marcus," an established writer with considerable influence in his country; Karen Plotkin of

Walpole, MA as "Irina," a young Danish woman who accompanies Marcus back home from a conference in London; and Don Jackson of North Providence as "Sigmund," a dissident novelist.



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Dear Dr. Imber:

In the Fall my family has a custom of raking leaves together. We have a "Leaf-raking Party" where each of our four children do their share. That way no one person, not even the two teenagers get stuck with the

job. While the children's father has helped on occasion, he usually doesn't participate because he works long hours. However, I lead and join our party — to make sure that all partake in the 'celebration.' My eight-year-old son usually helps out too, but sometimes

drags his feet with chores. On this occasion, he did not join other members of the family right away. Instead, he ran into the house to get his gloves so that he could be the family's scooper. Now, by the time he joined us, one of my older ones had assumed the role of leaf scooper and my eight-year-old was asked to rake for a while. We do switch jobs by tradition. Well, he wanted no part of raking and proceeded to argue about it. His argument became a tantrum (something he occasionally does when he doesn't get his way). I asked him to calm down and explained that he might have been able to start as leaf scooper if he had been there on time. In any event, he was also told that after a while, he would switch jobs and then he could scoop. When his tantrum continued, I warned him that if he didn't stop, he would have to go in the house and that he would be in for some time. Unfortunately, he didn't stop and I sent him in. He banged on the window and asked to come out several times, but I had him remain in. When we had all finished, I explained that because of the way he had acted, he would not be able to play outside for the next few days, including the weekend. While my husband supported my decision, my neighbor felt I was far too harsh. What do you think?

Ami Overreact

Dear Ami:

Given the fallout, I think that it's time that your son pulled an Elaine May and 'turned over a new leaf!' As a mother of four, you are faced with a somewhat overwhelming responsibility. No, I am not referring to raking all those leaves. Oh, I suppose that given several oak and maple trees, that's quite a chore, but the real challenge is to create a family team — to help the children learn to work and get along together. Teaching responsibility difficult enough when you have one or two children, but with three or four it can be even more complicated. Naturally, the younger children in the family have the opportunity to grow some roots by modeling their parents or older siblings. The acorn doesn't usually fall far from the tree! Given that you have established a tremendous family tradition, your eight-year-old should have probably known the 'ropes' (or should I have said the branches?). However, even if he couldn't see the forest through the trees, you did not immediately rake him over the coals. You tried to restructure the situation but he chose to have no part in it.

In principle, then, you gave him a form of seclusionary time out. You removed him from a relatively reinforcing situation (working with all of you) to a less reinforcing situation (being removed to the house) in order to decrease his tantruming and noncompliant behavior. In his particular case, such a procedure would probably prove effective since he wanted to be with all of you. He just didn't like his assigned task.

Now the question occurs, if he knows that you are generally fair and would have eventually allowed him to serve as chief leaf scooper, why did he behave in a manner that would probably eliminate him from the playing field (so to speak)? It seems that your son had some strong ideas on the course of his participation. Perhaps, he felt that if he enthusiastically pursued his job, that you would okay it. More than likely, he just became overexcited about serving as chief leaf scooper and was so committed to plan, that at the time he got too caught up in the process to change directions.

Perhaps, if the night before the situation had been discussed and the rules were reviewed, no problem would have arisen. However, an important issue is that your son chose to react to this apparently frustrating situation

by tantruming. He failed to alter his behavior, even when presented with a specific choice: cool down or go in the house. You took the time to briefly explain that he would have his turn to scoop leaves, but that he had another assignment first. Therefore, it seems most appropriate that you followed through.

However, the question remains as to whether you were too harsh with him by not allowing him outdoor playtime for several days. Perhaps, you were. If the purpose of keeping him in was to send him a message (i.e. tantrums don't work around here!) then keeping him in for one or two days might have been just as effective. It would also have been appropriate if you had clearly stated what his choice to continue tantruming would mean if he continued. You might have even more effectively communicated your message by requiring him to sit under a tree for five or ten minutes and then required him to assume the job that he originally was assigned. Then, after some time had elapsed, a brief discussion about the situation followed by assigning him the role as chief leaf scooper might have ultimately conveyed the message.

