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A Magical History Tour

by Sandra Silva

On Saturday, February 27, 1988 Hadassah Davis of Providence received an award from the National Historical Society. The award, presented by the League of Rhode Island Historical Societies, was for organizations or institutions who have made substantial contributions to the study of local history.

The announcement I received from the Historical Society read:

"Hadassah Davis, a free-lance writer and historian, has several outstanding books including *History You Can See* and *What Cheer, Netop! Selections from a Key into the Language of America* by Roger Williams, both published in 1986. These books and her enthusiastic cooperation with educators and (history professionals) have made her a major force in the presentation of the state's past to a wide audience."

Paul Bourcier, the museum curator for the Rhode Island Historical Society, said, "Hadassah was chosen as the recipient of the award because of her level of scholarship, painstaking research and thoughtful analysis. She writes in a very lucid style and avoids antiquarianism, the study of something because it is old even if it is not relevant. She makes history meaningful for people of today."

Having never seen any of her work, I was curious to meet this woman who had done so much to bring alive the history of our state. I decided to pay Mrs. Davis a visit. I had no idea of what an entertaining morning I was to spend with her nor of how impressed I would be with her books.

Hadassah opened her door to me with a smile of greeting and showed me into the sitting room where I had a chance to peruse her books, for the first time, while she made coffee for us. I became so wrapped up in the books that I never even heard her return. The books are history and educational yet they are interesting and fun reading. Pick up one of these books instead of a current best-seller and you probably won't put it down. As a Rhode Islander, you'll see and read of people, places and events that are an everyday part of Ocean State life.

In *History You Can See* the reader is introduced to the persons who built and lived in existing historical homes throughout the state and even allowed a look inside some of them. You meet the people who began major industries in towns and cities throughout the state. There are etchings and maps of towns and cities as they were developing in the seventeen and eighteen hundreds.

Hadassah began her historical writings in the early seventies. At that time there was not much available in the stores for anyone who wanted to know about Rhode Island so she wrote a few small booklets on specific areas of Rhode Island history. These booklets were sold in some stores and distributed among some of her friends.

Natalie Robinson, then a teacher at School One, was one of the people to get a booklet. They discussed how history was so much more interesting if it connects with buildings and places rather than just the pages of a book. Through School One Hadassah and Natalie put in a proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities and were given a grant.

Working in conjunction with other teachers at School One they put together a teacher's guide for Rhode Island History. It did not have any history text, just lesson plans, so the teachers would have to find their own historical reference materials to use with them. This virtually doubled the amount of work that was required for each presentation and outside source materials were not plentiful.

Hadassah and Natalie Robinson then decided to write a book of Rhode Island History that would both supplement the teacher's book and stand on its own. The result was *History You Can See* which was distributed to the local high schools. It is now available for purchase at the Roger Williams Memorial on North Main Street and at the Rhode Island Historical Society.

It is a great addition to any Rhode Island household. It could be used as a guide for what to do on weekends. For example, there are

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Providence Man Pioneers In Galilee

by Robert Holtzman

Remember Ma'alot? A little town, five miles south of the Lebanese border. In 1974, a terrorist attack on an elementary school. Twenty two visiting high school students killed. Cover photo on *Time* magazine.

It was not the tragedy that attracted David Bellin, a native of Providence, to Ma'alot. It was the town's response to the tragedy. "Some groups will mourn forever," said Bellin. But others will take disaster and build something good upon it.

Ma'alot did build a small memorial in the schoolroom where the children were murdered. But the room is not a somber, holy shrine shrouded in black. People do not speak there in respectful, hushed tones. Rather, it has become the most lively place in the school. The room was turned into the school's audio-visual center and its library. Students race in and out, getting and exchanging books, operating A-V equipment, discussing, playing, laughing.

In this way, the town denied the power of the terrorists' attack, denied the terrorists' goal. The town chose to take the emblem of death, the sign that they were not wanted, and turn it completely around. Its site is a sign of life and joy and learning. The attack failed, for its message failed.

That's what brought David Bellin to this isolated town in the Galilee.

Bellin is the son of Dr. Leonard and Mrs. Shirley Bellin of Providence. The family has lived here since around the turn of the century. Bellin was graduated from Brown University in 1976 with a BA in Religious Studies. A couple years after graduating he moved to Israel. He studied to become a licensed tour guide—a program



David Bellin saw service in Lebanon during his year and a half with the IDF. Here, he poses on top of Beaufort Castle above the Litani River.

comparable to earning another BA. He served for a year and a half in the armed forces, including time in Lebanon. He's now in the reserves, and serves for a short period each year.

Four years ago, he left Jerusalem "to engage in Zionist pioneering." "There's not much pioneering spirit left" in Israel, Bellin said in an interview at the *Herald's* offices in Pawtucket last week. Most of Israel's population lives in the developed coastal area between Tel Aviv and Haifa. There, he said, the ruling ethic is described as the "three Vs"—villa, Volvo, and video.

The Galilee, on the other hand, is still "frontier." About 65% of the population there is Arab. Like the Negev, much of the Galilee is a backwater, neglected by the government's plans for development. Unlike the Negev, however, the region is lush, beautiful, covered with forests of pine and of oak. It's still a place where the more adventurous of Israel's Jews can go to try their hands at nation-building.

Ma'alot was a "Development Town," one of 20 or 30 such settlements built in the 1950s to accommodate the rapid influx of immigrants.

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Purim Carnival Causes Problems For Tel Aviv

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Some 60 years ago, when this first all-Jewish city of modern times was in its teens, the population decided it was ready to celebrate the joyful festival of Purim with a carnival.

At the urging of then Mayor Meir Dizengoff, his municipal council and the citizens — all of whom were then on a first-name basis — the artists and intellectuals gathered at the Sheleg Levanon (Snows of Lebanon) or Kassit Cafe to plan an event.

Thus the Adloyada was born — named for the Hebrew injunction that on the Feast of Lots, celebrating the Jews' salvation from the wicked wiles of Haman, a good Jew was allowed to drink until he could not distinguish between the names of the good Mordechai and the wicked Haman.

With Dizengoff riding ahead on his white costumed horse, the

Adloyada carnival parade got off to a grand start.

It continued as an annual event until the shadow of anti-Jewish excesses by the Nazis in Germany — even before the concentration and death camps — coupled with the Arab riots of 1936 convinced the city it was not proper to rejoice while their brethren were being persecuted.

The Adloyada has never been revived in anything like its original size or format, although some efforts have been made.

Two years ago, shopkeepers and office owners along Rehov Sheinkin — one of the few streets in Tel Aviv to maintain any of its original color and flavor — staged a "little Adloyada" with minor success.

And this year a procession is to be staged, including youthful marchers and floats, through Tel Aviv's main streets.

But a modern Adloyada poses modern problems. Unlike the old Adloyada, for which only a few

horse-drawn carts and primitive buses had to be withdrawn, the current mini-version is likely to cause a massive traffic jam with the diversion of hundreds of thousands of vehicles which cram into the city daily.

This year, during which Purim falls March 3, the most evident sign of the approaching Purim festival has been police activity in checking toy shops for the illegal sale of cap-pistols, cherry bombs and minor noise-making fireworks, the use of which has been banned following several cases of injuries to children, including damage to eyes.

Parents have also been warned to ensure that their children's fancy dress costumes — from Queen Esthers to spacemen and, yes, Rambos — are inflammable.

The carnival faces yet one more obstacle — competition with advertisements for special trips to Rio de Janeiro to see an even bigger carnival.



Roger Williams taken at the Roger Williams Memorial on North Main Street.

Local News

Ohawe Sholam

Services at Ohawe Shalom this Friday night are 5:30 p.m. Shabbat morning services are 9 a.m. followed by Kiddush. Mincha Saturday afternoon is at 5:20 p.m. with the Third Sabbath Meal to follow. Ma'Ariv is at 6:20 p.m. Havdalah is at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming events include:

1) Saturday, March 12 — Bar Mitzvah of Allan Mal.
2) Tuesday, March 15, 22, 29 — Seminar on Passover for the whole Jewish community (including preparations for the Holiday, Seder, etc.) 8 p.m. at the Congregation.

3) March 20 — Rabbi will begin acting as an agent to sell your chametz.

Any questions about Passover will be answered by Rabbi Jacobs at 724-3552.

Sons Of Jacob

The current schedule for Sons of Jacob Synagogue is:

Friday, March 4 — Lighting of Candles by 5:10 p.m.; Minchah service begins 5:20 p.m.

Saturday, March 5 — P'Ki-Tisa, morning services 8:30 a.m. Kiddush follows immediately. Minchah service 5:15 p.m. 3rd meal follows immediately — also zemist (songs). Saturday is over at 6:15 p.m.

Sunday, March 6 — Morning services 7:45 a.m.

Always, refreshments after services. Sponsored by the synagogue. Minchah the entire week 5:15 p.m. Maariv the entire week 6:05 p.m.

This week Rabbi Drazin's topics are the preparations for Passover — April 1 being the 1st Seder. His lectures and discussions are each weekday between the Minchah and Maariv services.

Temple Beth-El

An unusual illustrated lecture program on an equally unusual subject will be presented at Temple Beth-El in Providence on Tuesday, March 22 when Dr. Judith Testa, Associate Professor of Art at Northern Illinois University, discusses "The Jewish Catacombs of Rome."

Most people, thinking of Rome's historic burial places, consider only its Christian catacombs, little realizing that there are other catacombs in Rome, even older than the Christian ones — the burial places of the oldest Jewish community in the Western world — the Jews of Rome.

The Jewish catacombs, which have disappeared and reappeared from public attention, have only recently been opened to the public for viewing. Dr. Testa spent several months in advance of this availability studying and photographing the scene.

The two opened catacombs, those of the Villa Torlonia and of the Vigna Randenini, contain paintings of some specifically Jewish objects, but many of the paintings are of subjects also commonly found in pagan (but not in Christian) catacombs. Dr. Testa will interpret the meaning of this proximity as well as the meaning of the Jewish works of art and objects. She will also answer questions as to why the Jewish catacombs have remained virtually unknown while the Christian catacombs have long been major tourist attractions.

Dr. Testa is a graduate of Skidmore College and the University of Chicago. She received her Ph.D. on the History of Art at Northern Illinois University. Recipient of many honors and special grants, she has

published many articles and professional papers as well as several books. Her newest book, "The Jewish Catacombs of Rome: An Ancient Heritage Recovered," was published last year.

The program will be held at 8 p.m. at the Temple. Admission will be open to all interested adults at no charge. For additional information, call Temple Beth-El, 331-6070.

Beth-El Brotherhood Sabbath

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth-El will participate in a special Sabbath worship service on March 18 at 8:15 p.m. in the Temple's Bennett Chapel. Members of the Brotherhood Board will participate in this service which will be led by Rabbi Leslie Y. Guterman. Following services at the Oneg Shabbat, a program entitled *Jewish Life on Campus* will be presented by Rabbi Alan C. Flam, Director of the Brown-RISD Hillel Foundation and Associate Chaplain, Brown University. Rabbi Flam directs one of the most active and successful Hillels in the country. He will moderate a panel of students who will reflect upon issues of Jewish identity at colleges and universities. The community is welcome to join in the fellowship of worship.

For more information call 331-6070.

Celebration Of Jewish Music Month

On Friday evening, March 11, the Temple Beth-El Choir will present songs by Ben Steinberg, Max Janowsky and selections from *Fiddler on the Roof* at the Oneg Shabbat in honor of Jewish Music Month. Members of the quartet include: Joanne Mouradian, soprano, Hillary Nicholson, mezzo-soprano, Edward Whalen, tenor and Kenneth Clauser, baritone. The quartet is directed by Rosamond Wadsworth, Music Director at Temple Beth-El since 1979. The Temple's organist is Vance Westgate, organist at Beneficent Congregational Church as well as Beth-El. The quartet will perform following worship services at 8:15 p.m. The community is welcome. For more information call 331-6070.

Beth Sholom

Congregation Beth Sholom will be presenting the third of its four-part lecture series on "Medicine and Halacha" on Monday evening, March 7. The topic will be "Halachically Questionable Medical Procedures: Sterilization, Experimentation, Harmful Cures." Rabbi Shmuel Singer, Ph.D. is the speaker for the entire lecture series. The program begins at 8 p.m. There is a charge of \$15 for the whole series.

Important Notice:

To all local organizations and readers:

Please note that our deadline for material falls at 12:00 noon on the Tuesday before publication. Notices of all sorts received after this time cannot be included in the current week's issue. This includes announcements of public functions, births, engagements, obituaries, letters, etc. All announcements should be typed, double-spaced.

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Touro News

The next Communal Breakfast at Touro Synagogue is scheduled for Sunday, March 6, at 9:30 a.m. With Mayor Robert J. McKenna as featured speaker, the program will be held in the Jewish Community Center Social Hall. A religious service will immediately precede this program, in the main sanctuary at 9 a.m.

Mr. McKenna was a State Senator for many years, serving in many capacities during that time; most notably, as Chairman of the Finance Committee. Additionally, he has a special interest in the background and culture of the various people who have contributed to the development of our state, and consequently has served as Chairman of the Rhode Island Heritage Commission. In addition to serving as Newport's Mayor (a position he assumed on January 1st of this year), our guest speaker is Director of Public Relations at Salve Regina College here in Newport.

The Mayor's topic at the Communal Breakfast will be "Newport — Today and Tomorrow." We feel the presentation will be of interest to all members and friends, and are excited at the opportunity to meet one of the leaders of our local government.

This event is open to the general public. For more information, contact the Synagogue office at 847-4794.

The first week-end in March will be a very special time at Touro Synagogue. Members and friends are cordially invited to share in any or all of the planned events.

— SCHEDULE —

Wednesday, March 2 — 6 p.m., Traditional Purim Service, "Reading of the Megillah."

Thursday, March 3 — 8 a.m., "Businessman's Special" Service. "Observe the holiday before starting your day." 4:30 p.m., Traditional Purim "Seudah" (Feast) Open House for congregation members as guests of Rabbi and Mrs. Shapiro. A truly unique event! Please respond promptly so the Rebbitzen can be sure she has enough food (849-5318).

Friday, March 4 — 6 p.m., Regular Sabbath Service. 8:00 p.m., Late Friday Evening Service, Oneg Shabbat. Special Breastplate Dedication in memory of Mrs. Malvina Katz. Sermon: "The Jewish Trinity." Collation sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Slom in honor of their 35th Wedding Anniversary.

Saturday, March 5 — 9 a.m., Regular Sabbath Service. Guest Cantor: Yale Epstein. A memorial musical experience!

Sunday, March 6 — 9 a.m., Worship Service. 9:30 a.m., Communal Breakfast. "Newport — Today and Tomorrow." Speaker: The Hon. Robert J. McKenna, Mayor of Newport.

Temple Shalom

Early Sabbath Eve Family Worship Services will be held on Friday evening, March 4. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will officiate. He will invite all those children having birthdays during the month of March to come up to the pulpit for a blessing and to participate in Kiddush. The Rabbi will also share a very special story with the worshippers. An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service, graciously sponsored by David and Carol Bazarsky in honor of their sons.

The Rabbi's Adult Education will be meeting on Sunday evening, March 13th for a dinner and a program on "Skinheads." Featured speaker for the event is Sally Greenberg of the Anti Defamation League of Boston. Reservations may be made by calling the Temple office.

The Annual Temple Seder will take place on Friday evening, April 1st. Reservations are being taken by Mrs. Barbara Jagolinzer. The deadline is March 18th.

JCC News

Peter London Opens At Gallery 401

A series of charcoal drawings, impressions in and around Jerusalem, done by Peter London while on an American Jewish Committee Fellowship to Israel, will open in Gallery 401 of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence with a reception on Sunday, March 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. The show will continue through March 31.

With bold strokes and vibrant composition, Mr. London, who is a professor in the Art Department of Southeastern Massachusetts University, captures a quality of Israeli spirit.

Gallery hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Saturday. For further information call Ann Miller at 861-8800.

Annual Swimathon

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Health and Physical Education Departments annual swimathon will be held from Sunday, March 6 through Sunday, March 13 during regular pool hours at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence.

Swimmers of all ages are eligible to participate. The fundraiser helps to support the H & PE Department.

Each swimmer can pick up a sponsor sheet in the basketroom. Family, friends and neighbors can be sponsors for each lap.

This year prizes will be awarded for each child raising \$25 or more and each adult raising \$50 or more. Filled sponsor sheets may be returned on any Swimathon day.

A children's swim exhibition will be the kickoff event on Sunday, March 6 at 10 a.m. Family and friends are invited to see children of all ages demonstrate their aquatic skills. A family swim from 11 a.m. to noon will follow. A \$2 spectator fee will be donated to the Swimathon proceeds. For Swimathon information, call Patty Winer Gold at 861-8800.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY SEDER

Volunteers are needed to help with the Community Seder which will be held on the second night of Passover, Saturday, April 2 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence.