It is far easier to serve in a role of the Monday morning quarterback after all the excitement has occurred than to handle the crisis 'on the spot.' It is important for children to learn at an early age that being concerned for others, doing their share, and respecting their parents is a significant matter. Many children who never quite learned such values grow into adolescence with a less than appreciate attitude about family responsibility.

In any event, you probably got your message across even though you may have been a bit overbearing about it. It is likely that in the future that under similar circumstances, your son will bough to your wishes, while still partaking in a positive family experience.

Dr. Imber is a professor of Special Education at Rhode Island College, past president of the International Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders and a private consultant. Questions about learning or behavioral problems with children or adolescents may be addressed to him at 145 Waterman St., Providence, R.I. 02906. All communication will be held in strict confidence.

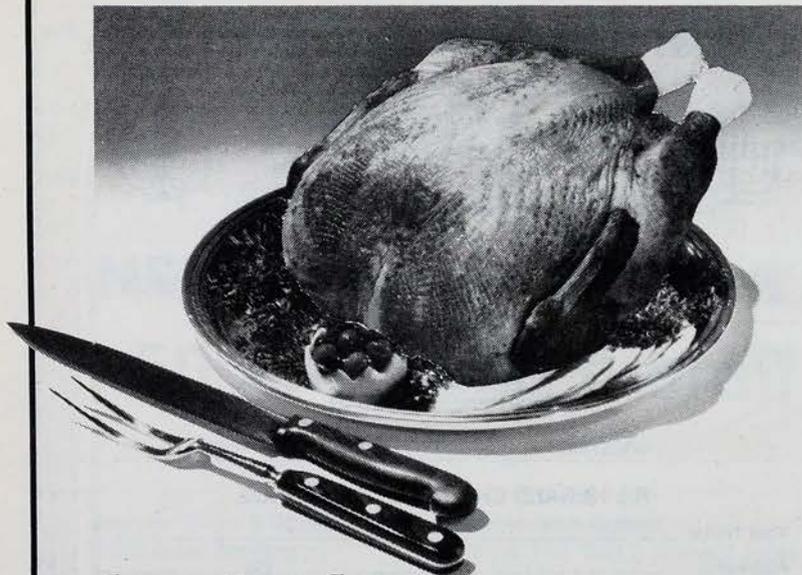
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Annual Survey Of Women Rabbis

NEW YORK (JTA) — Four of the nine women ordained as Reform rabbis last summer have been appointed assistant rabbis and the two women ordained as Reconstructionist rabbis have been placed as solo rabbis, according to the annual Jewish

Telegraphic Agency survey of such placements. Solo rabbis is the term used to describe spiritual leaders of congregations which are too small to need or afford more than one rabbi.

Donna Adler of Brookline, Mass. has been named assistant rabbi at Beth Israel Congregation in Hamilton, Ohio; Beth Davidson of Sag Harbor, N.Y. has been

appointed assistant rabbi at Congregation Ohabai Sholom in Nashville; Lynn Goldstein of Philadelphia has been appointed assistant rabbi at Temple Beth Am in Miami; and Sue Ann Wasserman of Pound Ridge, N.Y. has been appointed assistant rabbi at the Temple in Atlanta, Ga.

Barbara Penzner of Leawood, Kan. and Amy Levenson of Vineland, N.J. are the solo rabbis. Penzner is at the Greater Boston Reconstructionist Havurah and Levenson is at the B'nai Israel Reconstructionist Congregation in South Bend, Ind.

Susan Fletcher of Hermosa Beach, Cal., has been named Hillel director at Los Angeles Valley College; Sarah Messinger of Scarsdale has been named part-time rabbi at Beth Yehuda Synagogue in Lock Haven, Pa. Marjorie Slome of Cincinnati is awaiting placement.

Two of the newly-ordained women Reform rabbis are attending graduate schools, Esther Adler of Tarzana, Cal. at Yale; and Miriam Shapero of Van Nuys, Cal. at Yale.