Tasks for the seder, co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island and the Moes Chitim Fund of Jewish Family Service, includes set-up, clean-up and transportation. To volunteer, please call Karen Lowe at 861-8800.

Temple Emanu-El

An evening of pops-style music for the whole family is scheduled at Temple Emanu-El. The renowned Kadima Band will perform a variety of Hassidic, rock, folk, Israeli, and Broadway music to benefit the Harry Elkin Midrasha on Saturday, March 12, at 7:30 pm. There will be snacks, drinks, and a Viennese Table. General Admission is \$12/adults, \$6/students and seniors. Patrons, donors, and sponsors donation is \$25. For more information, call 331-0956.

Torat Yisrael

A concert of two of New England's finest cantors will be performed at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston on Saturday, March 19, at 8:30 pm. The program features Cantor Samuel Linkovsky and guest Cantor Aryeh Finklestein. The program includes an international potpourri of English and modern Israeli songs, grand cantorial, Yiddish songs, operatic selections, and instrumental classics performed by Steven Martorella. There is limited seating available. Call 785-1800 for reservations.

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Jewish Women's Symposium

This Sunday, March 6 at the Marriott Inn in Providence, Jewish women from Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island will assemble for a Symposium entitled "The Jewish Woman '88 — A Voyage of Self Discovery."

The symposium is designed to focus on the unique responsibilities of the Jewish woman to herself, her family and her community. It is being sponsored by N'Shei Chabad — the Lubavitch Women's Organization.

According to Yocheved Adelman, the purpose of the Symposium is to foster unity among Jewish women of all

affiliations; and to enhance appreciation for and understanding of their beautiful heritage. Mrs. Adelman notes that the timing of this event is as unique as the event itself. "The Week of the Jewish Woman takes place around Purim. As those who are familiar with the holiday know, Queen Esther was chosen by the Creator to save the entire Jewish people.

The Week of the Jewish Woman is an annual event which began over five years ago. This year, celebrations are being held throughout the world. More than 120,000 women are expected to participate in events scheduled in major cities in the United States, Europe, South Africa, South America and Israel.

In Providence, the Symposium will be held at the Providence Marriott Inn, Douglas and Orms St., 7:30 p.m., Sunday evening March 6. The program includes speakers, workshops, an audio-video presentation, music, displays of interest to women, gift packs for all participants and much more.

Featured speakers will include Ms. Gila Brock, a successful New York stockbroker who will share the moving, personal story of how she returned to her Jewish roots; and Mrs. Rochel Fogelman, former Principal of the Worcester Academy of Massachusetts, who will speak on the depth and beauty of Shabbat.

In addition to speakers, there will be two workshops. "Elevating the Edible" will present an in-depth look at the laws of Kashrut and their effect on individuals and the world at large. "Sanctifying the Sensual" will present the Jewish view of love and marriage.

The Symposium is open to all Jewish women in Southeastern New England. Tickets for the event are just \$7.50 each. Special student tickets are available in advance or at the door for just \$5.00.

For further information or reservations, contact Freida Estrin at 272-6772 or Michla Laufer at 273-7238.

RIPTA Detour Details

Effective Monday, February 29, 1988, the Number 71 Broad Street buses operating to Ann & Hope and Lincoln Mall in Cumberland and Lincoln respectively, will be on detour.

Buses will operate by the regular route to Broad and Chambers Streets in Cumberland, then they will turn left on Chambers to John Street. Buses will continue along John and Front Streets turning right on Lonsdale Avenue then right on Mill Street. Buses will loop around the rotary at Mill and Broad Streets (Ann & Hope). Trips that continue on to Lincoln Mall will operate from Mill and Broad via their normal routes.

Return trips will follow the same route as above in the reverse direction. This detour will be in effect for approximately one month. Passengers normally boarding buses on Broad Street between John and Mill Streets will have to now board their buses along the detour route.

Anyone having additional questions regarding the detour route or schedule information can call 781-9400, 1-800-662-5088 or for the hearing impaired TDD 461-9400.

Comparative Religions Lecture At Brown

Professor Ernest S. Frerichs, Director of the Brown University Program in Judaic Studies announced that the Program in Judaic Studies will present to the public a series of lectures on March 7, 8 and 9 by Professor Jonathan Z. Smith, who is the Robert O. Anderson Distinguished Service Professor in the Humanities at the University of Chicago. This is an annual lectureship which will honor in this year the generous benefactions of Mrs. Selma Pilavin-Robinson to Brown University and its Program in Judaic Studies. Mrs. Robinson, a resident of Providence, established twenty years ago the Albert and Selma F. Pilavin Collection of Judaica and Hebraica which has grown through her continuing support.

The Selma Pilavin Robinson 1988 Lectures are entitled: "That Kin of Which He is, but Hee"; On The Comparison of Early Christianity and the Religions of Late Antiquity.

They will be offered as follows: March 7, The Comparative Enterprise; March 8, Comparing Stories; March 9, Comparing Settings.

The lectures will be offered each evening at 8 p.m. in the Barus and Holley Bldg., Room 158, 184 Hope Street.

Professor Smith is a leading historian of religion in the United States who served as a former Dean of the College at the University of Chicago. A baccalaureate and doctoral graduate of Yale University, Professor Smith has served as a faculty member at Dartmouth College and the University of California at Santa Barbara. A member of many editorial boards and a frequent university lecturer, Professor Smith's many publications include *Map Is Not Territory*; *Studies in the History of*



Professor Jonathan Z. Smith

Religion; *Imagining Religion*; *From Babylon to Jonestown*; and *To Take Place: Toward Theory in Ritual* (1987). (The latter book based on the Merrill Hassenfeld Memorial Lectures delivered at Brown in 1985)

The lectures are open to the public.

Jacob Neusner Honored

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — At its commencement in May, 1988, the University of Rochester will confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters on Brown University's Jacob Neusner, University Professor and The Ungerleider Distinguished Scholar of Judaic Studies.

Neusner will address the graduating seniors and their families as part of the graduation program.

This is the seventh such award to come to Neusner, who also holds honorary doctorates from University of Chicago, University of Cologne, and (as of March 17, 1988) University of Bologna, as well as the University Medal for Excellence of Columbia University.

He has taught at Brown University for twenty years and is author or editor of more than two hundred scholarly books, text books, and collections of essays, and other writings. In addition, Dr. Neusner is a frequent contributor to the *Rhode Island Herald*.

West Bay JCC

The West Bay Jewish Community Center Toddler Playgroup is now accepting applications for the 1988-89 school year. This cooperative playgroup meets 2 mornings each week for two hours. There are two groups: one meeting Tuesday and Thursday, and the other on Wednesday and Friday. A certified Early Childhood Education Teacher leads the group with the help of two parents at each session. Each group is limited to 12 children whose birthdates fall between March 1986 and December 1986. The meeting place is at Temple Sinai, Hagen Ave., Cranston. Class hours are 9:15-11:15.

The objectives of the playgroup are to promote socialization, sharing, experience in a group setting, and most of all... having FUN!

Registration will take place on Tuesday, March 8 on a first-come basis at the West Bay Federation Office at Cowesett Office Park, 3657 Post Rd., Warwick from 10 a.m.-noon.

For further information, please call 831-1390.

Touro Fraternal News

Sunday, March 6 — Touro will be on the Channel 12 Meeting School Telethon from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. We urge our members to call in and ask for the Touro phone to make your donation to the Meeting Street School. Let's try to top last year.

March 23 — Touro Fraternal Association meeting at Vasa Hall nomination of officers and a free deli dinner. Be prompt at 6:30 p.m. Also initiation of new members will be held at that meeting. A door prize will be given away. Members must be present to win.

April 17 — A Touro member only husband-and-wife brunch two-for-one will be held at Evelyn's Villa, 272 Cowesett Ave., W. Warwick. Time of Brunch will be 10:30 a.m. sharp. Probate judge, Shayle Robinson will be the featured speaker.

April 27 — The association will have its Initiation of Candidates at a half-price dinner at Archies Tavern Restaurant, 47 Mendon Ave., in Pawtucket. Those who have gone know this is a dinner not to be missed.

May 11 — Election of Officers: Voting to be held at Touro Hall, 960 Reservoir Ave., Cranston, R.I. a lot of changes are to be decided, so we are looking for a large turn out at this election. Do not forget voting time is from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. sharp.

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From The Editor

by Robert Holtzman

On Listening With Tact And Discretion

A few weeks ago I was walking with friends around Faneuil Hall in Boston. A young man approached me, stopped directly in front of me, and held out his hand, obviously expecting me to shake it. Perhaps I was rude, perhaps I was unnecessarily suspicious, but I did not shake his hand. I stood there silently. The young man spoke. "Aren't you going to shake my hand?" "Why?" I asked. "Who are you?" "I'm an American," he replied. (I'm not making this up.) He appeared to be drunk. I sidestepped him and began to walk on with my friends. The young man yelled after me, "Jew. What's wrong with you, Jew? Don't you love America? Heil Hitler!" I continued walking, and he continued yelling for a while.

I did not call a cop. I did not feel as though I'd been attacked. I did not feel as though he had tried to deprive me of my civil rights. I did not feel like a victim of anything. Even cretins, after all, are entitled to their opinions.

I am quite certain that the young man had no Nazi tendencies. I believe that, in his drunkenness, he groped for the easiest means to insult me. Perhaps I was ripe for being insulted, having rejected his (possibly) well-intended but drunkenly-motivated handshake of brotherhood.

I'd be quite surprised if I were to learn that the young man honestly hates Jews. If he were asked when sober if he harbored such animosities, I expect he would deny it. I'd be not at all surprised to learn that he has some true friends of the Jewish persuasion.

Arab Obstacles To Shultz

by Eric Rozenman

As George Shultz prepared to leave on his mission to the Middle East last week, PLO leader Yasir Arafat forbade Palestinian Arab representatives to meet with the Secretary of State. PLO Radio said, "The masses of our people have decided to boycott ... [the] visit. Therefore, we warn those who seek to meet with Shultz. Woe unto he who meets with the Zionist Shultz. Our people will have no mercy on anyone who deviates ..."

Meanwhile, Palestinian Arab organizers in the territories — linked to the PLO — called for a new round of violence to protest the secretary's visit. Broadcasting to the territories from Syria, Radio al-Quds, a clandestine station tied to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, called on Palestinian Arabs "to show your strength, the strength of your uprising ... in the face of Shultz."

Arafat told Radio Monte Carlo, "The uprising will continue, wave after wave, until the occupation ends and the Palestinian flag is hoisted over Jerusalem."

During a speech in Washington, Emile Sahliye, assistant professor of political science at North Texas State University, predicted the Shultz initiative will fail, in part, due to Palestinian skepticism of the American official. "If he is carrying a persuasive suggestion, they could be won over," said the Palestinian Arab academic.

Sahliye said that the Palestinians have tasted success and are unwilling to set aside rioting until their demands are met. "The uprising succeeded in refocusing Arab attention at the Palestinian question, reactivating American diplomatic efforts, causing a split within the American Jewish community, shocking the Israeli public and exposing Israel's harsh measures within the occupied territories throughout the world and particularly to the American public." He predicted that this "success ... will strengthen their will and determination to make the cost of the Israeli military occupation morally and physically very high."

In a Washington address, Israeli Ambassador to the United States Moshe Arad called the rioting "a new

form of warfare" and warned "it must be recognized that no amount of rioting or agitation will lead to a peaceful solution. ... No one in the Israeli government believes or suggests that this is a conflict which can be resolved by military confrontation."

Arad complained that "little attention has been paid in the past two months to the enormous difficulty and complexity and the dilemmas in which Israel has found itself for the past 40 years, and the deep inner pain that it causes to our people, to soldiers and civilians alike, to be forced into a violent confrontation. ... Their lives are as important as our lives and we are deeply sorry about the loss of life of any individual."

The Ambassador expressed regret that Israeli soldiers have exceeded their directives in certain cases. Arad welcomed the Shultz initiative "because we attach great importance to any efforts that hold even the hope for negotiations that will lead to a peaceful political settlement and we feel that this is the only way the conflict can be stopped."

It's illegal to even joke about hijacking

"We regard the initiative as a significant opportunity to advance the peace process and we hope that similar reaction will come from [Jordanian] King Hussein." But Hussein will be on a ski vacation in Europe while Shultz is in the Jordanian capital. The King previously rejected a U.S. offer to meet Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on the sidelines of last December's U.S.-Soviet summit, insisting, instead, on a U.N.-sponsored international conference on the Middle East.

Arad said that "the Israeli government since 1967 has avoided taking a unilateral measure of annexation of these territories. Therefore these territories are subject to future negotiations on the basis of [U.N. Security Council] Resolution 242."

Confronted with the U.S. charge that settlements in the territories are an obstacle to peace, the Ambassador said: "I want to know why even though very few settlements have been established during the last two years, no Arab leader has come forward to negotiate."

Mr. Rozenman is editor of Near East Report.

in a U.S. airport—as if hijackers would give the game away that easily. There is a difference between a harmless—if tasteless—joke and shouting "fire" in a crowded theater. But somehow, someone ignored the distinction and passed a law.

I'm particularly aware of how sensitive people can be about words because I constantly offend without meaning to. With the best of intentions, I find people becoming angry with me. I ask my wife to please change the cat litter, and somehow it comes out sounding like "Hey, are you lazy or something? Change the cat box, you slob." I offer help to someone rewriting an article. How is it received? "Your writing stinks."

I suppose many of us find ourselves in this situation. Tact, it seems, is more to be valued than forthrightness. One of my favorite quotes these days is "Tact is the unsaid part of what you think." I may have it printed up to hang on my wall. But I'm not sure if it will encourage tact or honesty.

It's curious how, sometimes, the merest casual comments of a public figure can land him in a world of trouble, while at other times, the most outrageous statements can be made without repercussions. Take, for example, the recent brouhaha surrounding Jimmy the Greek. He said words to the effect that black people in the U.S. excel as athletes because they were bred for strength by slave owners. That belief got him fired. He was not fired for trying to promote an unacceptable racist doctrine, but rather, for expressing what he believed—rightly or wrongly—to be a fact. The Greek's sin, it seems, was a failure to recognize how sensitive people can be.

Take also for example the comments made several years ago by Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz regarding the primary motivations of black people. The comments were odious, obnoxious, and defamatory. They were also made, Mr. Butz believed, in confidence—off the record. And, while they may or may not have reflected his true opinion, the expression he used was clearly not intended to be taken seriously.

Butz's crimes were in not recognizing the voracity with which the press would jump on the ugly statement, and in not appreciating the willingness of people to assume the worst possible intent.

I would not want any bureaucrat serving my country to subscribe to those comments publicly. But I know of virtually no one who has never uttered some kind of ethnic joke. We can demand that our public officials refrain from making prejudicial statements publicly. We should also expect them to occasionally make such comments privately, and shouldn't condemn them too harshly for it. I'm not aware of any

actions Butz ever made that were prejudicial to blacks. It's the actions, not the words, that should count.

On the other hand, take the outrageous lies being foisted upon us now, during the presidential campaigns. We seem inured to the kind of institutionalized horsefeathers we hear around this time every fourth year. But somehow, we've learned to ignore these statements. We don't hold the winning candidate to his word. For some reason, we're willing to accept his words as "mere campaign promises"—in other words, not to be considered seriously.

Pat Robertson's recent statements, blaming George Bush for orchestrating the Jimmy Swaggart revelations fall into this category. Mr. Robertson is not held accountable for these outrageous accusations. If he were in office, however, he would be more than accountable—he would be hounded by the press and the public into a recantation or his political life would be at hazard. Why is it that we can accept being lied to in this shameless manner during a campaign, but we get so indignant about a little lack of tact when the person is in office? Are the things people say in public important or are they not? Where is our sense of consistency?

Another quote I'm fond of, from Alfred Yarwood, *His Life and Work*, reads, "If you need money, you can work for it; if you want grace, you may pray for it; but if you are without tact, there is no hope for you." How true. And how sad that that is where our priorities lie.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I have just returned on the 20th of February, 1988 from a visit to Moscow and Leningrad where, with a group of Jewish American Activists, we met with over 200 refuseniks.

We were asked by the Committee of Jewish Women Refuseniks to announce that they will conduct a three-day fast on March 6, 7, and 8th to publicize their wish and desire to emigrate from the Soviet Union to the free world.

I was also given a statement by Yulie Kasharovsky, who is a refusenik for 17 years and will begin a fast for himself and his wife, Isadora, starting on March 10. Enclosed is his statement and declaration of intent.

The woman refuseniks have asked that telegrams and telephone calls of support be made on March 6, 7, and 8.

Further, I request that letters, telegrams of support be sent to Yulie Kasharovsky and to Secretary General Mikhail Gorbachev.