141 Women Ordained As Rabbis

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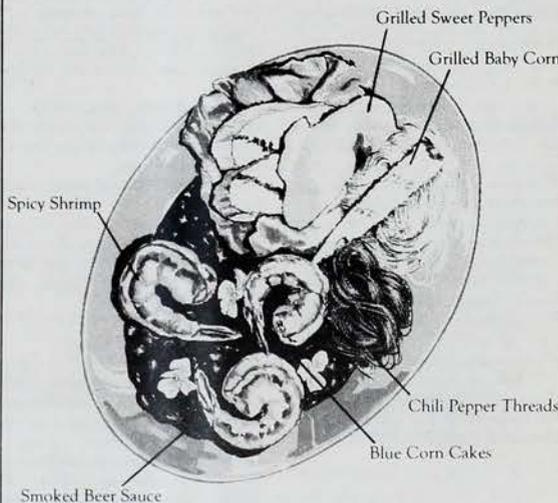
MOSCOW — Rabbi Arthur Schneier (right), president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, presents a copy of a Hebrew-Russian Pentateuch (chumash) to Konstantin Kharchev, chairman of the Council of Religious Affairs, USSR Council of Ministers. The volume, originally printed in Vilna (now Vilnius, capital of Lithuania) in 1902, was reprinted in 10,000 copies by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation in the U.S. Five thousand copies were shipped to Soviet Russia in 1977, but the remainder was delayed by the deterioration of U.S.-Soviet relations. Rabbi Schneier won permission to complete the shipment in a meeting here earlier this year with Minister Kharchev. The chumashim are being made available to synagogue-goers in Moscow and other Jewish communities in the Soviet Union, according to Rabbi Schneier.

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Obituaries

SARAH SHAPIRO

PROVIDENCE — Sarah Shapiro, 80, of Charlesgate East, 50 Randall St., died Friday, November 6, 1987, at Bay Tower Nursing Center. She was the widow of Eli Shapiro.

Born in East Boston, Mass., a daughter of the late Max and Etta (Caplan) Miller, she had lived in Providence 25 years. She previously resided in Lebanon, N.H., for 26 years.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Leisure Club, a life member of the Pawtucket Chapter of Hadassah, the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged and a founding member of the Claremont Chapter of Hadassah, Claremont, N.H.

She leaves two daughters, Janice Ziegler of Pawtucket and Elaine Swartz of Randolph, Mass.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held in Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

GERTRUDE LUBER

PROVIDENCE — Gertrude Luber, 87, of Regency West, died Tuesday, November 3, 1987, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Dr. David Luber.

Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Israel and Minnie Seidman, she lived in Providence most of her life.

Mrs. Luber was a graduate of the former Bryant & Stratton Business College, now Bryant College and a former bookkeeper. She was a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a daughter, Nancy Rosenbaum; a son, Dr. Robert S. Luber, both of Cranston; two sisters, Ann Abedon of Providence and Lillian Solomon of Bay Harbor Islands, Fla.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

JANET LUBOSKY

PROVIDENCE — Janet Lubosky, 93, of the Jewish Home for the Aged died on November 3 at the Home.

Born in Woonsocket, a daughter of the late Jacob and Elizabeth (Marsell) Lubosky, she lived in Warwick before moving to Providence three years ago. She was a buyer for the Outlet Company for 60 years before retiring.

Miss Lubosky was a member of Temple Am David, Hadassah, and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves several nieces and nephews.

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

ANN STERN

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Ann Stern, 80, of 7 Washington Court died on November 7 at Charlton Memorial Hospital. She was the widow of Joseph Stern.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Louis and Elizabeth (Miller) Cohen, she lived in Fall River for many years.

Mrs. Stern was a member of Adas Israel Synagogue.

She leaves two sons, Milton Stern of Fall River and Gary B. Stern in Israel; two brothers, Robert Cohen of Fall River and Sidney Cohen of New York City; a sister, Bette Kahn of New York City; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A funeral service was held at the Fisher Memorial Chapel, 422 N. Main St. Burial was in Hebrew Cemetery.

MINI NARVA

Minnie Narva, 97, died at the Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence, on Saturday, October 31, 1987.

Born in Bristol, R.I., daughter of the late Louis and Pauline Kebrek, she had lived in Providence most of her life. She was the widow of the late Morris Narva.

For 20 years Mrs. Narva had been a bookkeeper for E.E. Smith Lumber Co. in Providence, retiring 20 years ago. She was a member of the Ladies' Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Graveside funeral services took place on November 2. Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

MARIAN SONSKY

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Marian Sonsky, 81, died on November 4 at the Florida Health Care Center where she had lived for a year. She was the widow of Louis Sonsky.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Baer and Anna (Friedman) Ackerman, she moved to Florida 25 years ago.

Mrs. Sonsky was a graduate of the former Rhode Island College of Pharmacy. She and her husband were in the house construction business for 15 years in the Deerfield Beach and Boca Raton areas before retiring seven years ago. She was a member of the Brandeis University Women's Association, B'nai B'rith and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She leaves a sister, Esther Feinberg, and a brother, David Ackerman, both of North Miami Beach.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

LARRY SOREN

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Larry Soren, 44, formerly of Warwick, died Wednesday, November 4, 1987, at Williamson County Medical Center here as a result of injuries he received in an automobile accident. He was the husband of Carol (Cohen) Soren.

Born in Fall River, Mass., a son of Aaron and Selma (Levine) Soren of Warwick, he had lived in Nashville for the past eight years, previously living in Warwick and Providence.

Mr. Soren was an insurance agent with J.C. Penney Company in Nashville.

Besides his wife and parents he leaves two sons, Marc and Jeffrey Soren, both at home, and a brother, Norman Soren of Manchester, Conn.

Funeral services were held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Adolescent Cancer Center Opens

JERUSALEM — A new center devoted solely to the treatment of cancer in adolescents — the first of its kind in Israel and one of only six in the world — will open this month in the Moshe Sharet Institute of Oncology here.

The Adolescent Cancer Center — which, like the Institute, is a part of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center at Ein Karem — will provide special diagnostic and treatment facilities for young people stricken by the disease during the critical transition from childhood and adulthood, according to Dr. Nili Ramu, who will head the new facility.

"Cancer is devastating at any age, but it poses unique problems for both the doctor and the patient in adolescence," Dr. Ramu said. "It is a period of tremendous growth and hormonal changes and crucial psychological development. The physical and emotional impact of the disease at this age is a very difficult challenge for everyone — patient, doctor and family."

Dr. Ramu explained that advanced treatment techniques result in a cure in about 50 percent of adolescent cancer cases, but that often treatment itself can trigger emotional and physical trauma. Medically, cancer patients are considered cured when there has been no recurrence of the disease after five years from their initial treatment.

"Today we are making great efforts to achieve curative rather than just palliative results with

adolescents," Dr. Ramu said. "But more aggressive treatment can increase the risk of short- and long-term complications such as sterility, heart problems and even secondary malignancy."

She added that the new Adolescent Cancer Center will use a range of newly-developed technology to reduce such risks as much as possible, including massive intraoperative radiation therapy and radioactive implants in tumors. Both procedures reduce exposure of healthy tissues to radiation.

The Center will include outpatient clinics and chemotherapy units for adolescents as well as inpatient wards to youngsters requiring longer hospital stays. The facility also will provide group and individual therapy for patients and their families, support groups and related services.

"A youngster's whole world collapses around him when he learns that he has cancer," Dr. Leah Baider, the Center's psychologist, said. "We want to create a very special place where young people, their parents and their brothers and sisters can get help in dealing with the illness and its impact on them all."

The Adolescent Cancer Center is being established with a \$100,000 gift from Drs. Larry and Anna Gould of Boca Raton, Florida, who established the Camp Sunshine program for youngsters with cancer at Lake Sebago, Maine.

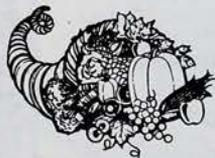
The Running Of The Wine

On Sunday, November 15, a series of runners will relay Sakonnet Vineyards' first Nouveau wine from the Little Compton winery to Rhode Island School of Design's Museum of Art for its official opening. Enhanced by a label based on Claude Monet's painting, *Le Bassin d'Argenteuil*, from the Museum's permanent collection, the first bottle of the young wine will leave the vineyard at 1 p.m. and wend its way from Sakonnet Point over the Mt. Hope Bridge, through Bristol, Barrington, East Providence and the East Side before being uncorked at the Museum, 224 Benefit St., at approximately 5 p.m. A reception for invited guests only will follow.

Following the beaujolais tradition, Sakonnet's Nouveau will be bottled and released shortly

after fermentation, thereby capturing the essence of the grape, says Susan Samson, who with her husband, Earl, recently bought the vineyard. The label featuring Monet's painting of a small river community near Paris celebrates the French-American connection at the heart of Sakonnet's new wine, Samson says.