Haste in bringing the current activities to public attention is vital in view of Secretary George Schultz's current visit to the Soviet Union.

Rabbi Jacob S. Friedman
Temple Beth Torah
Ocean City, N.J.

A PRESS STATEMENT

My family will be marking another doleful anniversary on March 10. This year it will mark the 17th anniversary of the day we first applied to leave the Soviet Union. We are refused permission to go because I once had access to so-called sensitive information. That was on my job at the Automation Research Institute in the City of Sverdlovsk between 1965 and 1968. According to instructions received from the Institute, I have been no security risk since May 1971, 17 years ago.

My family's case is an eloquent example of the unlimited arbitrary refusal of permission to emigrate for reasons of secrecy. No rational person would suspect a need to worry about state security for all these endless years that we have been refuseniks. It is likewise impossible to explain why eminent scientists and engineers possessing access to far more important sensitive materials have been allowed to leave, while a person like me, an ordinary engineer 20 years ago, is still being held here.

I lost my job right after I applied to leave. So did my wife. All these years, we have been compelled to wage an intricate struggle for survival. As refuseniks, we experienced numerous arrests, house searches, detentions, and vicious libel in the mass media. Our oldest son, Mikhail, 20 years old today, grew into adulthood as a refusenik. Two younger sons, Eli, 9, and Moti, 6, were born refuseniks. They witnessed and experienced all the tragic events in the life of both our family and those of other refuseniks. How can one help shuddering to see how their defenseless young lives are crippled for the sole reason that we want to live in a country of our own among our relatives? Just listen to a 6-year-old's repeated and ever more frequent question, "When are we going to get out of here?"

We have applied to all offices concerned. These include the Emigration Office, the Supreme Soviet, the Foreign Ministry, and the Communist Party. Everywhere we came up against frankly insipid red tape, deceit, and mystification. We have been shown quickly and clearly that glasnost and democratization are not for us.

Things being as they are, we have decided on a desperate step. On March 10, the 17th anniversary of our application to emigrate, we begin an unlimited hunger strike.

Yulie Kasharovsky
Moscow, USSR

American Jews: Where Do You Stand

by Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein
President,
Jewish National Fund

Two years ago, when terrorism was ravaging the face of Western Europe, we witnessed the sorry prospect of American Jews cancelling their trips to Israel in droves. At the time, I released several statements asking whether American Jews were going to allow Qaddafi to be their travel agent, and reminding them of their brethren who, throughout Jewish history, have continually defied hostile forces bent on their destruction.

It's with no great pleasure that I feel compelled to issue another statement, now that Israel has once more had to confront enemies from within and without, and now that many American Jews are hesitant to support her.

Yes, once again, Israel is on the front lines. Her enemies scream for her destruction, apparently feeling that fire bombs, knives and rocks are the proper means for finding a solution to the problems of the area. Fundamentalist and PLO elements, determined to set the entire region ablaze, orchestrate chaos and mayhem. Israeli boys put their lives on the line every day, facing howling mobs who would slaughter them if they could. And while Israel is in a struggle for her very security, the western media fills the papers and television screens with tendentious distortions of her predicament, as the U.N. registers its predictable condemnations.

Does Israel at least have her Jewish brethren to count on? Apparently not all of them, if we judge by the scores of trips to the homeland which are being cancelled at this very moment. Once again, I ask: American Jews, where do you stand?

There was a time, during the Six-Day War, when American Jews rushed to the airports to help Israel, in an awe-inspiring support of solidarity. Now, despite the fact that no tourist has been harmed or even threatened as a result of the current situation, despite the fact that Ben Gurion Airport and El Al Airlines are renowned for their strict security standards, many American Jews find the prospect of travel to Israel too terrifying to contemplate.

Do these American Jews realize that they are handing Israel's enemies a cheap victory by allowing them to cripple her crucial tourist industry? Now we see the pathetic prospect of Israel being weakened on the economic front by the fears of her supposed supporters. Indeed, this is infinitely more painful than the heinous actions of her antagonists.

I plead with my fellow American Jews to demonstrate their

solidarity with Israel by boarding an airplane and going there. Let us reverse this tide and say to the world that we are one, that we stand against the forces of terror, that we are steadfast in our unity with our brethren overseas, that we continue to believe in Israel and will never abandon her.

The Jewish National Fund sees an urgent need to maintain its program of missions to Israel because of, not despite, the sense of intimidation which violence-bent mobs seek to instill in us all. We are moving ahead and booking participants now, determined not to cancel but to press forward. In the process, we will provide participants with an unforgettable experience, and Israelis with the moral and economic support that mean so much.

We urge Israel's friends throughout the country to join JNF in responding to the scourge of terrorism. Let us demonstrate that we are proud, not intimidated! American Jews: stand with us!

Media Treatment Of Israel Unfair

by Abraham H. Foxman

Watching and reading reactions to the riots in the West Bank and Gaza, the word that keeps coming to mind is: hypocrisy.

So many are so quick to criticize Israel without remembering.

I couldn't help thinking how we in America would react to violent rioting in our own country. In the 60s, there were riots in cities around the U.S., but they lasted for days, not weeks. There was a lot of resentment, and — yes — harsh measures to quell the disturbances. And America, unlike Israel, is not a small country under siege. But few put themselves in Israel's place and ask how they would solve this dilemma.

We hear criticism that Israel is keeping the refugees in dilapidated camps. Cameras show rundown conditions and despair. I think of Israel's many plans through the years to move the refugees to new and better housing and how — year in and year out — the United Nations has barred Israel from

taking such steps on the grounds that Israel has no right to solve the problem this way. And I think of how small but useful a project it would have been had the international community financed the rehabilitation of the refugees. But Israel stands accused.

We hear complaints that the Arabs in the territories do not have equality in law with the citizens of Israel. And I think — what if Israel had long ago given the residents of Gaza and the West Bank full rights enjoyed by the Jews and Arabs of Israel? Can you imagine the outcry? Israel would have been condemned for unilaterally annexing the areas, for breaking international law. Indeed, Israel decided to leave the residents under the existing laws, (Jordanian and British), until an Arab leader finally negotiates peace. And for that, too, Israel is accused.

We hear critiques that Israel isn't doing enough for peace. And I think about the enduring shame of the international community that has allowed 40 years of Arab warfare against Israel to go on without exerting pressure on the Arab world to stop the madness once and for all. And I wonder when was the last time the U.N. condemned the Arab League for its refusal to accept Israel, for the continuing economic boycott, for the terrorism of the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

What's so terrible about a little hypocrisy, you ask? A lot. Most of all, it turns idealists into cynics. It causes Israel to wonder whether

anything it does, short of committing self-destruction, would satisfy. Consequently, it leaves some Israelis unwilling to listen to the comments of even well-meaning outsiders.

Some real concern by the world — for the welfare of the refugees, for the dilemmas that face Israel in trying to balance security needs with human concerns, for a country living in a state of war for its entire existence — would go a long way toward mitigating the circumstances that led to the outbreaks in the territories. So far, hypocritical criticism appears to be higher on the international agenda than constructive criticism.

Mr. Foxman is national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. This article was prepared for publication in the ADL Bulletin, the League's national publication.

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Susan and Jeffrey Dress of Burlington, Mass. are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Ashley Elizabeth, born on Feb. 18, 1988. Maternal grandparents are Freda & Harold Hildebrandt of Pennsylvania. Paternal grandparents are Martha Dress of Johnston, R.I. and the late Dr. Harry Dress.

Trinity Rep Social

Trinity Repertory Company's 4th Annual Ice Cream and Dessert Social will be held Sunday, May 22, 1988, at Old Stone Square in Providence from 2-6 p.m.

Restaurants, caterers, and bakeries from the New England area will provide samples of desserts, cookies, and ice cream for celebrity judging and public tasting. The gourmet treats will be judged according to several award categories, such as: Dieter's Disaster, Creme de la Creme, Dapper Delicacy, and Chocolate Lover's Delight. The judging will take place from 1-2 p.m. and the results will be announced at 4 p.m.

Local restaurants scheduled to attend this year's social include: Cafe in the Barn, Dear Hearts Ice Cream, the Wharf Tavern Restaurant, Pot Au Feu, Stanford's, Gregg's Restaurant, and the Cookie Place.

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ORT Camp Fair

Sunday, March 6 is the day to interview prospective summer camp directors right here in Rhode Island. The fourth annual Camp Fair sponsored by the Providence Chapter of ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training) is that day between 12-4 p.m. at the Providence Jewish Community Center at the corner of Elmgrove Avenue and Sessions Street. Admission is free to this community oriented event. The whole family is invited to have their questions answered by representatives from some 20 camps.

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For information regarding becoming an exhibitor at this year's Camp Fair please call 463-7684.

New England ADL To Honor Bellotti

The New England Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League will honor Francis X. Bellotti with the 1988 William O. Douglas First Amendment Freedom Award, according to Mr. Samuel Shlevin, Chairman of the ADL of Rhode Island. This is the most prestigious award the ADL can give to a leader in the legal community. The award will be presented at a special dinner held in Mr. Bellotti's honor on Thursday, March 10, at the Westin Hotel in Boston.

Mr. Bellotti is a partner at Gaston Snow & Ely Bartlett. As a former Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General of Massachusetts, Mr. Bellotti's tenure as a public official was distinguished by his energy and dedication to the democratic principles of equality and equal rights for all, according to a statement by the ADL.

In his first term as Attorney General, Mr. Bellotti reorganized his department, creating a model of efficiency for national and local prosecutors alike. He was re-elected to serve a second term as Attorney General with the largest plurality ever received in a contested state election.

During his tenure as Attorney General, the ADL and Mr. Bellotti's Civil Rights Division collaborated in a number of programs aimed at sensitizing and training law enforcement officials about the issues of anti-Semitism and racial and ethnic bigotry and violence.

His office's accessibility to both the Jewish and civil rights communities helped move metropolitan Boston away from the racial vio-

Amy Schlossman To Wed Lawrence W. Dressler



Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Schlossman, of Mt. Olive Township, N.J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Rachel, to Mr. Lawrence W. Dressler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Dressler of Cranston, R.I. and Jupiter, Fla.

Miss Schlossman is a graduate of Newark Academy, Livingston, N.J., and the American University, Washington, D.C., where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. She is employed by the law firm of Nusbaum, Stein, Goldstein, Bronstein and Compeau, P.A., Succasunna, N.J.

Mr. Dressler was graduated from the Providence Country Day School and the American University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He is Director of Marketing and Sales of New Products at Colfax Inc., Pawtucket, R.I., a family business.

A November 1988 wedding is planned.

lence that divided the city for more than a decade.

Mr. Bellotti has received numerous public service awards for his humanitarian efforts from both the professional and the lay community. In 1981, the National Association of Attorneys General unanimously voted him the Louis C. Wyman Award, as the most outstanding Attorney General in the U.S.

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A native of Providence, Rhode Island, Michael is the son of Rabbi and Mrs. Eli Bohnen and a graduate of the Providence Hebrew Day School. Michael served as president of the Schechter from 1981 through 1983. He currently chairs the School's Endowment Fund Investment Committee. A partner in the law firm of Nutter, McClenen, and Fish, Michael is the chairman of the Social Planning and Allocations Committee of CJP. He is a past vice-president of the Jewish Community Relations Council and serves on the boards of the Jewish Community Center,

Hebrew College and the Bureau of Jewish Education. He is also on the board of Temple Emanuel in Newton and has recently been appointed to the board of the Jewish Education Service of North America.

Joyce is Special Projects Coordinator for Camp Ramah in New England. She has chaired Schechter's Recruitment Committee and Nominating Committee and has played an active role in every phase of Schechter activity. She has been a member and soloist of the Zamar Chorale for more than fifteen years and serves the High Holiday cantor for Temple Emanuel in Wakefield. She has also sung at the annual State House commemoration of the Holocaust.

Joyce and Michael are the parents of Schechter seventh grade student Debbi and Schechter graduate Sharon.

Salute To Israel Parade In NYC

A capacity crowd is expected to participate in the 24th annual Salute to Israel Parade on April 17, 1988, at 12 p.m. on Fifth Avenue in New York City, in celebration of Israel's 40th year of Jewish statehood, stated Sandy Eisenstat, parade chairman.

"This year's parade will be the central event inaugurating city-wide celebrations of Israel's 40th year of independence," he said. He added that the parade will allow American Jews to rally in a show of solidarity for their brethren in Israel, in the face of recent controversial events. Mr. Eisenstat is the eastern vice president of the America-Israel Public Affairs Committee and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund, responsible for afforestation and land reclamation in Israel.

Mr. Eisenstat explained, "The current wave of unrest in the West Bank and Gaza Strip has presented a serious threat to the Jewish state's security and image abroad. The Salute to Israel Parade will demonstrate the

American Jewish community's unyielding support and understanding for Israel's security needs and the centrality of Israel to Jews throughout the world."

The parade will depict Israel's history chronologically, from the pre-state era to the present. Each participating group will present a single event, milestone or achievement from Israel's history. The groups will bring their themes to life through colorful banners, creative props and dramatic costumes. The final result will be a pageant-like tribute to Israel in her 40th year.

Immediately following the parade, Israel Fest, a 40th anniversary celebration, will be held at the Seventh Avenue Armory, on Park Avenue at 67th Street. A capacity crowd of 20,000 is expected at the festivities, which will feature top Israeli singers, dancers, actors, storytellers, clowns and puppeteers. Displays and booths will offer a wide range of Israeli products, while "Rehov Dizengoff," a special cafe, will feature a potpourri of Israeli foods.

Teaching Scholarships Offered

The application period for the state sponsored "Best and Brightest Scholarships" has been extended from March 1 to Monday, March 14, 1988.

Anthony J. Carcieri, chairman of the Advisory Committee, announced the extension of time to give more high schoolers the opportunity to apply for the state scholarship funds.

The program was established to assist Rhode Island students who are preparing to enter the teaching profession. Awards in the amount of \$5,000 for each of the four years of college attendance are available to eligible students. Each recipient of the scholarships is required to teach in the R.I. public schools for two years for each year of the scholarship allowance.

To be eligible for the scholarship, an applicant must meet one of the following requirements: (1) be in the top 10% of the applicant's graduating class; (2) have an SAT score in the mathematics or verbal section in the 90% percentile or above; or (3) have a combined math and verbal SAT score in the 85th percentile or above.

For further information, students should contact either their high school guidance counselors or Mary Ann Welch at the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority at 277-2050.

Edith Susan Shaker To Wed Myles S. Minkin

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Shaker of Sharon are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Edith Susan, to Myles S. Minkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold H. Minkin of Providence, Rhode Island.

The future bride, a graduate of Sharon High School, received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Boston University. She is a Master's degree candidate in Gerontological Nursing at the Boston University School of Nursing, and is presently employed as a Registered Nurse at University Hospital in Boston. She is the granddaughter of Mr. Max S. Bell of Foxboro, Mass., and the late Anna Bell, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shaker.

Her fiancé received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and is the owner and president of Wamsutta Drug, Inc. in North Attleboro, Mass. He is the grandson of Mrs. Theresa



Minkin of New Bedford, Mass., and the late Samuel Minkin, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Pincus Zangwill of Fall River, Mass.

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Plantations Unit #5339 Dinner And Program

Reservations are limited for the Singing Sisters' program being presented by Plantations Unit #5339 B'nai B'rith - B'nai B'rith Women on Sunday evening, April 10, at Temple Emanu-El.

A kosher Italian dinner will start off the evening at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Singing Sisters in a program of Israeli, Yiddish and international music at 8:30 p.m.

The deadline date for reservations at \$10.00 per person is March 20. Call 831-7967 or 861-0888.

INVESTMENT HYDRO

Generally, the new tax law requires children and other dependents to file tax returns for 1987 if:

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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



Purple and white tulips, clustered with baby's breath, loomed out of bubble glass bowls on mirrored squares.

Lilac and grey mini-floral print tablecloths enhanced the Springlike props, and welcomed guests to the Parents, Teachers and Friends Donor Pre-Purim Masquerade Cocktails and Dinner at Providence Hebrew Day School last Saturday eve.

This visual appetizer was only the beginning.

The menu's offerings were hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, stuffed chicken mixed with broccoli rolled in pastry crust, rice pilaf and glazed baby Belgian carrots. Dessert featured a Viennese table reigned supreme by black forest cakes and baskets of hamantashen.

Music was provided by Lou Siagel and his orchestra.



Abdullah, David Shafner, is seated. Standing from left are Abdullah's mother, Elaine Strajcher, Steve Ference as Noah's cowboy, Rabbi Sholom Strajcher, and Rabbi Yechiel Pinsky as Haman.



Introducing Mordecai and Queen Esther: Gershon and Gabriella Barros.



Dr. Sidney Heisler is Esau; Carrie and Leonard Klehr, Mordecai and Miriam, and shepherdess Lea Gold, from right.

Come To The Masquerade



A masked menagerie. Susan Ference, Judy Rosenstein, Claudia Akerstein, Esty Gottlieb, from left.



Purim revelers are Bob and Joyce Starr, Jani and Rick Rosen.



Ginny Baron is Noah in the Ark with Ellen Shafner at right.

History Tour

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directions to the unpaved remains of the first highway through Rhode Island. You can pass by what is left of toll booths and taverns and if you have read the book you will know their origins.

I asked Hadassah where she found the source materials to write this book as there are so few available.

"We thought it was important to not just look at what we might find in the library but to talk to people. We were part of the League of Rhode Island Historical Societies and we received much help from a number of their branches. There was one group that took us up to the New London Turnpike," she remembered. "You walk through the woods and there it is, still a dirt road. It's fascinating to walk by and see what is clearly the remains of a mill and other buildings.

"We might not have found that place ourselves but the fact there was a Hopkinton Historical Society we could work with enabled us to go there. Places are more interesting if you know a little bit more about them, more interesting to see and more interesting to read about." She emphasized that, "One of the major sources for putting together the materials for this book was the small local historical societies."

The remaining materials came from the Rhode Island collection at the Providence Public Library, the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Society and the Rhode Island Historical Society. Information came from old documents in addition to source books. The majority of graphics used throughout the books came from these and other local organizations.

Hadassah emphasizes the importance of graphics to this type of book. The designer, Todd Cavalier, worked with these organizations and the authors to find graphics that would complement the pur-

pose of the book. Many of the graphics would be recognizable to any Rhode Islander and are original pieces.

After *History You Can See* was published, Hadassah put the finishing touches on another book she had been working on. She applied for and received a humanities grant to complete the book and produced *What Cheer, Netop! Selections From A Key Into The Language Of America* By Roger Williams. The graphics in this book are exceptional.

What Cheer, Netop! is not a history book, it is a piece of Americana. Hadassah has translated and edited pieces from *A Key Into The Language Of America* By Roger Williams which he wrote primarily for people such as trappers who dealt directly with the Indians. Since we all live on what was once Wampanoag Indian territory the book should enhance our understanding of the land and its original inhabitants.

The book describes traditions of Indian life so that settlers who dealt with the Indians would not feel threatened when encountering situations they found strange. There are Indian words with their proper intonations and definitions; most have meanings that are tied into their way of life rather than just linguistics.

Why *What Cheer, Netop!* for the title? This was the standard greeting between the settlers and the Indians. What Cheer is an old English seafarer's expression of goodwill and Netop is the Indian word for friend. What more appropriate greeting from an author to her readers?

Hadassah has personalized the beauty of Rhode Island history and the richness of our state's heritage. Is she currently working on something new? There was a slight twinkle in her eye but nothing more so your guess is as good as mine. As an owner and reader of her two current books I look forward to seeing more of her work in the future.

Galilee

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grants to the new nation. The government settled chiefly Moroccan Jews in Ma'alot, moving them into new apartment buildings. With a homogeneous population and little important industry, the town began to stagnate.

In the wake of the 1974 attack, in a kind of happy irony, Ma'alot came alive. Thirty young men came to give of their time and energy to revitalize the town. Working under a *hesder* (arrangement) worked out with the army, these men established a program whereby they would enlist for five years (the normal tour of duty is three years) and would divide their time evenly between the army and a Jewish learning environment—in this case, toward helping Ma'alot get back on its feet. Called the B'nai Akiva Youth Movement, the program now claims 100 young men in Ma'alot and 3,000 nationwide in twelve projects.

The Movement works to better the community. Its members work in civil programs, do volunteer work for the elderly, operate medical services. Their youth and their energy have helped to integrate the community. For example, this year at Simchat Torah, the men danced the torahs to every one of the town's 13 synagogues, bringing young and old, Ashkenazim and Sephardim together.

More help from outside came in the form of Project Renewal. This program, in place for about five years, is a joint effort between the UJA in the U.S. and Israel's government. Jewish communities in the U.S. "adopt" depressed neighborhoods or towns in Israel with the aim of refurbishing them. Ma'alot was adopted by Allentown and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. A couple years ago a center for the town's elderly was built. Three months ago, two busloads of Pennsylvanians traveled to Ma'alot to dedicate a new arts center.

One of the conditions of Project Renewal is that the projects must involve the whole community. To that end, artists who rent working space at the new arts center are required to offer something to the public. There are classes in weaving, ceramics, and other arts.

Bellin has made his own contribution to Ma'alot. Israeli school children are required to take part in a week of informal classes each year, outside of a regular classroom setting. For three years, Bellin directed an informal education center. Every three or four days, a new group of students would come in from other parts of the country to take part in a variety of activities ranging from discussion groups to hiking.

There are now about 7,000 Jews living in Ma'alot, including several hundred young families. A half-mile away is Tarshiha, an Arab community of 2,800 people. Although separated physically, socially, and culturally, the two communities are part of a single political unit. The two "townships" share city government and services. Bellin said he believes this is the only example of such an arrangement in Israel.

New government incentives are bringing industry to Ma'alot. Unemployment there does not exceed the national average. This is significant, according to Bellin, who explained that the national average is composed of high employment in the developed coastal region, balanced by high unemployment elsewhere. To be equal to the national average means that Ma'alot is above average for the less developed regions of the country.

Most employment is in high-tech industries. One company makes CAT scanners and other nuclear medicine equipment. Another makes telephones. There's a military equipment maker, and another plant making precision machine tools for the export market.

With the high-paying jobs afforded by these industries, people

are moving out of the old government tenements in large numbers. Private homes are being built at a rapid rate. But the prevailing ethic there isn't yet that of the more comfortable developed areas. A different "3 Vs" apply: *veni, vidi, vici*.

Planned Parenthood Moves Clinic

Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island is moving its clinic to 226 Waterman Street on the East Side of Providence, near Wayland Square. Health care services and supplies for all patients will be available there beginning March 2.

Planned Parenthood's administration and education offices will remain at 187 Westminster Mall on the Second Floor.

The agency's mailing address remains the same, as do the telephone numbers, 421-9620 for the clinic and 421-7820 for administration and education.

All of Planned Parenthood's health care services and education programs will continue at these locations until the new clinic is completed this summer.

Important Notice:

To all local organizations and readers:

Please note that our deadline for material falls at 12:00 noon on the Tuesday before publication. Notices of all sorts received after this time cannot be included in the current week's issue. This includes announcements of public functions, births, engagements, obituaries, letters, etc. All announcements should be typed, double-spaced.

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Business & Financial

SBA News

Saturday Pre-Business Workshop

A 3-hour workshop designed for individuals who are thinking of starting a business will be held Saturday, March 26, 1988, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Warwick Chamber of Commerce, 3288 Post Road, Warwick, R.I.

The session is cosponsored by the Service Corps of Retired Executives, the Warwick Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Workshop instructors will discuss the basic requirements for starting a business, how to successfully manage a small business and developing a business plan.

A registration fee of \$12.00 is being charged to cover the cost of the refreshments and workshop materials. In order to better serve those attending the session, registration will be limited TO THE FIRST 20 PAID REGISTRANTS.

Call the Warwick Chamber of

Commerce at 732-1100 or SBA at 528-4584 for further information.

Pre-Business Workshop For Veterans And Individuals Who Want To Start A Business

A day-long workshop especially designed for veterans and individuals who are thinking of starting a business will be held Friday, March 18, 1988, 9:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Seekonk, Massachusetts.

The session is cosponsored by the Service Corps of Retired Executives and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Workshop instructors will discuss the requirements for starting a business, how to successfully manage a small business, developing a business plan, how to qualify for financial assistance, and preference afforded to Veterans under Public Law 93-237.

A registration fee of \$18.00 is being charged to cover the cost of the luncheon and workshop materials. In order to better serve those attending the session, registration will be limited TO

THE FIRST 30 PAID REGISTRANTS.

Call 528-4584 for further information.

Rhode Island Federation

The Rhode Island Federation of Business and Professional Women will hold a combined brunch, international month ceremony, and winter open state board of directors' meeting on Sunday, March 6, at the Kings Inn, George Washington Highway (Rt. #116), Lincoln, (across from Lincoln Mall). The brunch buffet, from 10 to 11:15 a.m., will be followed by the board meeting at 11:30 a.m. and the International Month ceremony at 12:30 p.m. State federation president Anne M. Fortini will preside. All B.P.W. members are invited, and it is requested that all club committee chairmen plan to attend.

The board meeting agenda will include committee reports and a report of proceedings at the BPW/USA national winter interim board of directors' meeting in Washington, D.C., as well as a briefing on the Women's Agenda Conference held in Des Moines, Iowa, in February, attended by several Rhode Island Federation B.P.W. representatives. Also on the agenda will be a discussion and planning for the state federation's annual convention to be held at the Sheraton-Islander Inn, Newport, on May 13 to 15; and preliminary planning for attendance at the national organization's convention in July in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Members should make brunch buffet reservations through their local B.P.W. chapter, with payment of \$11.50 per person. Further information regarding B.P.W. or the meeting may be obtained from state federation president Anne M. Fortini at 353-4213 (evenings); or from Coral M. Mulcahey, first vice-president/president elect, at 647-5016.

Tax Help In Warwick And Cranston

Volunteers in the Tax-Aide Program sponsored by American Association of Retired Persons, (AARP) in cooperation with the IRS, are now available until April 15 in the Cranston and Warwick areas from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the sites listed below. They will assist the elderly and low-income persons in preparing their income tax returns free-of-charge. Those seeking this service should bring their 1986 returns as well as current tax material.

Telephone number 274-0922 will have someone on hand from 9:30 to 3:30 weekdays to answer tax questions and arrange for volunteers to assist shut-ins and handicapped persons unable to go to the sites.

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 - R.I. Hospital Trust, 555 Reservoir Ave., Tuesday.
 - Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Rd., Thursday.
 - Citizens Savings Bank, 56 Rolf St., Monday.
 - Fleet National Bank, 1473 Broad St., by appointment only.
 - R.I. Hospital Trust, 1750 Broad St., Tuesday.
 - Eastland Bank, 1000 Park Ave., Tuesday.
 - Johnston Senior Center, 14 Priscilla Lane, Friday.
- Warwick:
- Warwick Senior Center, West Shore Rd., Wednesday, Thursday.
 - Rhode Island Mall, Tuesday.
 - Warwick Mall, Tuesday.
 - Fleet National Bank, 900 Bald Hill Rd., Wednesday.
 - Old Stone Bank, 2975 West Shore Rd., Wednesday.
 - Fleet National Bank, 50 West Shore Rd., Thursday.
 - Church Latter Day Saints, 1000 Narragansett Pkwy., Wednesday.
 - R.I. Central Credit Union, 95 Jefferson Blvd., Wednesday.
 - Church of Resurrection, 331 Norwood Ave., Tuesday.
 - West Warwick Senior Center, Tuesday.
 - Fleet National Bank, 5 Washington St., W. Warwick, Monday.
 - Coventry Senior Center, Wood Street, Coventry, Wednesday.

Leo Berendes Joins Halperin And Lax



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Leo R. Berendes, CFP, has joined the firm of Halperin & Lax, Ltd., as an associate. Halperin & Lax, Ltd. is a complete financial service company located at 335 Centerville Road, Warwick, Rhode Island.

Mr. Berendes earned his M.B.A. from St. John's University. He is the president of the Providence Stockbroker's Club and is a member of the evening faculty of Roger Williams College.

Jewish Vets Launch Campaign

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV) announced on February 26 the start of a nationwide campaign for the issuance of a Congressional Medal of Honor to Mr. Tibor Rubin of California.

Rubin, a 100 percent disabled Korean war veteran, distinguished himself as a prisoner of war by risking his life to save the lives of 35 of his fellow POWs.

With today's announcement, JWV kicks-off a mobilization program which will effectively make each of the organization's 450 Posts Rubin campaign offices. The program seeks grassroots support for Rubin through a petition/post card campaign. It is hoped that the President and our legislators will be moved to act by a massive outpouring of support.

A native of Hungary, Rubin was imprisoned in the Nazi death camps as a child. Shortly after he arrived in the U.S., Rubin enlisted in the Army. In November 1950, Rubin and his unit were captured in Unsan, North Korea. He spent the next two and one-half years as a POW. Although badly wounded, Rubin risked his life each day by stealing food and supplies for his dying buddies and tending their wounds.

Rubin was released in a clandestine exchange of the most seriously wounded POWs. His comrades were led to believe he had been caught stealing life-saving supplies. In 1983 Rubin reappeared at a reunion of ex-POWs. Since that fateful meeting veterans' organizations and private citizens have been seeking the Congressional Medal of Honor for Rubin.

Many national organizations support the Rubin campaign: American Ex-Prisoners of War, Association of Ex-POWs of the Korean War, and the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. Also involved in the effort are the California departments of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Congressman Robert K. Dornan, R-California has sponsored a bill (H.R. 1576) to waive the statute of limitations and award Rubin the Medal. On February 25th, New York Congressman Benjamin Gilman sponsored a Special Order on behalf of Rubin.

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The Jewish community of Switzerland requires a French-speaking person to run formal and informal educational programs.

To fill the needs of these and other Jewish communities around the world, the Corps of Service to the Jewish People has been established by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to lift the Jewish spirit and efficacy of needful communities," according to Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, UAHC president.

The Corps of Service was proposed by Rabbi Schindler and adopted by the Reform Jewish movement late last year.

The new program is open to Jewish communities regardless of ideological affiliation and has already elicited requests from Jewish communities on four continents.

Rabbi Daniel Syme, vice-president of the UAHC, said the Corps is currently looking for post-college and retired Jewish men and women to serve Jewish communities abroad in the fields of Jewish education, public health, computers and leadership development.

The volunteers work without pay but are reimbursed for their travel expenses and living costs. For information about the program, Rabbi Syme can be contacted at the UAHC, 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10021.

"We hope in time to develop a list of individuals with the commitment, time and talents needed to meet requests as they

come in from around the world," Rabbi Syme said. "For this reason, we are seeking the names of potential volunteers even before we know of openings for them."

Recruitment procedures have been worked out that include language training, when necessary, and that permit host-communities to participate in the selection process.

"Many retired business people have rich and diverse experience in their own fields and, through their congregations, in Jewish leadership and organization," Rabbi Syme explained. "We believe the Corps of Service to the Jewish People will become a worldwide showcase for constructive and forward-looking Jewish programming, helping restore a sense of idealism to

American and Canadian Jews by providing them the opportunity to give of themselves as well as their dollars to Jewish communities around the world."

According to Rabbi Schindler, "North American Jews have much to gain from as well as to contribute to this project. The Jewish Corps of Service will give greater substance to the concept and feeling of K'lal Y'Israel — unity of the Jewish people — than any resolutions," he said, adding: "It will expand our global sense of peoplehood and communal responsibility even beyond our enriching ties to Israel. Most importantly, the Jewish Corps of service will produce generations of Reform Jews for whom the word *mitzva* will evoke a stunning set of memories and experiences."

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!

by Sandra Silva

If you read the *Herald* last week, you would have seen a new page called *Youth Hi-Lights*. I would like to incorporate this page into our paper as a regular feature.

This is your page, and you must tell me what you want to see. I have been out of high school for almost seven years, and I realize that many things have changed. Because of this, I will need your guidance in putting together a page you will find interesting and relevant.

The following areas are open for involvement:

Student correspondents:

- to regularly submit articles for the Hi-Lights page. The frequency, with which you would be expected to contribute, will depend upon your schedule and the number of correspondents we have. The issues you write about will be up to you. Or, anyone
- interested in sporadically submitting materials. This will include opinion pieces, responses to things you have read, poetry you have written or anything else you feel may be appropriate. People will also be needed to
- to send information regarding events taking place in the youth community. These may be events at your temple or school, and may include anything from award ceremonies to sporting events.

Although you may choose your own topics, I must reserve the right to judiciously edit pieces we publish. When this is necessary, it will be done fairly and sparingly. Any major editing will be discussed with the author first.

T.J. Feldman, who was featured on the Hi-Lights page last week has agreed to serve regularly as a student correspondent. Anyone interested in becoming involved with this project may contact me at the *Herald* at 724-0200 or P.O. Box 6063, Providence, RI 02940.

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Lecture On Psychopharmacology At Butler

"Medications For The Mind — Advances in Psychopharmacology" is the title of the Ninth Annual Public Information Series at Butler, to be held on Tuesday, March 29 at 7 p.m. The speakers are Richard L. Wagner, M.D., director, R.I. Psychiatric Research and Training Center, MHRH, and staff psychiatrist at Butler, and Walter D. Soja, M.S., R.Ph., director of Butler's pharmacy department. Topics will include a discussion of a new investigational drug treatment for schizophrenia, alternatives for manic depressives who do not respond to lithium, and information on the new antidepressant drugs. The speakers will also take questions from the audience. The program is free to the public. Due to limited seating, reservations should be made by calling the hospital at 456-3750.