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Book Review: Eyewitness To Horror

Inside the Vicious Heart: Americans and the Liberation of Nazi Concentration Camps. Robert H. Abzug. Oxford University Press, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016. 1985 xiii, 192 pages. \$17.95 cloth, \$7.95 paper.

Reviewed by
Bonnie Gurewitsch

"It was as though we had penetrated at last to the center of the black heart, to the very crawling inside of the vicious heart."

This is how war correspondent Meyer Levin described his reaction to Ohrdruf, the first concentration camp to be liberated by American troops.

Robert Abzug's book, which takes its title from this response, is an attempt to explore the American confrontation with the camps, in a quest for understanding "how the liberations affected those unsuspecting souls when historical accident made witnesses to the camps, and how their discovery has affected us all."

The book is organized chronologically, describing the camps and their sub-camps in the order of their liberation. Although information about concentration camps and the Final Solution was available in the United States, and the liberations of concentration camps by other Allied forces were widely reported and documented, the Americans reacted with shocked, stunned, disbelief when they personally encountered the camps. Much of *Inside the Vicious Heart* is an exploration of the psychological defenses erected by Americans in order to cope with what they saw.

The author uses a combination of quotations from military reports, news articles, personal memoirs and oral histories to give the reader a vivid sense of the indescribable horror of the camps. Skillfully woven into this tapestry of fact, impression and response, is a brief history of each camp, putting the events of the spring of 1945 into broader perspective.

Several important historical issues are confronted, particularly in regard to Dachau. Abzug is careful to describe the participation of both the 42nd and the 45th Infantry Divisions in the liberation, as well as the machine-gunning of the captured German guards, in a violent response to the atrocities just witnessed. The issue of the gas chambers at Dachau is also discussed, although Abzug is somewhat ambiguous in his conclusions about the use of the gas chambers. There is additional documentary material in the sources cited by Mr. Abzug in his excellent bibliography which would have helped him resolve the issue.

Another important area which is not neglected by this book is the

response of Jewish soldiers to the Jewish tragedy, the particular needs of the Jewish survivors, and the shift in American policy which finally acknowledged these needs. The American army recognized only national groups of European sovereign nations; Jews were considered a religion, and Jewish survivors were both described and treated, in occupation and repatriation policies, as Poles, Hungarians, Slovaks, Russians, etc. While this policy was a function of a peculiarly American "blindness" to religious prejudice, its effects on Jewish survivors were devastating, eventually becoming a political embarrassment which led to policy changes.

The author's sensitivity to these Jewish issues is commendable. However, the personal involvement of Jewish soldiers in the process of relief, restoration of Jewish community life, in reunification of families and immigration to Palestine and the United States is barely hinted at. Again, other archival sources would have yielded fascinating material to further develop this part of the story.

The reader of *Inside the Vicious Heart* certainly absorbs a clear sense of the scope of the historical, geographic and political framework of the events. An appendix describing the author's sources and a bibliography are excellent tools for further reading and research. Many fine photographs illustrate each chapter.

The book, however, is, perhaps, limited by its emphasis on the initial response to the carnage, the de-humanization, the stench and the horror. Just as those first eyewitnesses found the horror almost unbelievable even as they saw it and smelled it, the reader feels removed from it, unable to come to grips with the issues, either intellectually or emotionally. Only in the all-too-brief excerpts from the liberators oral history testimonies does the reader get a glimpse of the human response that can be identified with. We do not get insight into the effect of the liberations, into the active responses of people like ourselves to events beyond imagination. The struggle to cope should be explored, as well as the long term effects on the individual. Did this experience change the liberators? Do their current lives reflect the experience of 1945 in any way?

Inside the Vicious Heart is, therefore, a fine introduction to the subject of the American liberations of concentration camps. The serious reader must look further to broaden his or her understanding, and knowledge. Mr. Abzug has provided a very useful beginning and given good direction to this quest.

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The weekend begins Friday evening, November 13 when Steinberg will conduct the Temple choir, orchestra and soloist Ida Rae Hersh in a premier of a new work. The piece consists of a preparatory choral meditation



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On Saturday evening, November 14 at 7:30 p.m., Steinberg will discuss his music, both sacred and secular, center stage in the Temple Meeting Hall. This cabaret program is open to members and their guests. There is no fee for admission.

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