The program will be held in the Ray Conference Center on the grounds of the hospital at 345 Blackstone Boulevard in Providence.

Maternal Mortality Low In Israel

JERUSALEM — Israel's maternal mortality rate for both Jews and Arabs is among the lowest in the world, a new nationwide study reveals.

The study, one of the most extensive ever undertaken in Israel, was based on 22,815 births over a period of three months in 33 Jewish and Arab hospitals within Israel's pre-1967 borders and showed a national maternal mortality rate of about four deaths per 100,000 women annually.

In a related study, researchers found that prenatal and infant mortality rates have dropped sharply in Gaza and in Sumaria and Judea — the "West Bank" — since Israel took over administration of the territories in the Six-Day War of 1967. The survey found such deaths had declined to between one-quarter and one-third of the pre-1967 rate.

The study was conducted by Dr. Joseph Schenker, President of the Israel Society for Gynecology and Obstetrics and head of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center's Gynecology and Obstetrics Department, who

presented the findings at a meeting of the European Region of the World Health Organization in Copenhagen.

Dr. Schenker said the drop in prenatal and infant mortality in Gaza, Sumaria and Judea was the result of improved care available through clinics and hospitals established by Israel or with her help since 1967. In addition, public education programs have been successful in encouraging women to give birth in hospitals in the territories, especially in Gaza where the rate of hospital deliveries rose by 65 percent over the past 20 years.

The maternal mortality study also showed that only about 9.5 percent of live births in Israel are performed by Caesarian section, compared to about 20 percent in the United States, Dr. Schenker said.

As a result of these findings, the World Health Organization has invited Israel to join 10 other countries in a new international study of intervention in obstetrics and gynecology. Other nations participating in the study are the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Denmark, Greece, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

Israel also will host a joint meeting of the Societies of Gynecology and Obstetrics of Germany and Israel in March as part of the nation's observation of the 40th anniversary of statehood.

The Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center at Ein Karem is part of the Hadassah Medical Organization which also includes the Hadassah-University Hospital on Mount Scopus. HMO was established and is maintained by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.

Community Wellness Lecture At Miriam

PAWTUCKET — S. Bryson Ley, M.D., will discuss osteoporosis and its prevention on Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in the Tuesday Conference Center at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island. The lecture is the fourth in a series of free educational programs for the community which focuses on current health issues.

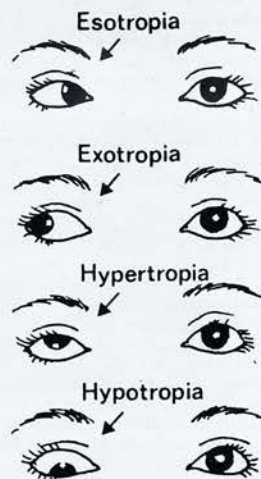
Osteoporosis is a very common disease which affects women and elderly men. It causes bones to become weak and brittle and is the major cause of fractured hips. Symptoms of the disease occur in one in every four women over age 65. Dr. Ley will provide information on nutrition and exercise to help people prevent calcium loss in their bones.

Chief of Endocrinology and Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at Memorial since 1982, Dr. Ley is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Brown University Program in Medicine. He earned his undergraduate degree at Dartmouth College, studied at Columbia University, and was awarded his doctoral degree from Cornell University Medical College. Dr. Ley completed his post-graduate training, as an Intern, Resident and Senior Fellow in Endocrinology at the University of Washington. Board certified in Internal Medicine and in Endocrinology, he has collaborated on a number of scientific articles. Dr. Ley is Vice President of the American Diabetes Association, R.I. Affiliate, and Secretary of the R.I. Diabetes and Endocrine Society.

Community residents are invited to attend the lecture. There is no charge for the program, but residents are encouraged to register as seating is limited. Call 722-6000, ext. 2459 to register.

About Eye Health

Strabismus or "crossed eyes" occurs in 4% of children and is caused by a muscle misalignment. This results in the two eyes pointing in different directions and not working as a team. Sometimes the eyes are obviously not parallel or "straight" — one eye is turned or wanders in or out, up or down. In other children a small eye "turn" is not readily observed. Nonetheless, both small or large turns can result in permanent loss of vision in one eye. The reason for vision loss is that strabismus leads to amblyopia or "lazy eye." Amblyopia results when the child unconsciously stops using the turned eye because the brain rejects the image transmitted by that particular eye. When the eyes are not properly aligned, each one sends a different image to the brain. The images are too different for the brain to combine or fuse. Lack of fusion results in double vision. Children faced with this situation invariably and involuntarily stop using one eye; the eye becomes "lazy" and loses its ability to see from lack of use. Once firmly established, amblyopia is essentially impossible to reverse, and an otherwise healthy eye becomes unable to "see" details. Children do not outgrow strabismus or amblyopia. In fact, treatment to prevent amblyopia will only work if begun early and if the child is



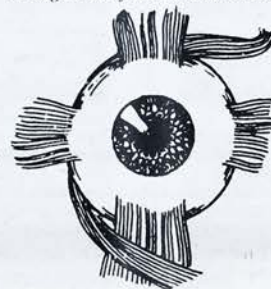
ABNORMAL TURNS

young. Treatment for amblyopia is most successful before the age of four and is usually unsuccessful after the age of nine.

The goal of treatment is to make the eyes work together and thus prevent amblyopia. This is done by patching, glasses, or surgery. Patching the good eye forces the turning eye to work and not get "lazy." Children dislike having the better eye covered and frequently a battle of wills ensues between parent and child. Parents must persevere in order to establish vision in what amounts to a critical "window of opportunity." Glasses may be sufficient to help straighten the eye. Sometimes surgery is required and occasionally eye drops may be used.

Surgery adjusts the length of the eye muscle at fault and pulls the eyes into alignment. Both eyes may require surgery and, on occasion, a second operation is required.

With early diagnosis and treatment, the child has a good chance for normal vision. It is important to remember that a child's eye is not fully developed and occasionally normal development requires the helping hand of Ophthalmology.



THE SIX EYE MUSCLES

Leukemia Society Develops Activity Package

The Leukemia Society of America has developed an activity package to help children ages six to ten, who have recently been diagnosed with leukemia and other forms of cancer, deal with the psychological aspects of their disease.

Funding for the activity package was provided by Ronald McDonald Children's Charities.

The package, called "I'd Rather be Swimming," includes a book and children's activities keyed to the book's storyline, including crayons, a reusable slate, a bottle of soap bubbles, and a stuffed animal.

The book centers around a young boy named Tommy, who has just been diagnosed with leukemia. The story follows his reactions to the diagnosis and experiences in the hospital. The activities included in the package are designed to be used with the book to help focus on the emotional aspects of being diagnosed with cancer and open communication about the disease between parents and the child.

The activity materials were donated by Russ Berrie and Company, Western Publishing Company, makers of Golden Products and Binny & Smith, makers of Crayola Crayons.

The activities packages are available in limited quantities through the Leukemia Society of America's Rhode Island Chapter, located at 75 Sockanosset Crossroad, Suite 206, Cranston, R.I. 02920, 943-8888.

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JFS Workshop

"When Your Loved One Grows Old," a workshop for relatives, is being offered by Family Life Education at Jewish Family Service. The four-session workshop will be held at the Jewish Family Service office, 229 Waterman St. in Providence. For the convenience of participants both daytime and evening sessions are offered: daytime beginning Monday, March 21 from 10:30 a.m. to noon; evening beginning Tuesday, March 22 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$25 per person.

The changes in family relationships, the losses experienced in the aging process, the support systems and community resources will be discussed.

Pre-registration is required. Family Life Education at Jewish Family Service is open to all. To register or for further information call 331-1244.

Medical Ethics At Kent County

On Wednesday, March 9, 1988 at 7:30 p.m., Dr. Bruno Borenstein will present a discussion on "Medical Ethics in These Difficult Times" to the Kent County Chapter of Hadassah. Dr. Borenstein is an Oncologist who is currently the medical director of a hospice agency and in the private practice of palliative care.

The meeting will be held at the Westminster Unitarian Church, 119 Kenyon Street in East Greenwich. The public is invited to attend.

Child Abuse Alert

"There are *always* ways to tell when a child is being abused," says Natalie Weissblum, who did the major research and writing of a pamphlet on detecting child abuse.

"When a child is depressed, or dirty, or wears clothes out of season that would cover up bruises, your antenna should go up."

It's not just physical bruises and scars that reveal abuse, according to Weissblum. "Sometimes the indications are more subtle. But the signs are there."

Too often she said, "Adults are afraid to ask questions, because they're afraid of the answers."

Weissblum is director of planning and quality assurance for the Jewish Child Care Association (JCCA), a UJA-Federation agency that serves more than 7,000 children and their families each year. The organization has published the "Child Abuse Alert" desk-reference booklet in conjunction with the Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies (COFCCA). The 12-page pamphlet identifies physical, behavioral, and emotional characteristics that indicate child abuse and neglect.

"If a child appears withdrawn or fears going home, we have to find out why. Our attitude has to be 'I think this kid might be in trouble. I have to do something about it. I have a responsibility.'"

"Child Abuse Alert" lists stress factors that may lead to child abuse. These include a chaotic family life, family members with mental illness, drugs or alcohol

problems, loss of employment, and social isolation. The pamphlet also details early signs of sexual abuse, and diagrams the normal development stages that are delayed by abuse. It suggests questions to ask children, parents, and social workers to identify high risks of child abuse.

"You might not ask a child a direct question like, were you beaten? or were you sexually abused?" said Weissblum. "You ask how they're feeling, if they ate breakfast, what they did last night, if they slept well. You have to engage them. Children are people. If you ask in a sensitive way, they'll respond." There are plenty of examples of child abuse, said Weissblum. "Almost every kid in foster, residential, and outpatient care has been subjected to some form of abuse. It might not be in the court papers. It might not be on their face, but abuse is not blatant."

"If I had the power I would distribute this booklet to police departments, synagogues, school teachers, parents, neighbors and community centers. It would be left under the door of every residence in New York," Weissblum said.

"This isn't a minor problem. Children are being beaten, sexually abused, murdered."

"We have to do something."

For a free copy of "Child Abuse Alert" call (212) 371-1313 or write to the Jewish Child Care Association, at 575 Lexington Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022.

R.I. Lung Association Programs

Self-Help Programs For Adults With Bronchitis, Emphysema And Asthma

The Rhode Island Lung Association's seven-week "BE" Program for adults with bronchitis and emphysema and five-week Adult Asthma Program will begin Wednesday, April 13 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively at the Scandinavian Home, Cranston, and continue on consecutive Wednesdays.

The two-hour "BE" sessions, led by volunteer professional faculty, cover various topics: Anatomy and Physiology of the Lungs; Energy Conservation and Breathing Exercises; Causes of COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), including the effects of smoking and second-hand smoke; Dietary Planning; Relaxation Techniques; small group sessions with graduates of the "BE" Program; Medications; and Home Care, with demonstration and maintenance of breathing equipment.

The Adult Asthma Program participants learn: The Anatomy of Asthma; Relaxation and Breathing Techniques; Medications and Side Effects; Coping Skills, and Smoking Issues. Participants must be 18 or older and under a doctor's care for asthma.)

Both programs are offered free, as a Christmas Seal service; however, space is limited and registration is required. For more complete information and to register, call the lung association at 421-6487 by March 30.

Family Asthma Programs

When a child has asthma the condition affects the whole family. That's according to the Rhode Island Lung Association, and that's the reasoning behind the Family Asthma Program — an educational program that teaches children how to cope with their disease and parents how to understand asthma and deal with the stress that can result from it.

Asthma is a hypersensitivity of the airways that causes the muscles to tighten, thus decreasing the space available for air; so a child may cough, wheeze, and gasp for breath. Just as a ticklish person has an involuntary reaction to being tickled, a child with asthma has an involuntary reaction to certain triggers.

Two Family Asthma Programs are being offered with spring. For two to five year olds and their parents, a six-session program will begin Tuesday, April 26 at 9:30 a.m. at the Evergreen House, East Providence. Subsequent dates are April 28, May 3, 5, 10, and 12. (All sessions will be one hour long except for the first and last, which are two hours.)

Due to its success as a pilot program last year, the lung association will again offer its seven-session asthma/swim program for six to nine year olds and their parents in conjunction with the Kent County YMCA. The program will begin on April 26 and continue on subsequent Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m. until June 7.

Registration by April 18 is requested. For complete details and to register call Tina Ragless at 421-6487.

Desert Bug Leads Scientists To Water

BEERSHEVA, Israel — Small is beautiful, says Ben-Gurion University's Dr. Moshe Shachak, a desert ecologist, who studies the lifestyle of the isopod, a desert creature about the size of a baby's fingernail.

The isopod, who makes his home two feet below the surface of the desert, has a remarkable nose for water. By tracking this tiny 14-legged crustacean to his lair, Shachak discovers soil that is rich in moisture.

People living in the western United States may have reason soon to be grateful to the isopod as well as Dr. Shachak's years of research which pave the way for greater food production in arid regions. In Albuquerque, the University of New Mexico's Biology Department is setting up a model watershed ecology system based on Dr. Shachak's findings.

Author of two important books on desert ecology, Dr. Shachak is a professor at the Mitrani Center, a part of the Jacob Blaustein Institute for Desert Research of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. He has been a Visiting Scientist at the Ecosystem Research Center, Cornell University.

Isopods survive, he explains, by digging a home at a spot where the

soil is of higher moisture. The rocky terrain of the Negev highlands, where they live, consists of a series of slopes which form watersheds, or drainage areas for runoff rainwater.

"One might expect to find the greatest amount of water at the bottom of a slope," Dr. Shachak says, "but the isopods build halfway up. I ask myself — why?"

Hydrological studies found that, contrary to common belief, most of the runoff rainwater settles at the intersection of the rocky upper slope and the more fertile lower part. The isopods were right!

To check the findings, he planted trees halfway up, digging small holes along the middle to trap the runoff water. The results can be seen only a few miles from his laboratory in Sde Boker, halfway down a slope, where young carob and pine trees are flourishing on the rocks without irrigation and with only scant rainfall.

Dr. Shachak calls the system watershed ecology, and says it is ideal for desert nomads and for much of the Third World, because it makes efficient use of land without elaborate technology or expensive input.

It could sustain some 60 different plant species, provide grazing for livestock, and become a useful tool to fight famine in much of the world.

Dr. Shachak, who is an honorary fellow of the Institute of Ecosystem Studies at Melbrook, N.Y., has presented his findings to several conferences of ecologists and development anthropologists, where they aroused great interest. He is pleased with the New Mexico University initiative but says he would now like to start the first watershed farm to be run by Negev Bedouin as a model for other nomads and desert-dwellers.

Local Bedouin, he says, were astonished to see the fertile strip in the wilderness, and would like to adopt the method.

"This is what ecology is all about," he says. "You start with an isopod, and you end up with something that has implications for much of the world."

Jewish Center For Immunology Hosts Local Award

PROVIDENCE — J. Terrence Murray, president of Fleet/Norstar Financial Group, Inc., will be honored with the National Jewish Humanitarian Award at a gala benefit dinner March 24. The event supports the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine, a Denver-based specialty medical institution.

Presenting the prestigious award to Murray will be the honorable J. Joseph Garrahy, former governor of Rhode Island. Garrahy is the fund-raiser's chairman, and was himself the event's guest of honor in 1977. National Jewish bestows the Humanitarian Award annually in Providence and other U.S. cities on individuals who have demonstrated exceptional service to their communities.

The tribute dinner will be held at the Omni-Biltmore Hotel at Kennedy Plaza. A reception at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Black-tie attire is optional. Tickets, at \$250 per couple, have sold out, but further contributions to National Jewish are welcome.

In addition to his presidency of Fleet/Norstar, Murray is chairman and CEO of Fleet National Bank, and a director of both companies. An involved member of his community, Murray is a trustee of the Rhode Island Charities Trust, and serves on the Committee for University Resources at Harvard. He sits on the Government Relations Council of the American Bankers Association, and is a member of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Emerging Issues

Committee and chairman of the Membership Committee of the Association of Bank Holding Companies. Murray is also a member of the Federal Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve System.

"I am greatly honored to receive the Humanitarian Award from National Jewish," he said. "The Center is an unparalleled national resource for the treatment and study of lung and immune system diseases. Patients from all over the country and the world benefit from the work performed there."

In addition to Garrahy, the dinner chairman, the fund-raiser's treasurer is Joseph M. Cianciolo, managing partner in Peat Marwick Maine & Co.

National Jewish focuses on the study and treatment of respiratory, allergic and immune system diseases. Non-profit and non-sectarian, it is one of the world's leading centers for specialized medical care, education and research. Patients of all ages, from every U.S. state and many foreign countries have come for care of ailments such as asthma, emphysema, tuberculosis, chronic bronchitis, lupus and juvenile

rheumatoid arthritis.

For more information about the dinner in support of National Jewish, contact Joan Booth at (401) 457-3417. To learn more about respiratory and immunological diseases and the programs of National Jewish, call its toll-free LUNG LINE® number, 1-800-222-LUNG.

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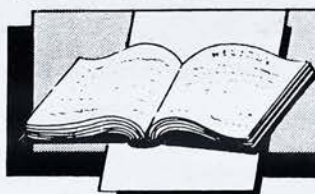
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Books in Review

Graphic Reminders Of Anti-Semitism

Victorian Jews Through British Eyes. Anne and Roger Cowan. Oxford University Press, 200 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016. 1987. xxviii, 196 pages. \$45.00.

The Dreyfus Affair: Art, Truth and Justice. Norman L. Kleeblatt, ed. University of California Press, 2120 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94720. 1987. xxxiii, 315 pages. \$29.95.

Reviewed by
Elli Wohlgeleitner

As Capt. Alfred Dreyfus was led around the courtyard of the Ecole Militaire at his degradation, January 5, 1895, the crowd outside screamed, "Kill him! Dirty Jew! Judas!"

The words are so chilling we can almost hear the crowd and feel the Paris streets. Two excellent volumes recently released, with their illustrations, photographs, drawings, engravings, prints and stories, allow us to crawl inside the world of the second half of the 19th century. It is illuminating, if not frightening.

Besides sharing the subject of Dreyfus, the books are tied together in a more profound way:

they graphically remind us — if we needed reminding — of the talent and blatant examples of historic anti-Semitism.

Victorian Jews, culled mostly from the *Illustrated London News*, *Punch*, and *The Graphic*, shows us how Jewish subjects, from the lower-class masses to prominent and wealthy individuals, were presented to English readers. The Rothschilds, Sassoons and Montefiores are featured, as well as four Lords Mayor, Israel Zangwill, Benjamin Disraeli, and an inventor, Joseph Samadu. There is also a section on "The Jew in Art."

The on-the-scene reporting found in *Illustrated London News* gives the reader a "you are there" feeling, even if some of the reporting is biased (if it weren't so tragic it would be comical). It allows us an intimate glimpse, not only of the world of the native-born London Jew, but also the Jew of Berdicheff, Odessa, Brody, Lemberg, Frankfurt, Vienna, Cairo, Rasgrad, Kingston, Kaefing-foo, and Opatiki, New Zealand.

The biased reporting does not

diminish our enjoyment of the reports: in fact, it underscores the feelings and attitudes of the reporters, the newspapers, and by extension, their readership.

In Joseph Pennell's report, "The Jew at Home," (1891), he writes of Jews, "They are simply a race of middlemen and money-changers," and further, a classic attitude that we know is still whispered about one group or another in real estate offices across America today: "Scattered here and there, singly and alone, the Polish Jew might become as desirable a citizen as anyone else. Brought away in families and colonies, as the Austrian or Hungarian knows, he is as serious a demoralizing factor in the community as the Chinaman, and to be kept out at any cost." 1890's, 1980's, no difference.

In one chapter, "Jewish Life Abroad," 11 pages are devoted to the Dreyfus Affair. It is a small, albeit ample, sample. The full story, carefully collected and selected by Norman Kleeblatt, curator of collections at the Jewish Museum in New York, shows why, ninety years later, the Dreyfus Affair retains its enduring fascination.

It is because we can see it all so vividly: the newspapers, cartoons, papers, artifacts and letters that came from all segments of society in the late 19th Century — it has all been preserved. And now it has all been collected, in a single volume that handsomely illustrates exactly the who, what, when, where and why of the Dreyfus Affair.

It is easy now to see how much of "The Affair" was fueled by anti-Semitism. If we cannot figure out the root causes of anti-Semitism, we can certainly record the experience of it, whether on a grand scale, like the Spanish Inquisition and the Holocaust, or its assault on individuals, like Dreyfus. As Kleeblatt's book precisely illustrates, so much of the anti-Dreyfusard sentiment — led by artists such as Cezanne, Rodin, Renoir, and Degas — was simply another excuse to vent anti-Semitic feelings. It was so easy to depict Dreyfus as Judas, the betrayer.

We're also given a complete annotated list of the characters involved in "The Affair," providing great Trivial Pursuit tidbits. Did you know that Emile Zola died of accidental asphyxiation? Or that it was George Clemenceau, later Prime Minister of France, who, as editor of *L'Aurore* on January 13, 1898, was the person responsible for that most famous of headlines: "J'Accuse..." (The paper sold 300,000 copies that day.)

The Dreyfus Affair is well done — the only discrepancy occurs between Weber's foreword and the chronology. Weber writes that the Havas News Agency broke the story October 31, 1894 of the arrest of an unnamed officer for treason. "The following day, the chief anti-Semitic rag of Paris, *La Libre Parole*, announced that the officer in question was Captain Dreyfus."

Despite such minor problems, the historical reporting in both books is excellent, and provides the reader with a clearer understanding of the sentiments and thoughts prevalent in Europe at the turn of this century.

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Bridging The Generations

JUDAH P. BENJAMIN: *The Jewish Confederate.* Eli N. Evans, February 8, 1988, \$24.95 FPT 0-02-908880-1

In JUDAH P. BENJAMIN: *The Jewish Confederate* (The Free Press; February 8, 1988; \$24.95 FPT), Eli N. Evans probes the life of this major Jewish figure in American history who came to be called the "Brains of the Confederacy." Judah P. Benjamin of Louisiana was the first acknowledged Jew in the U.S. Senate, who, after Secession became Jefferson Davis's right-hand man, serving as Attorney General, Secretary of War and Secretary of State to the Confederacy from 1861 to 1865. Offered a seat on U.S. Supreme Court in 1852, sixty years before Louis Brandeis, he achieved greater political power than any other Jew in the 19th century — perhaps even in all American history.

In this first major interpretive biography in over forty years, Evans uses a wealth of previously overlooked material, reveals a number of aspects of Benjamin's life never before explored:

* Benjamin, though a non-practicing Jew, never attempted to deny his faith. He was raised in Charleston and grew to manhood in New Orleans — two of the largest Jewish communities in America — and his father was one of the twelve dissenters in Charleston who formed the first Reformed congregation in America. According to Evans, "no Jewish boy reared in a deeply involved Jewish family with religious immigrant parents (could) make the leap to an assimilated southern leader in twenty years without retaining ties to his Jewish past."

* Using newly discovered materials and insights from his earlier book, Evans has written the first study of Benjamin from a Southern Jewish perspective. The author traces the use of Benjamin as a "convenient target" for this period of intense anti-Semitism in the South and describes the bitter attacks on Benjamin in the Confederate Congress and in the Richmond press.

* Evans uses the insights into Benjamin's Jewishness to explore his rise to the office of U.S. Senator in Catholic Louisiana and his many-sided relationship with

Jefferson Davis.

* Though Benjamin has been rejected by previous American Jewish historians as a high-ranking official in the "failed culture of the South," Evans examines his every statement and action on slavery and reveals a man of contradictions. Benjamin once wrote a brief on behalf of the rights of slaves as human beings and, during the Civil War, was a leader in an effort that began in 1863 to persuade Jefferson Davis to sign a Confederate Emancipation Proclamation, exchanging freedom of the slaves for their military service.

* Evans uncovers new evidence of the undercurrent of anti-Semitism surrounding the Lincoln assassination that sought to link Benjamin and Davis to the plot against Lincoln.

* The author traces Benjamin's rise to fame in England as an international lawyer, from 1865 when he escaped from the South to 1884 when he died, and details his astonishing second career. As a Queen's Counsel, Benjamin was able to try cases in the House of Lords; he knew Disraeli and other leaders of the period and became a central figure in the rise of the British Empire to financial and commercial supremacy in the 19th century. Yet in the South, jealous old rivals accused him of crimes against his country — stealing Confederate gold, profiting from Confederate funds in Europe — and being generally undeserving of his success.

* Evans notes that Benjamin was buried in an almost anonymous grave in Paris, "safe from the vengeful, the unfriendly, the defacers and the anti-Semites..." Evans suggests that the "dark prince" of the Confederacy could not elude Christian bias and thus "sought a kind of invisibility..." Shunning his past, choosing an almost secret grave, with calculated concealment, he nearly succeeded in remaining hidden from history.

With clarity and grace, Evans offers fresh insights into this intriguing character, who, despite his religion, was a symbol of achievement in an age of bigotry. This book removes Judah P. Benjamin from the shadows of his times and reveals one of the most important Jewish figures in American history.

JNF Jurists Mission To Israel



The Honorable Jacob D. Fuchsberg, former New York Supreme Court justice and senior partner of the Jacob D. Fuchsberg law firm, will lead the Jewish National Fund's Judges and Lawyers Mission to Israel on June 29, 1988.

"We are highly honored," said Mikki Abitol, JNF missions director, "to have Judge Fuchsberg, an accomplished member of the legal profession, lead our annual Judges and Lawyers Mission."

The mission will include a comprehensive program of meetings with leading Israeli legal figures, including a reception with government officials; special Fourth of July ceremonies at the

American Independence Park near Jerusalem; a visit to "The Center for the Fallen Intelligence Community," and a unique archeological tour and seminar.

Judge Fuchsberg served nine years on New York State's highest court. He has been a principal force behind the development and growth of many legal organizations, including The Association of Trial Lawyers of America, The National Institute of Trial Advocacy, The Roscoe Pound American Trial Lawyers Foundation, The U.S. Legal Services Program (O.E.O.), Trial Magazine, New York University and Touro Law Schools and the Inter-Professional Committee of Doctors and Lawyers of New York. Judge Fuchsberg has lectured at almost every law school in the U.S.

He has provided leadership to such diverse activities as the movement for Soviet Jewry; the founding of the Jewish Community Center of Harrison, N.Y.; archeological explorations of Israel's Negev and negotiating the freeing of hundreds of Moroccan Jews at the behest of David Ben-Gurion.

For further information on the mission, contact the JNF Missions Department, 42 East 69th Street, New York, NY, 10021, or call (212) 570-1673 or throughout the nation, toll-free, 1-800-223-RSVP.

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Kid's Kapers

by Sandra Silva

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Toldot In Action

spent this past Friday morning in a fourth grade classroom at Shalom Schechter School watching Wendy Garf-Lipp implement her innovative Toldot program. Toldot is the name Wendy gave the program for which she received the Creelman Family Award for Unit Curriculum Development. The program, outlined in the February 11, 1988 issue of the Herald, involves hands-on participation of the children and their parents. The program is called Toldot because it was developed for use with the Toldot section of the Bible.

In the classroom, a student is blindfolded and two of his classmates are placed before him. The

student is told the name of one and must try to identify that person through touch and smell. Everyone has as much fun watching the exercise as they do performing it.

The objective is to lead the students into greater questioning of the Toldot text. The discussion which followed the exercise was incredibly enthusiastic. I was impressed with the depth to which the children analyzed the text.

The students were then required to perform the sensory exercise at home, with their parents as the blindfolded party. This will be the basis for the next classtime discussion.

Some of the questions the children discuss are whether Yitzchak

were really deceived by his son Yaakov (Yaakov had disguised himself as his brother Esav in order to gain his blind and elderly father's blessing on the birthright he had convinced Esav to sell him) and if it is acceptable sometimes to work in a way that is not completely honest. They discuss sibling rivalry and parent favoritism.

These are issues that many children face daily. They are also components of the Toldot text. The parent-child sensory exercise opens the door for the children to apply their own experiences to the discussion of the text. The Bible then becomes real to the children because they are able to relate it to their lives and to people they know.



Wendy's fourth grade Toldot class. The children (in alphabetical order) are: Sydney Baram, Abby Berenson, Matthew Bromberg, Wendy Brown, Joshua Ellison, Melissa Mann, Nadav Mer, Jennifer Rakitt, Jeremy Sadler, Pamela Sinel.



Wendy Brown tries to trick a blindfolded Matthew Bromberg into thinking she is Pamela Sinel (not pictured).



Jennifer Rakitt correctly identifies Melissa Mann by using her sense of touch.

חברים לעט

(Chah-veh-reem L'et) - Pen Pals



Here are some readers who would like to hear from you! If you are 6-12 years old and want a pen pal, you may write to one of these names or write to: Kanga, c/o NOAH'S ARK, 7726 Portal, Houston, Texas 77071. We are sorry that we cannot print every letter we receive. (Note to parents: As with any pen pal column, NOAH'S ARK has no control over responses sent to your child.)

- Kanga

Ashley Grove

40 Corbin Rd.
Hamden, Connecticut 06517
Age: 6 Grade: Pre-1st
Likes modern dance, swimming, playing games, and TV.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 6-7.

Carla Livingston

505 Fayette Davis Ave.
Cleveland, Mississippi 38732
Age: 7 Grade: 2nd
Likes dancing, tumbling, and Barbies.
Wants a girl pen pal, same age.

Ilanit Rozin

5727 Belrose
Houston, Texas 77035
Age: 7 Grade: 2nd
Likes music, swimming, playing, TV, sports, and arts and crafts.
Wants a girl pen pal, same age.

Jeff Wood

2916 Wilshire Ave.
W. Lafayette, Indiana 47906
Age: 7 Grade: 2nd
Likes dogs, collecting things, and rock and roll.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 7.

Alicia Rosner

17501 E. Dickenson Place
Aurora, Colorado 80013
Age: 10½ Grade: 5th
Likes dancing, singing, shopping, reading, listening to music, and talking on the telephone.
Wants a pen pal, aged 9-12.

Ariel Schiller

2609 93rd Pl. NE
Bellevue, Washington 98004
Age: 10½ Grade: 5th
Likes reading, writing, drawing, skiing, piano, drama, and bikes.
Wants a pen pal, aged 8-12.

Buffy Fine

4807 Willowick Blvd.
Alexandria, Louisiana 71303
Age: 11 Grade: 5th
Likes swimming, dancing, singing, and playing with friends.
Wants a pen pal, aged 9-12.

Eve Cohen

P. O. Box 28269
Olivette, Missouri 63132
Age: 11 Grade: 6th
Likes shopping, ice skating, soccer, hikes, rock music, and TV.
Wants a pen pal, aged 10 or older.

Nathan Shiverdecker

1717 South 165th Circle
Omaha, Nebraska 68130
Age: 8 Grade: 3rd
Likes toys, books, records, bikes, and football.
Wants a boy pen pal, aged 8.

Marti Bier

130 Caren Ave.
Worthington, Ohio 43085
Age: 8½ Grade: 3rd
Likes TV, stuffed animals, dolls, math, and talking on the telephone.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 8-11.

Heather Fernbach

73 Brooklawn Dr.
Morris Plains, New Jersey 07950
Age: 9½ Grade: 4th
Likes swimming, reading, math, holidays, flute, piano, and arts and crafts.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 6-11.

Matt Rubin

5923 Overhill
Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66208
Age: 10 Grade: 4th
Likes skateboarding, TV, having fun, and rock music.
Wants a boy pen pal, aged 10-12.

Jessica Lang

1281 Wilton Cr.
Yardley, Pennsylvania 19067
Age: 10 Grade: 5th
Likes dogs, shopping, dancing, stuffed animals, and magazines.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 10-11.

Derek Craig

10500 99th St. N.
Largo, Florida 33542
Age: 7½ Grade: 2nd
Likes playing outside.
Wants a boy pen pal.

Ellie Edwards

27 Point O' Woods Dr.
Concord, Ontario, Canada L4K 1E6
Age: 8½ Grade: 3rd
Likes gymnastics, reading, writing, sports, and arts and crafts.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 8-10.

Elizabeth Levin

436 Lafayette Pl. NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106
Age: 9 Grade: 3rd
Likes drama, hiking, and swimming.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 8-12.

Brad Ross

789 South Main St.
Geneva, New York 14456
Age: 9 Grade: 4th
Likes hockey, electronics, wood arts, gemstones, and pictures of fancy cars.
Wants a boy pen pal, aged 9-11.

Simon Karpen

6 Claircastle Dr.
Weaverville, North Carolina 28787
Age: 9 Grade: 4th
Likes stamps, coins, soccer, jokes, computers, machines, and chemistry.
Wants a boy pen pal, aged 9 and older.

Heather Fein

RR #1 Box 47E
Randolph, Vermont 05060
Age: 12 Grade: 7th
Likes tap dancing, music, books, skiing, and horseback riding.
Wants a pen pal, same age.

Gene Litvinoff

6536 Crystalline Dr.
San Diego, California 92120
Age: 12 Grade: 7th
Likes sports, TV, girls, swimming, and more.
Wants a pen pal, same age.

Beth Shalom Children's Program



Abby Winkleman assists magician, Bruce Kalver, at Beth Shalom's children's program.

JCC-Saul Abrams Memorial Essay Contest

ESSAY CONTEST FOR GRADES 4-6 AT JCCRI

All entries for the third annual Saul Abrams Memorial Essay Contest for children in grades four to six must be received by the March 13 deadline. In celebration of Israel's 40th birthday, the theme of this year's contest is Rhode Islanders who have helped Israel to become established as a state. The winner will receive a United States Savings Bond and a tree planted in his or her name in Israel. The award will be made at the Kidspac Farewell Dinner.

All entries should be submitted to: Ruby Shalansky, Children's Department, Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm-grove Avenue, Providence. Please include name, school, age and grade.

Arts & Entertainment



Robert Goulet Stars In "South Pacific"

Tony and Grammy Award winner Robert Goulet stars in "South Pacific," Tuesday through Sunday, March 15 - 20 at the Providence Performing Arts Center. There are eight performances: Tuesday - Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Based on James A. Michener's "Tales of the South Pacific," this Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein classic has the distinguished honor of winning two Pulitzer Prizes. "South Pacific" had a record-setting five years on Broadway.

"South Pacific" opened on Broadway at the Majestic Theatre, April 7, 1949 to critical acclaim and standing-room-only audiences. The show ran through

January 16, 1954 for 1,925 performances.

Tony and Emmy Award winner Ron Field directs and choreographs this all new touring company. Mr. Field choreographed "Cabaret" for which he won a Tony Award. His direction and choreography for "Applause" won two Tony Awards. Best known to two and a half billion people was his conception of the opening ceremonies of the XIII Olympiad.

Joining him in this production is the set design team of Gerry Hariton and Vicki Baral, three-time winners of the L. A. Drama Critics Circle Award.

"South Pacific" is one of the Bank of New England - Old Colony Broadway Series 1987/1988. Tickets are \$23.50 - \$29.50. Call the Box Office at 421-ARTS or Ticketron 1-800-382-8080. For group rates and information, call Susan Havens at 421-2997.

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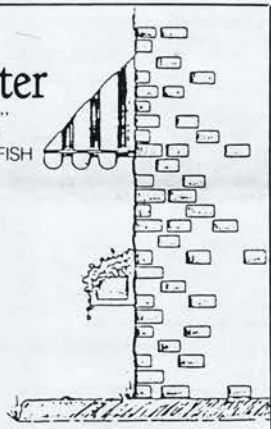
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Pianist O'Riley In Concert At RIC

by George LaTour

Pianist Christopher O'Riley returns to this area Tuesday, March 8, for a concert performance in Rhode Island College's Roberts Hall auditorium at 8 p.m.

He had performed earlier this year in Providence with the Rhode Island Philharmonic.

The program will include Bach's "Partita No. 1 in B Flat," Schumann's "Davidsbündlerntanze Opus 6," Schoenberg's "Suite for Piano Opus 25," Ravel's "Valses Nobles et Sentimentales" and the "Mephisto Waltz" by Liszt-Busoni.

In 1981, O'Riley won prizes in the Van Cliburn, Leeds and Busoni competitions among others. He won the sponsorship of Young Concert Artists as a result of winning its competition and received an Avery Fisher recital grant.

In addition to big-time concert halls in this country, he has performed in London, Amsterdam, Germany and Norway.

Noted for his often unconventional programming, O'Riley consciously tries never to specialize in his choice of repertoire: "I prefer to have a complete change of attitude, like a dancer adopting different positions. When I'm doing lots of Rachmaninoff, say, I like working on Elizabethan music too."

"Rachmaninoff, Ravel and Schumann are my big three, and I grew up with Liszt," he says.

The *Journal of Classical Music* in 1986 wrote about an O'Riley recital, saying it "left little doubt that he is a Liszt pianist of staggering promise."

All seating is by reservation only. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$7 for students and senior citizens. Box office is now open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For more information or reservations call 456-8194.

Brazilian Sculptor Gives Workshops In R.I.

The Community College of Rhode Island and Rhode Island Council on the Arts with the Rhode Island/Sergipe, Brazil partners of the Americas will host Sr. Robert Pezao, Sergipe's most nationally recognized ceramic artist. Sr. Pezao is best known for his stylistic figurative sculptures which feature whimsical over-exaggerated, enlarged feet. He operates a studio in Sergipe's capital city Aracaju, which is located on the northeastern coast of Brazil.

Sr. Pezao's visit, which will take place in April, is being made possible through a grant from the National Partners of the Americas in Washington, D.C., with funding and support from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts. He will be visiting several schools in the state which participate in the RISCART Artist in Education Program. Sr. Pezao will create a series of pieces during his residency at the CCRI Ceramics Studio, Lincoln campus. His visit will also include a series of workshops at the Community College of Rhode Island and slide presentations at RISCART, CCRI and various public libraries.

For more information, contact: Tom Morrissey, at CCRI's Art Department at 333-7270.

RISCA Art Fellowships

Individual Artists Are Invited
To Apply For Ten Different
\$3,000 Fellowships

Deadline: March 15, 1988

The Rhode Island State Council on the Arts (RISCA) is currently accepting applications for its sixteenth annual Individual Artists Fellowship competition.

One \$3,000 Fellowship is awarded in each of ten categories: choreography, crafts, design, film and video, literature, music composition, new genres, still photography, three-dimensional and two-dimensional art. A runner-up in each category will be acknowledged with a \$500 honorarium.

All eligible Rhode Island artists are invited to apply. Applicants must be eighteen years of age or older and cannot be full-time students at the time of application or year of the award.

The guidelines have been simplified and clarified this year, while the procedure remains the same. Applicants must submit a completed application and appropriate documentation of their art work to the RISCA office no later than 4:30 p.m., March 15, 1988.

To get a copy of the guidelines and an application, please contact Edward Holgate, Director Individual Artists Fellowships, Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, 277-3880.

The Individual Artists Fellowship Program is funded in part by the sponsorship of the following businesses: Fleet National Bank, Photography; Old Stone Development Corp., Crafts; Murphy & Co., Design; Providence Journal, Literature; and R.I. Hospital Trust National Bank, Film & Video.

Established in 1967, the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts is a million dollar agency that funds projects and operations of more than 75 nonprofit arts organizations statewide.

Concert Of Italian Composers

The American Band of Providence will celebrate the St. Joseph's Day weekend with a concert of music by great Italian composers. The Italian Festival will be held on Sunday, March 20 at 3 p.m. in Roberts Auditorium at Rhode Island College in Providence, R.I. The program, conducted by Francis Marcinia, will include the *Overture to the Barber of Seville* by Rossini, *Tarantella* by Zaninelli, *Ancient Airs & Dances* by Respighi, *Solar Corner March* by Michele Lozzi, and *Great Themes from Great Italian Movies* by Cacavas.

Also featured in the concert will be guest soloists David Martins in *Introduction, Theme and Variations* by Rossini, and John Pellegrino and Tobias Monte in *Concerto for Two Trumpets in C* by Vivaldi.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$4 for students with group rates also available. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. For tickets and further information, call 456-8244.

Craftspeople Needed

Applications are now available at Warwick Museum for craftspeople interested in participating in Heritage Day on Saturday, June 18 at the Mickey Stevens Sports Complex, Warwick. Heritage Day, a part of the first annual Warwick Festival, will bring together ethnic foods, crafts, games and entertainment. In keeping with the "heritage" theme, crafts will be selected that use primarily natural materials and are of a traditional, folk, or ethnic nature.

For a Heritage Day application, craftspeople can call Warwick Museum at 737-0010, Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. or write: Warwick Museum, 3259 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886.

Young Peoples Symphony Orchestra Concert

The Young Peoples Symphony of Rhode Island (YPSORI) will present a Concerto Concert by its Chamber Orchestra on Sunday, March 20, 1988, 4:30 p.m., at Classical High School (auditorium), 770 Westminster Street, Providence, R.I.

The orchestra, conducted by Dr. Joseph Conte, will perform *Concerto Grosso* by Vivaldi, *Symphony No. 104* by Haydn, and *Konzert für Klarinette* by Mozart performed by soloist Rosemary Sears.

Rebecca Silverman, concertmistress, Jeffrey Chin, and Jennifer Retinas, students at Classical High School, are also members of YPSORI and will perform with the orchestra.

This concert is sponsored in part by the Music Performance Trust Fund and Classical High School. Admission is free and refreshments will follow the concert. Additional information can be obtained by calling Mrs. Harold Silverman, President of YPSORI, at 274-0861.

Children's Museum

DOLLS' DAY

Children will learn all about doll collections from two area collectors on Wednesday, March 9 from 3:30-5 p.m. and Sunday, March 13 from 1-3 p.m. Visitors should bring a favorite doll to the program. There will be doll houses to examine and experts to answer questions.

The Children's Museum, located at 58 Walcott St. in Pawtucket, is open Sunday, Tuesday-Thursday, from 1-5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10-5 p.m. There is no charge for drop-in programs beyond the regular price of admission, \$2.50 per person. Museum members free. For more information, please call 726-2590.

Birds Close To Us

On Wednesday, March 2 from 3:30-5 p.m. and Sunday, March 6 from 1-3 p.m., children will learn all about horned owls during the program, "Birds Close To Us." Members of The Audubon Society of Rhode Island will lead both programs. Children will see a live horned owl and will learn about feeders, nests, eggs and caring for our feathered friends.

The Children's Museum, located at 58 Walcott St. in Pawtucket, is open Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10-5 p.m. There is no charge for drop-in programs beyond the regular price of admission, \$2.50 per person. Museum members free. For more information, please call 726-2590.

American Jewish Theatre Presents "Temple"

The American Jewish Theatre will present "Temple," a new play by Robert Greenfield, opening Thursday, March 17 at Off-Broadway's Theatre Guinevere, 15 West 28th Street. Preview performances begin Saturday, March 5.

Directed by Ethan D. Silverman, "Temple" will star veteran stage actor Sol Frieder, film actor Judd Nelson and stage and television actor Ron Rifkin.

Based on Mr. Greenfield's award-winning novel, "Temple" is a contemporary play about a young man who returns home in search of his personal and religious identity. The novel won the 1983 Jewish Book-of-the-Year Award.

Artistic director of the American Jewish Theatre is Stanley Brechner.

"Temple" will be performed Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m. through April 3. Special performances March 14 and 25 at 8 p.m. and March 19 at 2 p.m. All tickets \$20. For reservations, call (212) 683-7707.

YOUR COMMUNITY

by Sandra Silva

Purim At The BJE

by Sandra Silva

"The Jewish community is facing a critical shortage of certified Judaica teachers. Everyone hears about the shortage of secular teachers, if you multiply that shortage by two then you will begin to understand the teacher shortage in the Jewish community right now," said Carol Ingall at a luncheon-workshop held last Monday at the Bureau of Jewish Education. The afternoon brought together recipients and committee members of the Zelda Gourse Endowment Fund.

The fund provides grants designed to help teachers become certified to teach Judaica studies by helping them with pedagogic skills and in filling gaps in their Judaica backgrounds. The fellowship allows up to \$750.00 a year in tuition assistance for Judaica studies. There are currently eight fellows and the Bureau invites other interested teachers to apply.

All of the fellows are currently teaching Judaica studies. Part of this involves doing craft projects with the children. "The level of creativity you are able to achieve with the children depends on the types of materials you offer them



The fellowship and committee members at work on their masks.

to work with," said Gourse Fellow, Hope Schachter. Teachers can come to the BJE to try out materials and projects before presenting them to their classes.

Over luncheon, they discussed the Purim story and analyzed the personality characteristics of the people involved in the story. Afterwards, the committee members and fellows congregated in the workshop area to do their project:

making a Purim mask of one of the stories character's to show the subtle qualities to his or her personality.

When the masks were completed each participant discussed what they had tried to convey. This is the type of exercise the teachers will use with their classes. If enthusiasm is contagious, then these teachers will be able to infuse their students with a genuine love of Ju-

daic studies.

The eight fellows and their backgrounds are: Susan Adler is a teacher at Solomon Schechter School and Fall River Hebrew School, Hana Berman is a librarian at Torat Yisrael, Minna Ellison is a certified teacher who works at the Bureau of Jewish Education, she is pursuing her master's degree at Hebrew College, Steven Jablow is a teacher at Torat Yisrael and the Hebrew School Extension School (which is a satellite of Torat Yisrael and Am David), Amy Misbin is a teacher at Torat Yisrael and the Hebrew Extension School, Lonna Picker is the principal of Torat Yisrael, Toby Rossner is the librarian at the Bureau of Jewish Education and already possesses her MLS, she is working on her Judaica library skills, Hope Schachter is a teacher at Solomon Schechter School, Midrasa School and Temple Emanu-El.

In discussing the Gourse grants Carol Ingall said, "If we help one teacher it has an exponential effect on the community." As you can see above, teachers in the area of Judaica studies are spread out amongst the religious community.

Also present at the luncheon afternoon were committee members: Donna Perelman and Liz Kaplan.

Invitation To Melave Malka

The Jewish community is invited to a Melave Malka, Saturday evening, March 5, hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of the New England Rabbinical College (Beis Medrash of Providence).

The guest speaker will be Rabbi Naftali Y. Horowitz, son of the renowned Bostoner Rebbe. Rabbi Horowitz serves as a dayan (Rabbinical court judge) as well as the Rabbi of Congregation Beth Pinchas of Boston.

A delicious delicatessen meal will be served. The event will be held March 5, 1988, at 8:30 p.m. at the Providence Hebrew Day School, 450 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence. Donations at the door are \$18 per person.

The Purim Message

by Rabbi Yeshoshua Laufer
Dir. Chabad House

The story of Purim is recorded in the Megillah (*Book of Esther*). Although the Megillah takes us back more than 23 centuries, its lesson is relevant to all times.

Haman argued that "there is one people, dispersed and divided among the nations... and their laws are different from those of any other people." Haman claimed that Jewish separatism and refusal to assimilate with the prevalent culture was not good for the state, nor for them. However, the truth, as it turned out, was exactly the opposite. The deliverance of the Jews came, not through altering the character and essence of the Jewish people, but, on the contrary, through strengthening Jewish unity and identity and intensifying the individuality of the "one people" with "their laws which are different." This not only saved the Jewish people from their enemies, but it also ultimately brought new prosperity to all states in the empire of King Achashverosh, when he entrusted the affairs of state to Mordechai "The Jew" who "did not bend his knee nor bow down."

The lesson for us is clear. Jews are dispersed and scattered among the nations of the world. We do not secure our own position and benefit the society in which we live, by doing away with Jewish identity and Torah observance, by imitating our neighbors. The preservation of Jewish identity and distinctiveness is through closer adherence to our particular laws and the values of our sacred Torah. This is the only way to ensure our continued existence, and to gain the confidence and respect of the nations of the world.

PURIM IS THE TIME TO...

Thursday, March 3, 1988



LISTEN to the reading of the Megillah (*Book of Esther*) this year 1988 Wednesday eve March 2, and again on Thursday March 3, thereby recounting and reliving in our own day the great miracle of Purim.



SEND a gift of at least two kinds of prepared foods (pastry, fruit, beverage, etc.) to at least one friend. (Each item of food should be at least one ounce or more; 3 1/2 oz. for liquids.)



GIVE charity to two or more poor people. If you cannot find poor people, place at least two coins in a charity box. In the Megillah this is called "Matonos L'Evyonim."



EAT the festive Purim meal and rejoice in the Purim spirit.

The above Mitzvos should be done on the Day of Purim.

More Purim Information...

FAST OF ESTHER

The day before Purim (this year March 2) we fast. This commemorates the day of prayer and fasting the Jews held before their victorious battle. It is also customary, before the Mincha prayers on

this day, to give 3 half-dollars to charity. This commemorates the yearly contribution by all Jews to the Temple in the Hebrew month of Adar.

AL HANISSIM

Remember to add in the Amidah prayer and in Grace After Meals, the special part for Purim, beginning "Al Hanissim."



INVOLVE THE CHILDREN

As in all Mitzvot, encourage young children to fulfill the Purim Mitzvot. Boys and girls past Bar and Bat Mitzvah are obligated, as adults, to all Purim Mitzvot.

The Purim Mitzvos (Precepts) demonstrate the unity and togetherness of the Jewish people. The more charity and Purim presents one gives the better. There is no greater joy than to gladden the heart of the poor, the orphans and the widows.



Obituaries

William G. Braude, Rabbi Of Temple Beth El For 42 Years



PROVIDENCE — Rabbi William G. Braude, 80, of 93 Arlington Ave., rabbi emeritus of Temple Beth El, where he had served from 1932 to 1974, died Thursday, Feb. 25, at home. He was the husband of Pearl (Finklestein) Braude.

Born in Lithuania, a son of the late Rabbi Yitzhak Isaac and Chiene Rachel Braude, he came to this country in 1920 and settled in New York City. He moved to Denver, Colo. where his father held a Rabbinic post. He moved to Dayton, Ohio in 1922 when his father relocated to a new post.

He received his baccalaureate in Hebrew Literature in 1927 from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. He was awarded a bachelor of arts degree, *summa cum laude* by the University of Cincinnati in 1929. He received his rabbinical ordination in 1931, and later served on the board of governors of Hebrew Union College.

Rabbi Braude earned a Phi Beta Kappa key at the University of Cincinnati in his junior year.

His first full-time post as a rabbi was at Temple Beth-El in Rockford, Ill. While there he enrolled at the University of Chicago.

In 1932 he was invited to become rabbi of Congregation Sons of Israel and David, known as Temple Beth-El, in Providence, and was its rabbi until retiring in 1974.

He earned a master of arts degree from Brown University in 1934, and a doctor of philosophy degree in 1937.

From 1937 to 1938 he was an assistant in Hebrew at Brown and two years later was promoted to become a lecturer in Biblical literature, a post he held in conjunction with his congregational responsibilities until the summer of 1942.

Rabbi Braude taught at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Re-

form Rabbinical Seminary, London, England, Leo Baeck College and Providence College.

He pursued scholastic studies throughout his career up until several days before his death.

Rabbi Braude had more than 86 works published from 1929 through 1985 and was recognized internationally as a respected scholar.

His father, maternal grandfather and several uncles were all Talmudic scholars and rabbis.

In 1963, he was one of the founding commissioners of the Providence Human Rights Commission.

He was one of the founders of the Providence Urban League and served as vice president from 1938 to 1939.

In the late 1930s he was president of the Rhode Island World Affairs Council.

Rabbi Braude was a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis and was a member of DODEKA.

Besides his wife he leaves three sons, Joel I. Braude of Providence, Benjamin M. Braude of West Roxbury, Mass., and Daniel Braude of Waltham, Mass.; a sister, Dorothy Fuerst, of Chicago, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue at Butler Avenue. Burial was in Congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Reservoir Avenue.

The funeral service was attended by more than 500 friends. Eulogies were delivered by Fred Friendly, former president of CBS News and the Edward R. Murrow Professor of Journalism at Columbia University, by Rabbi Leslie Gutterman of Temple Beth-El, and by Rabbi Braude's son, Joel I. Braude. An honor guard, consisting of members of the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis and other local clergy and scholars, past presidents of Temple Beth-El, members of the Temple board, and honorary members of the board, participated in the ceremonies.

In the words of Rabbi Guttesman, "...For Rabbi Braude *Maasim Tovim*, righteous living, meant reaching out to an entire community with all of his characteristic zest, energy, humor, and unconditional belief in the worth and goodness inherent in the human spirit."

ALBERT LISKER

ROYAL PALM BEACH, Fla. — Albert Lisker, 82, a former lawyer and former Providence resident, died February 24, 1988, at Manor Care Nursing Home, Charlestown, S.C., while visiting relatives. He was the husband of the late Ethel (Gordon) Lisker.

Mr. Lisker was a lawyer associated with the former Providence firm of Lisker and Lisker for more than 25 years before retiring. He was a member of Rhode Island Bar Association.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late John and Etta Lisker. He lived in Providence until moving to Florida 20 years ago.

He was a 1928 graduate of Brown University and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1931. He was a member of Temple Beth-El and a member of the Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, Mass.

Mr. Lisker was an Army veteran of World War II.

He leaves two daughters, Barbara Zucker of Charlestown, S.C., and Gail Levy of Denver, Colo.; two sisters, Rose Flink of Palm Beach, Fla., and Frieda Corris of Delray Beach, Fla.; two brothers, Abraham Lisker of Boca Raton, Fla., and Anthony Lisker of Dover, Del.; and three grandchildren.

A graveside service was held in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Reservoir Avenue, Cranston. Arrangements by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope Street, Providence.

BENJAMIN BERNSTEIN

WOONSOCKET — Benjamin Bernstein, 71, of 462 East School St., died February 25, 1988, at home.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Morris and Lena (Gilden) Bernstein, he had lived in Cranston before moving to Woonsocket four years ago.

Mr. Bernstein worked in the jewelry industry for many years.

He leaves a brother, Dr. Charles Bernstein of Cranston.

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



SHIRLEY GOLDBLATT
PROVIDENCE — Shirley Soares-Goldblatt, 61, of the Summit Medical Center, North Main Street, died February 24, 1988, at the center.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Molly (Soren) Kotlen.

She leaves two sons, Paul Goldblatt of Los Angeles and Kenneth Goldblatt in Massachusetts; a brother, Arthur Kotlen of Houston, Tex.; a sister, Marion Rothman of Randolph, Mass., and two grandchildren.

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

Hungarian Martyrs' Monument

by Gisela Weisz

At the mass grave of 5000 Jews who died in Budapest during 1944-45 a monument is planned in a shape of a huge tree, with names of the victims.

In the capital of Hungary, Budapest, population 2 million, the martyrs will be memorialized by the engraving of their names on the tree's leaves. It is approximated that Hungary lost 600,000 Jewish souls during the Holocaust.

The front of the one time entrance of the ghetto, is the most appropriate location, according to Leslie Keller, President of the Emanuel Foundation for Hungarian Culture.

"The falling leaves, each bearing one name of the fallen, will be symbolizing the losses that families sustained," said Mr. Keller.

The monument listing as many names of Hungarian Jewish martyrs of the Holocaust as can be collected is planned in manner comparable to the famous Vietnam memorial in Washington, D.C.

Imre Varga, the well-known Hungarian sculptor whose magnificent Raoul Wallenberg statue was erected last year on one of Budapest's thoroughfares is the craftsman commissioned to create the monument.

In spite of the fact that officially the deportation and the 600,000 perished Hungarian Jews during the past 40 years, were seldom mentioned by the Hungarian government, presently, the leaders of the country show growing interest in sustaining memories of the Holocaust and aiding religious involvements in their country, including this memorial.

It was expressed that the

Hungarian government will help the site of this monument, with renovating of buildings and clearing the necessary street-space in the Hungarian capital.

The idea of the memorial grew out of a visit to America by Budapest Mayor Pal Ivanyi, who spoke last fall at an Evening of Tribute to East European Jewry in New York.

The last year established Emanuel Foundation for Hungarian Culture carry the name of the Hungarian born father of Hollywood actor, Tony Curtis.

Hungary, the East European country, about the size of Indiana, has a still vibrant and determined Jewish community, it numbers approximately 100,000 souls in the land today.

Part of the funds collected for the inscriptions on the monument will be used for restoration of important religious sites in Hungary. The world famed Dohany and Kazinczy Synagogues, once the pinnacle of religiosity in Eastern Europe, are in a state of disrepair and in desperate need of being restored to their original splendor. The restorations will not only keep the legacy of Hungarian Jewry alive, but prove much-needed moral support for the struggling Hungarian Jewish community.

The Emanuel Foundation is hoping to have ground breaking ceremony for the memorial solemnizing the Jewish martyrs of the Holocaust, in the spring 1988, or early summer. According to plans, on each leaf of the gigantic tree, one name of victims of the Nazi terror in Hungary will be engraved. The cost of each engraving is \$125.00. The inscriptions will be created according to the order of names received.

The foundation is asking any and all descendants, relatives, acquaintances and friends of those Hungarian Jews, whose names they know, remember and want inscribed on the monument, to get in touch with the Emanuel Foundation for Hungarian Culture, 97-45 Queens Boulevard/ Suite 614/ Rego Park, New York 11374, Tel.: (718) 896-8300.



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UJA Honors Rabbis Promotion Of Unity

NEW YORK, N.Y. — An amusing old saying goes, "Put three rabbis together and you'll get four opinions." Rabbi Norman R. Patz, Chairman of United Jewish Appeal's Rabbinic Cabinet, does not find it amusing at all.

"Over the past few years, there has been a sharp decline in rabbinic unity," said Rabbi Patz, "and we are hard-pressed to find examples after which to model ourselves." The Rabbinic Cabinet, comprised of Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, and Reconstructionist rabbis, who work together on behalf of Israel and her people, recently honored a trio of rabbis, (Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform) who exemplify a unity of the Jewish people that is rarely seen today.

In 1942 the three rabbis constituted a Committee on Responsa, dedicated to reconciling religious law with the needs of the military. The three — Leo Jung, David Aronson, and Solomon B. Freehof — set themselves the task of fielding halachic questions from chaplains of all branches of military service, who would write to them on behalf of soldiers and sailors in their units.

Rabbi Patz views the success of the Committee as a triumph in rabbinic harmony, which is also a Rabbinic Cabinet goal. "The cooperative spirit of these highly respected rabbis, despite the differences in their religious ideologies, is an outstanding example of Jewish unity with respect to Jewish pluralism," said Rabbi Patz. "Their work exemplifies the halachic process through which Jews over the

centuries were guided in their efforts to reconcile Jewish tradition with changing circumstances."

The Committee on Responsa continued its highly valued service to the American Jewish servicemen from 1942 to 1947. During this time the group published two booklets of questions and answers, yet never published a decision that was less than unanimous. "The Responsa Committee created a precedent of Jews working together in the military that has been unequalled since that time," said Rabbi Matthew Simon, Chairman-elect of UJA's Rabbinic Cabinet. "Whereas at first there was no official body in place to answer questions for the Jewish servicemen, suddenly Jews could enter the military assured that their religious questions would be answered."

The Rabbinic Cabinet chose to call attention to this group because, as Rabbi Patz put it, "The Committee on Responsa gives all Jews something to emulate, a feeling of togetherness, oneness, and a true desire to cooperate to solve today's problems." The Rabbinic Cabinet honored Rabbi Aronson, and Freehof and Rabbi Jung, who passed away in November of 1987, in a ceremony in Miami, with Robert Adler of Chicago accepting certificates on their behalf. The commemorative certificate honors its recipients for "achieving remarkable agreement among Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform rabbis in resolving problems of religious practice facing U.S. military chaplains" and for "writing a glorious chapter in the history of the American rabbinate."



Danny Siegal Recruits For "Tzedakah Heroes"

"Danny Siegel is a tzedakah tour guide," Mark Mulgay, Assistant Director of Brown-RISD Hillel, told me. A recent article in the Baltimore Jewish Times called him "The Pied Piper of Tzedakah." My own favorite would be "Johnny Tzedakah-seed," for Danny Siegel travels all over the country planting seeds so that charity will continue to grow on its own.

Danny Siegel was in Providence last month as the first annual Edward P. Reich Scholar-in-Residence for the Brown-RISD Hillel Foundation. The program is funded by Mr. Seymour Reich of New York, in memory of his late son, a former Brown student. Brown student.

Siegel has made the promotion of tzedakah — charity — a personal crusade. He lives almost half of his life on the road, promoting innovative ways to get people involved in helping others. His Ziv Tzedakah Fund gave away more than \$80,000 in 1986. Siegel's not a rich man. But he's got an engaging and pleasant manner that's more effective than the most high-pressure salesmanship. Beware if you go to hear him talk — he'll get his hands on your conscience. It might hurt you a bit in your wallet, but it will make your heart feel a lot better.

Siegel spoke at a luncheon last month at the Providence Jewish Community Center. The luncheon was organized by Alan Flam, the Rabbi of Hillel. Siegel began by introducing Mark Mulgay, who had intended to introduce Siegel. Continuing in a relaxed and humorous style, Siegel read selections from *The Unorthodox Book of Jewish Lists and Records*, a book he co-authored. After loosening up the audience with a few jokes, Siegel got down to business in an unexpected way.

He used a facetious story about sexist Jewish birth announcements ("... the Rabbi is devastated to announce the birth of a fifth daughter ...") as a lead-in for his first topic: the unequal opportunities for Jewish education offered to boys and girls. He asked the women assembled if they had experienced such inequality — some of those present had. This led to stories of Bar- and Bat-Mitzvahs held late in life, and of stories of people studying Hebrew for the first time in middle-age.

Siegel has a broad view of what constitutes tzedakah. Sure, giving money to an established charity

counts. But so does giving support to someone studying Hebrew for the first time. So does establishing a chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous at your synagogue. So does inviting retarded people to partake in your Passover seder. Siegel sees literally hundreds of ways to contribute, to make the world just a little better.

Next, he elicited a list of Jewish "orphans" in the society — anyone who could use some concern from other members of the society. The list included the elderly, the physically disabled, drug users, latchkey children, battered women, ostracized homosexuals, AIDS victims. Siegel's point is that the world — our world — is full of people needing help.

He shuffled through his notes on the table and held up an interesting example of the printer's art: a graphic of a rocket ship approaching Saturn, with reflective mylar trim. He asked those assembled what it could be and someone guessed right: it was a Bar-Mitzvah invitation. Siegel spared no scorn for the lack of taste and the lack of concern exhibited by such ostentation. He suggested a way to turn this into tzedakah: take the additional cost represented by the fancy printing, and donate it instead to a charity. Take it several steps further: eliminate the floral centerpieces at the reception. Replace them with cards reading "the cost of the centerpieces has been donated to (name your charity)." Another suggestion: as a meaningful Bar-Mitzvah gift, offer a matching gift — for every dollar that the child donates to some charity, promise to donate a matching amount.

Siegel asked Rabbi Flam if every synagogue in Providence has an active food-distribution charity. It has. Is there anything any of the groups need? Flam answered: we need money for toothbrushes. Siegel immediately pulled out his wallet and produced a ten dollar bill. He threw another dollar in the middle of the table and shamed everyone in the room into doing the same. Yes, he caused some discomfort. But there and then, in about thirty seconds, he had collected another twelve dollars for charity. Tzedakah, even when given grudgingly, represents a benefit for the poor, and Siegel makes no bones about it.

He reeled off a list of "tzedakah heroes": people who are able to make a difference. Some are rich and famous: singer Kenny Rogers,

for example, who urged concert-goers to bring cans of food to his shows. Rogers collected tens of thousands for distribution to the poor. But most "mitzvah heroes" are "ordinary" people with nothing special about them except that they care enough to make a difference. Trevor Ferrell, for instance, the Philadelphia youngster who, at the age of 11, began feeding and clothing the city's street people. Or an unnamed woman who donated



Danny Siegel was at JCC last month getting people to give.

her magnificent wedding gown so that some poor woman in Israel could experience the joy of its use. Or a father who literally took the coat off his son's back and gave it to a homeless man on the street, telling his son, "We'll get you another one."

Siegel has developed lists of

hundreds of ways to get people to help others. No matter who you are or what your concerns, he's probably found a way for you to feel good about giving of your time or your money. To contact him, write: Ziv Tzedakah Fund, Inc. 263 Congressional Lane, #708, Rockville, Md. 20853.



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Beit Hayeled Child Haven

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"To look at the bright-eyed, attractive children at Beit Hayeled, one would never guess at their reasons for being there. A minority have no parents, the family lives of the others have completely broken down as a result of their parents' chronic ill health or mental illness, violence, drug addiction, imprisonment, sexual abuse or abandonment. But these 180 children, all of whom are referred by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs or the Jerusalem Municipality, are fortunate, for they are at one of Israel's premier institutions, run on the family unit system."

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"The family unit system is now considered the leading model for caring for young children and

providing them with a small-scale setting to compensate for the family life most of them never had."

In addition to this praise, AMIT Beit Hayeled was also commended by Ori Fisksler, National Supervisor of the Religious Boarding Schools and Homes as well as a supervisor for the Aguda L'kidum Hachinuch and Mifal L'Hachsharat Yaldei Yisrael, the latter being an organization which runs institutions based on the family unit principle — a principle which it first put into practice.

In his report, Mr. Fisksler states "The 'Family System' was brought to this country by the Mifal L'Hachsharat Yaldei Yisrael, but the way that it's operated by you is the most correct and wisest way ... AMIT can be proud of its ownership of this extraordinary institution."

AMIT Women is this country's largest women's religious Zionist organization and the State of Israel's only Reshet (Network) for religious secondary technological education.

History Award Nominations

Paul Bourcier, Museum Curator for the Rhode Island Historical Society, is accepting nominations for an awards program which recognizes excellence in state and local history.

Bourcier is accepting nominations for individuals and organizations for the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH). The awards program is sponsored annually by AASLH to establish, encourage and foster standards of excellence in the collection, preservation and interpretation of state, provincial and local history throughout North America. By publicly recognizing the achievements of individuals and organizations, AASLH hopes to inspire dedication to state and local history projects.

Nominations are due by April 1. They may be submitted in writing to: Paul Bourcier, RI AASLH Awards Chair, Rhode Island Historical Society, 110 Benevolent St., Providence, R.I. 02906.

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